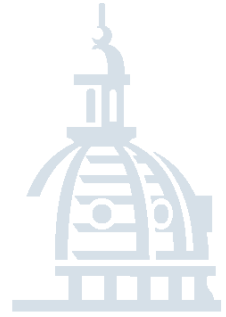




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CHILD WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa Child Welfare Advisory Committee (CWAC) met on September 23, 2016, at the Drake Legal Clinic. Wendy Rickman of the Department of Human Services (DHS) shared that the FY 2018-2019 DHS budget requests are status quo requests, with the exception of several requests for the replacement of one-time TANF dollars with General Fund money in the areas of Child and Family Services, Child Care Assistance, and Field Operations. George Belitsos, voting member of the Child Welfare Advisory Committee, mentioned a previous motion by the committee to request an increase in Field Operations to support field staff.

Federal Review. Federal partners were in Des Moines, Iowa, during the week of September 18, 2016, to review case reading activities and processes for Child and Family Services. Additionally, a federal review of Iowa's Title IV-E Program resulted in a passing score without any errors. Federal Title IV-E reviews detail the strengths and weaknesses of the state's IV-E Program, including judges' orders, income maintenance, and licensing requirements. The reviews also identify technical assistance that may be needed for program improvement.

Next Meeting. The next meeting date for the CWAC has not been scheduled.

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