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**COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES MEETING - JUNE 14, 2017**

**Meeting.** The Council on Human Services met on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, in the first floor conference room of the Hoover Building.

**Rules.** The Council approved Department of Human Services (DHS) administrative rules related to cost-containment strategies for the Medicaid Program. The Council conducted a teleconference meeting for June 16, 2017, to discuss the DHS State Family Planning Rule (Iowa Administrative Code, [441.87](#)). After reviewing the amendments to Iowa Administrative Code chapter [441.112](#) and related chapters to align foster care guidelines with child care center guidelines, the Council plans to provide future suggestions regarding unlicensed child care providers.

**Medicaid Update.** Medicaid Managed Care Director Mikki Stier and Medicaid Managed Care Bureau Chief Elizabeth Matney provided an update on new Medicaid managed care data trends being tracked, and stated the next quarterly report will be available on the DHS website shortly.

**Child Welfare Update.** Wendy Rickman, Division Administrator of Adult, Children, and Family Services, and Vern Armstrong, Division Administrator of Field Operations, briefly discussed the upcoming review of procedural practices related to child abuse allegations and safety and risk assessments. The Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group was named as the external entity performing the evaluation of DHS child welfare policies and procedures.

**Next Meeting.** The Council on Human Services will meet sometime in September to begin Department budget hearings for FY 2020 and FY 2021. A departmental update on the review of child welfare policies and procedures will be provided at that time.

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