



COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES MEETING - JULY 12, 2017

Public Budget Hearing. The Council held a public hearing on the FY 2018 – FY 2019 Department of Human Services budget. Representatives from the following organizations presented updates and requests for policy reviews:

- Family Planning Council of Iowa
- Early Childhood Iowa
- State Child Care Advisory Committee
- Prevent Child Abuse Iowa
- Iowa Juvenile Court Services Association
- Iowa Council of Health Care Centers
- Iowa Alliance in Home Care
- Iowa Family Preservation Project
- Iowa Citizens for Justice
- Families United Action Network
- Grandparents Rights Association
- Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association
- Family Advocates, Inc.
- Toward a Wiser Iowa
- Iowa Food Bank Association
- Coalition for Family and Children Services
- Iowa Hospital Association
- Youth Emergency Shelter Services and Achieving Maximum Potential
- Chief Clerk, Second Judicial District

The Iowa Alliance in Home Care noted a \$1.7 million shortfall in reimbursements for home health agencies. During the 2017 Legislative Session, rates for home health agencies were based on the Medicare Low Utilization Payment Adjustment (LUPA) methodology and were adjusted according to funds appropriated for FY 2018.

Youth Emergency Shelter Services noted that as FY 2018 reimbursement rates for child welfare emergency services contractors are at the same level as FY 2017 rates, the organization will need to perform additional fundraising to meet daily shelter costs.

Rules. The Council reviewed one Medicaid rule and passed the rule unanimously. The rule allows Home- and Community-Based Services waiver members who are inpatient in a hospital or medical institution for 31 to 120 days to resume waiver services upon discharge without having to reapply for services and go back on the waiver list.

Medicaid Managed Care Update. Medicaid Director Mikki Stier provided an update regarding the State Family Planning Program. The website's content is in the process of being updated, and provider reenrollment for Medicaid Managed Care in general is in progress. The cost-containment measures referenced during the last Council meeting and passed during the 2017 Legislative Session have been implemented for FY 2018.

The latest Managed Care quarterly [report](#) was published on June 19, 2017. The Council plans to discuss the data reported by the Department at the next Council meeting.

Director's Report. Jerry Foxhoven was named as Director of the Department of Human Services and was formally introduced to the Council. Director Foxhoven noted that the Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group is currently visiting the State and will make six visits over the course of the next year.

The Director also confirmed that families receiving State adoption subsidies will be required to visit a doctor's office for a wellness examination annually. Additional training for social workers to respond to abuse and neglect allegations is underway.

Next Meeting. The Council on Human Services will meet again on August 9, 2017.

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