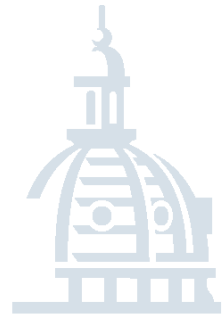




FISCAL UPDATE Article

Fiscal Services Division

August 25, 2017



COMPLEX SERVICE NEEDS WORKGROUP

The Complex Service Needs Workgroup convened on August 22, 2017, at Polk County River Place. [Senate File 504](#) (FY 2018 Mental Health Property Tax Act) charged the Department of Human Services with creating a stakeholder workgroup to make recommendations relating to the delivery of, access to, and coordination and continuity of mental health, disability, and substance use disorder services and supports for individuals with mental health, disability, and substance use disorder needs, particularly for individuals with complex mental health, disability, and substance use disorder needs.

The Workgroup spent the first part of the meeting discussing the current situation, providing a high-level overview of the current service system for both mental health and substance abuse, and reviewing past work related to this issue. The Workgroup then started working on an outline on how to best serve individuals with complex needs, by starting to identify populations that need services and services that need to be provided, with the goal of keeping individuals in more appropriate settings for services and out of hospital emergency departments and jails.

The next Workgroup meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10. Additional information on the Workgroup is available here: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/mhds/community-integration>.

STAFF CONTACT: Jess Benson 515.281.4611 jess.benson@legis.iowa.gov