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### COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES — SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING

**Meeting.** The Department of Human Services (DHS) Council on Human Services met on September 11 and 12, 2018, to review and approve the DHS budget request to the Governor for FY 2020 and FY 2021.

**Budget Submission.** The Council voted 3-2 to approve the presented FY 2020 budget. The budget requests a total of \$90.3 million in increases for FY 2020 including:

- A net increase of \$76.2 million for the Medicaid Program.
- A net increase of \$12.2 million for the Children's Health Insurance Program.
- An increase of \$1.2 million for Medical Contracts.
- An increase of \$719,000 for Adoption Subsidy.

The DHS budget book with additional information on the request above is available at: [dhs.iowa.gov/budget-reports](https://dhs.iowa.gov/budget-reports).

**Additional Request.** In addition to the approved budget, the Council voted 5-0 to include a letter to the Governor requesting additional dollars for FY 2020, if funds are available, totaling \$16.5 million for various Department needs and \$24.9 million for technology and other systems upgrades. The Council noted that the following items were a priority:

- An increase of \$309,000 to upgrade security staffing to address patient behavioral symptoms at the Cherokee and Independence Mental Health Institutes (MHIs).
- An increase of \$242,000 for increased cost of services including pharmaceuticals, food, transportation, and utilities at the Cherokee MHI, Independence MHI, Eldora State Training School, and the Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders (CCUSO).
- An increase of \$2.9 million for Field Operations to fully fund 1,438 FTE positions that are currently filled for FY 2019.
- An increase of \$1.5 million for Field Operations to expand operations of the Centralized Service Intake Unit for the child abuse reporting hotline.
- An increase of \$3.0 million to replace one-time funding sources used for FY 2019 at the Independence MHI, CCUSO, and Eldora State Training School.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Council on Human Services is scheduled for October 10, 2018, at the Hoover State Office Building.

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