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### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**Hearing.** On November 19, 2018, the Governor held a budget hearing for the Department of Public Health (DPH). Director Gerd Clabaugh presented the Department's FY 2020 budget request. The Department is requesting no net change in total General Fund appropriations. However, there is a decrease of \$300,000 to the Chronic Conditions appropriation and an increase of \$300,000 to the Essential Public Health Services (EPHS) appropriation.

For historical context, in FY 2018, the Department transferred \$300,000 from EPHS to Chronic Conditions for the Office of Medical Cannabidiol to implement the requirements of Iowa Code chapter [124E](#). The FY 2019 budget continued this funding shift. The Medical Cannabidiol Program is intended to be fee-sustaining through annual fees on manufacturers, dispensaries, and card holders.

For FY 2020, the Department would like to repurpose the \$300,000 for pilot projects to incentivize performance improvements in the local public health delivery system rather than distribute the funding through the program formula. The goal of the pilot projects is to incentivize local health departments to work more closely together by combining new and existing resources to strengthen the local public health delivery system.

The DPH is also requesting \$797,000 from the Technology Reinvestment Fund to upgrade the AMANDA licensing system to upgrade all licensing boards to the current platform version and create a single website for all public licensing access.

**Department Updates.** Director Clabaugh also gave an update on the following programs related to the Governor's Goals for Iowa:

- Through the 5-2-1-0 Program for childhood obesity prevention, 15,000 children in 10 communities have been reached. However, it was also noted that obesity rates in Iowa continue to climb and that Iowa is currently in the top five most obese states in the nation.
- The [Your Life Iowa](#) outreach site now integrates tobacco cessation, gambling treatment, drug addiction treatment, and suicide prevention information. The DPH is also in discussion with the Department of Human Services about adding mental health services through this portal.
- There continues to be strong interest in the Medical Residency Program.
- Preliminary data shows that opioid-involved deaths have declined through the first half of 2018.

**Legislative Priorities.** The DPH also outlined a few policy priorities for the upcoming legislative session. The first is related to the Health Screening Workgroup this interim and involves allowing the Department of Education to share kindergarten enrollment data to allow better understanding of the amount of screening information being entered. The second is creating a partnership between the Board of Barbering and Department of Corrections for an apprenticeship program.

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