

## **COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES**

### **MINUTES**

**July 12, 2017**

#### **COUNCIL**

Mark Anderson  
Phyllis Hansell  
Alexa Heffernan  
Kimberly Kudej  
Kim Spading  
Sam Wallace (absent)

#### **EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

Representative Joel Fry (absent)  
Representative Lisa Heddens (present)  
Senator Amanda Ragan (present)  
Senator Mark Segebart (present)

#### **STAFF**

Jerry Foxhoven  
Sandy Knudsen  
Mikki Stier  
Merea Bentrrott

Nancy Freudenberg  
Jean Slaybaugh  
Amy McCoy  
Vern Armstrong

#### **GUESTS**

Shanell, Wagler, Iowa Department of Management  
Anthony Carroll, AARP  
Natalie Koerber, Amerigroup  
Don Burgmaier  
Kelly Meyer, Iowa Health Care Association  
Brandon Hagen, Iowa Health Care Association  
Michael Svejda, Iowa Health Care Association  
Stacy Hejda, Iowa Center for Assisted Living  
Briana Hilmer, Iowa Center for Home Care  
Jeanne Munson, Grandparent's Rights Association  
Nancy Augustine, Iowa Family Preservation Project  
Lon Anderson, Iowa Alliance in Home Care  
Julie Randa, Family Advocates  
Diane Nelson, Family Advocates  
Toya Johnson, Iowa Citizens for Justice  
Travis Grassel, Families United Action Network  
Jodi Tomlonovic, Family Planning Council of Iowa

Stephen Quirk, Youth Emergency Services and Shelter of Iowa  
Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Iowa Department of Management  
Carley Spading, Student  
Eric Dirth, BrownWinick  
Tess Pocock, BrownWinick  
Tony Leys, Des Moines Register  
Angel Banks-Adams, Legislative Services Agency  
Kris Bell, Senate Democratic Caucus  
Virginia Conley, American Psychiatric Nurses Association/Iowa  
Nathaniel Gavronsky, Constituent's Direct  
Liz Cox, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa  
Zeke Furlong, Iowa Legislature  
Kim Murphy, Iowa Hospital Association  
Nicholas Dreeszen, Families United Action Network  
Sheila Hansen, Child and Family Policy Center  
Mike Miller, Iowa Food Bank Association  
Barb Prather, Iowa Food Bank Association  
Candice York, Foster Families  
Kristie Oliver, Coalition for Family and Children's Services  
Nicole Heirt, Achieving Maximum Potential (AMP)  
Marris Albers, Achieving Maximum Potential (AMP)  
Terri Bailey, Achieving Maximum Potential (AMP)  
Andrew Allen, Youth and Shelter Services, Inc.  
Colin Hendricks, BrownWinick  
Regenea Hurte, Iowa Food Bank Association  
Shirley Faircloth, Juvenile Court Services  
Denise Rathman, National Association of Social Workers/Iowa  
Chad Jensen, Juvenile Court Services, 5th District  
Nan Stillians, Toward a Wiser Iowa (TAWI)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at the Legislative Dining Room, State Capitol Building, Des Moines.

Jerry Foxhoven, newly appointed Director of the Department of Human Services was introduced.

### **ROLL CALL**

All Council members were present with the exception of Wallace. All ex-officio legislative members were present with the exception of Representative Fry.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' UPDATE TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

This portion of the meeting was held for the purpose of hearing public comments as the Department of Human Services develops its update to the FY 2018-2019 budget recommendations and legislative package. (All written testimony is on file and available in the Director's Office.)

Those persons/groups presenting and sharing written comments were:

- Jodi Tomlonovic, Family Planning Council of Iowa
- Shanell Wagler, Early Childhood Iowa
- Shanell Wagler, State Child Care Advisory Committee
- Liz Cox, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa
- Briana Hilmer, Michael Svejda and Stacy Hejda, Iowa Center for Home Care/Iowa Health Care Association/Iowa Center for Assisted Living
- Lon Anderson, Iowa Alliance in Home Care
- Nancy Augustine, Iowa Family Preservation Project
- Toya Johnson, Iowa Citizens for Justice
- Nicholas Dreeszen, Families United Action Network
- Jeanne Munson, Grandparents Rights Association
- Travis Grassel, Iowa Fathers
- Candice York, Foster Families
- Juli Randa, Family Advocates
- Nan Stillians, Toward a Wiser Iowa (TAWI)
- Mike Miller, Iowa Food Bank Association
- Kristi Oliver, Coalition for Family and Children Services
- Kim Murphy, Iowa Hospital Association
- Terri Bailey, Nicole Heirt, Marris Albers, Achieving Maximum Potential (AMP) and Andrew Allen, Youth and Shelter Services, Inc.
- Shirley Faircloth, 2nd Judicial District

Organization that submitted written comments but did not present was:

- Iowa Juvenile Court Services Association

**RULES**

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rule to Council:

R-1 Amendments to Chapter 83, Medicaid. Allows HCBS 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 and going back on the waiver list.

A motion was made by Hansell to approve and seconded by Heffernan.  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Heffernan to approve the minutes of June 14 and June 16, 2017 and seconded by Kudej. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A motion was made by Hansell and seconded by Kudej to elect Mark Anderson, Chair and Alexa Heffernan, Vice-Chair. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **OVERSIGHT OF MANAGED CARE**

Mikki Stier, Medicaid Director, provided the following update:

- Effective July 1, 2017, all Medicaid fee-for-service adults will be served under a managed care Dental Wellness Plan. MCNA Dental and Delta Dental are the providers.
- IME completed the re-enrollment and on-site visits of over 25,000 providers.
- IME, in conjunction with the MCOs, have launched an initiative to revise billing claim coding to make the system more streamlined and efficient.
- The Department continues to monitor the DHS website on a daily basis to update and clarify the content regarding the Family Planning transition.

Council asked for a copy of the "Family Planning Program Provider Attestation" form.

Council asked that IME staff be available to the Council at their meeting next month to answer questions from the Council regarding the latest Managed Care Organization Performance Data quarterly report (SFY 2017, Quarter 3).

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS UPDATE**

Hansell noted that she was absent for last month's Council meeting and wished to convey her appreciation to Chuck Palmer and also to Sally Titus for their leadership. Palmer and Titus have retired from the Department.

Spading noted that she would like the Council to have more of a voice in the upcoming budget cycle and time to debate and advocate for change where appropriate. Anderson noted that the Council will meet September 12-13 for a

two-day budget meeting so the Council can take their time to thoroughly review the budget and asked that the department forward a copy of the proposed budget as soon as possible.

Draft letters to legislative leaders were reviewed. These letters were prepared in response to the Council's concerns regarding the legislation on cost containment and family planning that were discussed at the last meeting. Council asked staff to make minor edits and mail the letters.

Anderson asked staff to check with the Governor's Office regarding their progress in filling the vacant County Supervisor position on the Council.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jerry Foxhoven, Director, reported that at each Council meeting he would like to cover three areas:

- 1) What are the big challenges
- 2) What are the administrative issues
- 3) What are the good things that are happening in DHS

- DHS has engaged the Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group (CWG) to conduct a broad review of the state's child welfare system. Foxhoven met with this group and noted that they are very respected nationally. One of the things the department will attempt to implement is the requirement that adoption subsidy parents make sure their child sees a doctor at least once a year. Another change the department will be making is in updating the intake process used when the case goes to an investigator in addition to more staff training.

Spading asked if the department could walk the Council through the intake process at a future meeting.

- Foxhoven noted that he is very impressed with the work of the department's staff - they are working a lot of hours and working very hard. DHS staff is very committed to their work and to the people they serve and should be appreciated. Foxhoven will be reaching out more and traveling in the field to meet with as many employees as he can. He has visited the Cherokee Mental Health Institute (including the Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders) and the Glenwood Resource Center. Next week he will travel to the State Training School in Eldora.
- Eldora successfully completed the recent PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) audit by exceeding or meeting all of the 41 standards.

- Iowa ranked 5th in the national “Kids Count” data ranking (on children’s well-being).
- The department’s “Double Up Food Bucks Incentive Program” will make it easier for low-income Iowans to eat fresh fruits and vegetables while supporting farmers and growing local economies.
- The department has assumed custody of another infant through the “Safe Haven” program on July 6.
- In response to a question from Hansell, Foxhoven reported that he hopes the Deputy Director position, that was vacated by Sally Titus, will be filled within the next month or two.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Merea Bentrott, Policy Advisor, noted that representatives of the legislature and press have been invited to join Director Foxhoven as he visits DHS facilities and offices across the state.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services is Wednesday, August 9, 2017.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen  
Recording Secretary

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## **COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES**

### **MINUTES**

**August 9, 2017**

#### **COUNCIL**

Mark Anderson  
Phyllis Hansell (via phone\*)  
Alexa Heffernan  
Kimberly Kudej  
Kim Spading (absent)  
Sam Wallace

#### **EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

Representative Joel Fry (present)  
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)  
Senator Mark Segebart (absent)  
Senator Amanda Ragan (absent)

#### **STAFF**

Jerry Foxhoven  
Sandy Knudsen  
Nancy Freudenberg  
Merea Bentrrott

Amy McCoy  
Mikki Stier  
Vern Armstrong

#### **GUESTS**

Tony Leys, Des Moines Register  
Natalie Koerber, Amerigroup Iowa  
Kim Murphy, Iowa Hospital Association  
Ashley McGuire, UnitedHealthcare  
Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Iowa Department of Management  
Kris Bell, Senate Democratic Caucus  
Emily Hockins, Advocacy Strategies  
Patty Funaro, Legislative Services Agency  
Nancy Augustine, Iowa Family Preservation  
Don Burgmaier, VOCAL

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

\*Hansell joined the Council via phone at 1:00 p.m. for the "Director's Update."

## **ROLL CALL**

All Council members were present with the exception of Spading. All Ex-officio legislative members were absent with the exception of Representative Fry.

## **RULES**

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rules to Council:

**R-1.** Amendments to Chapter 79, Medicaid. Implements cost containment strategy to eliminate Primary Care Physician rate increases.

Motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**R-2.** Amendments to Chapter 79, Medicaid. Implements the cost containment strategy to adjust the inpatient diagnostic related group (DRG) cost outlier threshold formula to be the greater of two times the statewide average DRG payment for that case, or the hospital's individual DRG payment for that case plus \$75,000. The current formula is the greater of two times the statewide average DRG payment for the case, or the hospital's individual DRG payment for the case plus \$16,000.

Motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**R-3.** Amendments to Chapter 79, Medicaid. Re-implements the cost containment strategy to adjust Medicaid reimbursement rates for physician services rendered in facility settings (e.g., hospitals), by applying a "site of service" differential to reflect the difference between the cost of physician services when provided in a health facility setting and the cost of physician services when provided in a physician's office. Note that the strategy in this amendment was originally legislatively mandated in 2011 as a directed/mandated cost-containment strategy at that time. However, the Legislature "nullified" the original mandate in 2012, based on provider complaints about reduced payments in facility settings.

Motion was made by Heffernan to approve and seconded by Wallace. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**R-4.** Amendments to Chapter 79, Medicaid. Implements the cost containment strategy to adjust the Iowa Medicaid anesthesia conversion factor to be equal to the calendar year 2017 Medicare anesthesia conversion factor, as adjusted for the state, and converted to a per minute amount. Each January 1, thereafter, the Department shall apply the applicable Medicare anesthesia conversion factor adjusted for the state, and converted to a per-minute amount.



Motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**R-5.** Amendments to Chapters 79 and 80, Medicaid. Implements the cost containment strategy to ensure that total reimbursement for Medicare Part A and B crossover claims is limited to the Medicaid reimbursement rate.

Motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Heffernan and seconded by Kudej to approve the minutes of July 12, 2017. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **OVERVIEW OF DHS CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INTAKE PROCESS**

Vern Armstrong, Administrator, Division of Field Operations, provided the following information:

“Intake” is a process of receiving reports from the public and determining how the Department will respond.

The Intake Worker may accept a child abuse assessment, accept the report for investigation, accept the report for a family assessment for Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) or offer the caller information and referral and reject the call.

Currently, the Department has a ‘centralized intake unit’ that operates during normal business hours. Afterhours, holidays and weekends, the intake calls are transferred to the Eldora State Training School where staff take the basic information and forward the calls to Social Worker 3’s and Supervisors across the state.

Armstrong explained the process the intake workers use in answering the calls, as well as the consultation and quality assurance from supervisory staff. The unit takes over 50,000 calls a year.

Once a report is accepted as a child abuse assessment, family assessment or a CINA assessment, the case will be assigned to a specific worker and a response timeframe will be assigned based on a number of criteria. There are regular oversight meetings which include county attorneys.

Armstrong reviewed the factors that constitute child abuse as well as the types of abuse, as listed in the Code.

The Department is exploring moving to a 24/7 centralized intake which would enhance the consistency of documentation and would allow recording of all calls.

The Department has taken steps to improve the intake system over the last few months by:

- enhanced training
- accepting reports as new reports instead of addendums to current cases
- special attention given to reports from mandatory reporters
- improvement of IT systems

Council suggested that a visit to the Intake Call Center be scheduled in the future.

## **MANAGED CARE UPDATE**

Mikki Stier and Lisa Cook, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME), reviewed the latest quarterly "Managed Care Organization (MCO)" report, published May 31, 2017 covering January through March, 2017.

Cook reported:

- Overall measures are beginning to stabilize
- Population reports (pages 9 through 37) in general indicate better care coordination
- Report indicates 242,000 members have completed the health risk assessment
- All MCOs are meeting the benchmarks for processing grievances (page 39) - the numbers are higher for Amerigroup and IME account managers are following up on that trend. Transportation is a top reason for grievances.
- On Level of Care (page 45) all MCOs are seeing improvement
- The Department continues to conduct secret shopper calls to measure adequacy, consistency and soft skills associated with MCO helplines.
- On Medical Claim denials (page 46) the Department continues to monitor reimbursement accuracy and follows up when the Department is made aware of provider reimbursement concerns - Amerigroup is close to meeting the benchmarks and have a corrective action plan in place.
- Page 57 outlines value added services, those are services that MCOs offer that were not available in the fee-for-service program. 97,000 members utilized these services last year.
- On Page 62 it's noted that all the MCOs are 98% or higher regarding Expedited Services requirements

Stier reported:

- DHS received approval from the Centers for Medicaid Services (CMS) to move the dental wellness program into a managed care environment.

- DHS has been working on the initiative to complete the year-end provider re-enrollment. Staff have been working with the MCO's to track and continue to do outreach with providers that have not re-enrolled.
- Another initiative DHS is working on is provider training - to assist providers in honing their skills with billing and other issues. A schedule will be posted on the DHS website.
- In regard to the "Managed Care Ombudsman Program Quarterly Report (1st Quarter, Year 2 - Apr/May/Jun 2017), Stier noted that DHS continues to reach out to the Ombudsman's Office to obtain any specifics they have in regard to global statements of reductions in service so that DHS staff can "drill down" to solve issues. DHS continues to have monthly calls with both the State and Managed Care Ombudsman's Office as well as monthly meetings with the Director of the Department on Aging.

Anderson noted that Spading was unable to attend the meeting and will be emailing Stier with her questions regarding the quarterly report.

## **COUNCIL UPDATE**

Heffernan reported that she read the Governor's Office Press Release regarding the JD Power Global Market Research Company's findings that Iowa was ranked the second highest in the nation for satisfaction from Iowa Medicaid patients. The report also indicated that Iowa was one of four states in the nation where Medicaid patients have the easiest access to doctors and hospitals.

Kudej reported that she attended a Department of Corrections (DOC) meeting at the Clarinda facility last week. Jerry Barthoff, DOC Director, mentioned an upcoming workgroup that will include DHS, DOC, mental health providers, law enforcement and other mental health associations to address the aging population in prison and housing for sex offenders. Kudej was pleased to see the coordination of resources.

Anderson reported that he met with Director Foxhoven, Amy McCoy and Merea Bentrutt in Waverly at the Bremwood Residential Treatment Center, which is a treatment facility for juveniles run by Lutheran Services of Iowa.

Anderson shared that he has talked with Director Foxhoven and is proposing sending a letter to DHS Division Administrators and Superintendents regarding their thoughts on the upcoming budget recommendations. Specifically, the letter requests their input on how additional allocations could be invested or how additional reductions could be shouldered. The suggestions are to be emailed to Jean Slaybaugh who will compile the list and present it to the Council so that the Council can prioritize those items at the September meeting. The Council approved that the letter be sent.

Council discussed whether to have a one-day or two-day meeting in September to review the budget. It was decided to hold a one-day meeting, but begin the meeting at 9:00 a.m. (instead of 10:00 a.m.) and finish later in the day if necessary.

## **DIRECTOR REPORT**

Jerry Foxhoven, Director, provided the following report:

The Disability Rights Iowa (DRI) recent report regarding the State Training School in Eldora raised issues around the use of seclusion and mental health treatment. He noted that Eldora should not be compared to other DHS facilities as many of the residents are accused of significant crimes and have had several previous placements that have not worked well. He noted that Eldora has been very successful in terms of providing job skill training and providing other supports that offer potential for success. Foxhoven has visited the facility and stated that he is proud of the facility and the staff that work there, especially Superintendent Mark Day.

Foxhoven has visited several DHS facilities and offices and will continue to do so as often as his schedule allows.

As Foxhoven continues to familiarize himself with the Department, he will be looking to identify things that may not fit with the mission of DHS and may recommend some things come "off the Department's plate."

Hansell requested a complete listing of the Department's programs.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, September 13, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

*Submitted by Sandy Knudsen,  
Recording Secretary*

## **COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES**

### **MINUTES**

**September 13, 2017**

#### **COUNCIL**

Mark Anderson  
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Alexa Heffernan  
Kimberly Kudej  
Kim Spading  
Sam Wallace

#### **EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

Representative Joel Fry (absent)  
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)  
Senator Amanda Ragan (present)  
Senator Mark Segebart (present)

#### **STAFF**

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Vern Armstrong  
Merea Bentrrott  
Wendy Rickman  
Bob Krebs

Mikki Stier  
Amy McCoy  
Joe Havig  
Lorrie Tritch  
Jody Lane-Molnari  
Rick Shults  
Carol Eaton

#### **GUESTS**

Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Department of Management  
Kimberly Murphy, Iowa Hospital Association  
Angel Banks-Adams, Legislative Services Agency  
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Natalie Koerber, Amerigroup  
Molly Driscoll, BrownWinick  
John Stoebe, Univerisity of Iowa, HPC  
Hannah Beach, Legislative Services Agency  
Charlotte Eby, LS2 Group  
Rod Borchart, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
Ashley McGuire, United Health Care  
Kyle Carlson, Amerigroup  
Sheila Hanson, Child and Family Policy Center

Bill Nutty, IHCA  
Susan Cameron, IHCA  
Kelly Meyers, IHCA/ICAL

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

All Council members were present. Ex-officio legislative members Representative Fry and Representative Heddens were absent. Ex-officio legislative members Senator Ragan and Senator Segebart were present.

## **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Director Foxhoven reported to the Council that the budget being reviewed today is the second year of a two-year budget. He noted that the budget presented will essentially remain status quo with some changes to Medicaid mandates and replacement of one-time funding.

## **BUDGET OVERVIEW**

Jean Slaybaugh, Division of Fiscal Management, reviewed the Executive Summary (pages 2-1 to 2-5) The Department touches approximately 34% of Iowa's population every year with services and programs. The agency has a budget of \$6.5 billion and in SFY19 about \$1.8 billion will come from the general fund (27% of the budget).

In response to questions from Council, Slaybaugh stated that, with a status quo budget, DHS will need to manage any additional expenses inherent in the budget with no additional State funding. She noted that DHS always looks for opportunities to enhance federal funding and to find ways to manage more efficiently.

## **SFY 2019 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

Staff presentations were provided to the Council on each section of the appropriation requests. The presentations provided an overview of the agency's work with nearly 1,025,680 Iowan's who benefit from the programs and services administered by DHS. The budget recommendations are on file in the Director's Office.

## **IMPROVE IOWANS' HEALTH STATUS**

Mikki Stier, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, and Wendy Rickman, Division of Adult, Children and Family Services, reviewed the following programs:

- Medical Assistance
- Iowa Health & Wellness Plan
- Children's Health Insurance Program
- Medical Contracts
- State Supplementary Assistance

It was noted that Congress has yet to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Stier will provide information regarding the CHIP funding versus private insurance for hawk-I participants per Hansell inquiry.

**PROMOTE IOWANS' BEHAVIORAL & DISABILITIES HEALTH STATUS**

Rick Shults, Division of Mental Health and Disability Services, reviewed the following:

- Cherokee Mental Health Institution
- Independence Mental Health Institution
- Glenwood Resource Center
- Woodward Resource Center
- Conner Training
- Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders
- State Payment Program
- MHDS Regional Funding

Per request from Hansell, Shults will provide a listing of the number of staff at each institution.

Shults reported that Dr. Jerry Rea has been hired as the new Superintendent of the Glenwood Resource Center. He thanked Marsha Edgington (Superintendent of the Woodward Resource Center) for sharing the superintendent duties at Glenwood during the transition.

Per request from Spading, Shults will provide a summary of required MHDS regional core services as well as the detailed MHDS regional data report.

**IMPROVE SAFETY, WELL-BEING & PERMANENCY FOR IOWA'S CHILDREN**

Wendy Rickman, Division of Adult, Children and Family Services, reviewed the following:

- Child Abuse Prevention
- Adoption Subsidy
- Child and Family Services
- Eldora Training School (Rick Shults reporting)
- Comprehensive Family Support Programs

Rickman will provide Council with a copy of the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP) annual Evaluation Report from July 2017. She will also share information regarding the TOPS tool being used in Child Welfare.

### **IMPROVE IOWANS' EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC SECURITY**

Wendy Rickman reviewed the following:

- Family Investment Program
- Food Assistance
- Child Care Assistance
- Child Support Recovery (Vern Armstrong reporting)

Rickman will provide the Council with the latest Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) annual report and information regarding the Harkin Foundation efforts. She will also provide information on the number of persons served and outcomes regarding the Food Assistance Employment and Training Program.

### **EFFECTIVELY MANAGE RESOURCES**

Vern Armstrong, Division of Field Operations and Jean Slaybaugh reviewed the following:

- Field Operations
- General Administration
- Volunteers
- TANF & Block Grants

### **COUNCIL VOTE**

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Hansell to approve the proposed State Fiscal Year 2019 budget request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED with Spading and Kudej opposed.

A motion was made by Heffernan and seconded by Hansell that the Council send a memo to the Governor sharing the Council's concerns regarding the State Fiscal Year 2019 Budget's zero growth. Chair asked that a draft be prepared for the Council's review and approval.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Proposed Cost Containment Initiatives and Additional Budget Request Documents**

Two documents were distributed and reviewed by staff:



- 1) SFY19 Cost Containment
- 2) SFY19 Additional Budget Request If Funds Are Available.

After discussion, Council decided to add verbiage to their memo to the Governor stating that they have examined other possibilities for budget containment.

## **RULES**

Nancy Freudenberg presented the following rules to Council:

R-1 Amendments to Chapters 7 and 87, Family Planning. Implements a new state family planning program. Amends appeals rules to remove references to the old state-funded family planning program. This amendment was Adopted and Filed Emergency at the June 14, 2017 Council meeting.

Discussion: Heffernan reported that she felt the language in the bill regarding "entity" was ambiguous and the legislature should clarify what was meant before a large group of providers are deemed not able to participate in the Family Planning Program. Rickman and Foxhoven noted that the Department is following the interpretation from the Attorney General's Office in drafting the rules.

A motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Hansell. MOTION CARRIED with Anderson and Heffernan opposed.

R-2 Amendments to Chapters 74, 75 and 76, Medicaid. Implements the cost containment strategy to eliminate the three month retroactive benefit provisions from initial application and applications to add new Medicaid members. These amendments are being Adopted and Filed Emergency and are associated with the Notice of Intended Action found below.

Discussion: The Department has requested a waiver from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) for approval of the elimination of three-month retroactive eligibility for Medicaid applications that will begin on October 1, 2017. As of this date no response from CMS has been received - the Department would make adjustments based on the ruling from CMS. Spading questioned the specificity of this legislation versus coming up with a targeted cost savings.

A motion was made by Hansell to approve and seconded by Wallace. MOTION CARRIED with Kudej and Spading opposed.

R-3 Amendments to Chapters 75 and 76, Medicaid. Implements the cost containment strategy to remove references to medical assistance for family planning services which refers to Medicaid under the Family Planning Network waiver. These amendments are being Adopted and Filed Emergency and are associated with the Notice of Intended Action below.

A motion was made by Heffernan to approve and seconded by Kudej. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

R-4 Amendments to Chapter 79, Medicaid. Allows Medicaid providers, in addition to providing narrative documentation, to provide narrative documentation of service in a checkbox format. These amendments are being Adopted and Filed Emergency and are associated with the Notice of Intended Action N-5 below.

A motion was made by Hansell to approve and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Noticed Rules:**

N-1 Amendments to Chapters 52 and 54, Medicaid. Removes the requirement for an annual cost report for privately operated residential care facilities (RCFs) and changes the cost reimbursement methodology to be based on the maximum per diem rate per subrule 52.1(3).

N-2 Amendments to Chapters 74, 75 and 76, Medicaid. Implements the cost containment strategy to eliminate the three month retroactive benefit provisions from initial application and applications to add new Medicaid members. These amendments are associated with the Adopted and Filed Emergency rule R-2. The Notice of Intended Action is being filed to provide for public comment on the Adopted and Filed Emergency Rule.

N-3 Amendments to Chapters 75 and 76, Medicaid. Implements the cost containment strategy to remove references to medical assistance for family planning services which refers to Medicaid under the Family Planning Network waiver. These amendments are associated with the Adopted and Filed Emergency rule R-3. This Notice of Intended Action is being filed to provide for public comment on the Adopted and Filed Emergency Rule.

N-4 Amendments to Chapter 79, Medicaid. Allows Medicaid providers, in addition to providing narrative documentation, to provide narrative documentation of service in a checkbox format. These amendments are associated with the Adopted and Filed Emergency rule R-4. This Notice of Intended Action is being filed to provide for public comment on the Adopted and Filed Emergency Rule.

N-5 Amendments to Chapters 152, 156, and 202, Child Welfare. Aligns program and payment changes under the competitive child welfare services procurement for supervised apartment living (SAL) based on the child welfare crisis intervention, stabilization and reunification service request for proposal.

A motion was made by Wallace to approve the Noticed Rules and seconded by Hansel. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Wallace to approve the minutes of August 9, 2017 and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

Anderson thanked the Council for their hard work.

Council adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

*Submitted by Sandy Knudsen  
Recording Secretary*