

administration of hospitals and health care facilities; audits of funds under the state supplementary assistance program and the state medical assistance program and; audits of funds from the energy research and development fund designated for weatherization or energy assistance.

Finance and Services Division

Vijay Jain, administrator; Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515-281-3820

Provides budgetary, financial and personnel processing, and support services to the operating divisions and autonomous entities attached to the Department.

Appellate Defender's Office, Iowa State

Charles L. Harrington, chief appellate defender; Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515-281-8828

In the fall of 1979, the Supreme Court Cost of Litigation Committee recommended the development of the State Appellate Defender's Office and in 1980, such an office was created by the Iowa Legislature.

The major function of the office is to represent indigent criminal defendants on appeals to the Iowa Supreme Court.

Major objectives of the office include: reducing the cost of criminal appeals within the state, reducing unnecessary delays in the administration of criminal appeals, and providing high quality appellate representation to indigent criminal defendants.

The state appellate defender is appointed by the governor.

Employment Appeal Board

William C. Whitten, administrative officer; Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515-281-9638

JAMES A. ALTHAUS, chairperson, Des Moines; term expires 1992

NORMA LOCK, vice-chairperson, Des Moines; term expires 1988

WENDELL BENSON, Marshalltown; term expires 1990

The full-time, three-member board was created by Section 10A.601 of the Code of Iowa and organized in 1986, replacing the Job Service Appeal Board and OSHA Review Commission. The Board operates as a quasi-judicial, independent review body, administratively supported by the Department of Inspections and Appeals. It is the final arbiter at the administrative level for questions related to federal and state unemployment insurance benefits, occupational safety and health administration complaints, specified state of Iowa personnel matters, government approved training programs, the Federal Trade Act, Federal Employers Compensation Act, unemployed parents program, ex-service members unemployment compensation, federal unemployment supplemental program, peace officer and capitol security personnel actions, elevator licensing revocations from the division of labor, and questions regarding benefits under the Iowa public employees retirement system.

The Appeal Board consists of a representative of management, a representative of labor, and a representative of the public. Members are appointed by the governor for six-year terms on a staggered basis. Appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

State Foster Care Review Board

Joan M. Vagts, director; Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515-281-7621

The Foster Care Review Board was created in 1984 to assure each child in foster care or juvenile institution and to assure each unaccompanied refugee minor has a specific and appropriate permanency plan, and will not linger in foster care. Local review board members are volunteer citizens of various occupations, ethnic groups and incomes. In addition, a Foster Care Registry of children receiving foster care is maintained and utilized in writing an annual report containing recommendations to improve the child welfare system. It is sent to the legislature and governor.