

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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ARLENE DAYHOFF, chair, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1991

J.T. WATSON, vice-chair, West Des Moines; term expires 1993

MYRNA LANGERUD, Lake Mills; term expires 1995

FERRELL C. REED, Clarinda, term expires 1995

LEWIS RICH, Glidden; term expires 1993

L. TED SLOANE, Davenport; term expires 1991

CATHERINE WILLIAMS, Des Moines; term expires 1993

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is responsible for economic and medical assistance, refugee programs, protective services for children and adults, and services to the mentally ill, mentally retarded, and developmentally disabled.

The department's central organizational structure is composed of the director and six divisions: Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; Social Services; Community Services; Management and Budget; Communications and Policy Coordination; and the Iowa Veterans Home. The director and division administrators serve as the cabinet of the department. Human Services employs approximately 7,100 people in its local offices, institutions, and central office.

A seven-member Council on Human Services, appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, serves in a policy-making capacity for all department services, and in an advisory capacity to the governor and the director. The director is the chief executive of the department, and is responsible for the administration of department programs and services. The director is appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and serves at the pleasure of the governor.

Governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities

Karon Perlowski, executive director; Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515-281-7632

ED O'LEARY, chair; special education representative, Newton; term expires 1989

HARRISON AELMANS, parent, Cedar Falls; term expires 1990

JUDY AMBROSON, parent, Leland; term expires 1989

RONALD ANDERSON, consumer representative, Cedar Falls; term expires 1990

JOSEPH ARMBRECHT, Iowa State Association of Counties; Clemons; term expires 1990

RONALD BEANE, Department of Elder Affairs, Des Moines; term expires 1991

JULIE BECKETT, parent, Cedar Rapids; term expires, 1989

MIKE DAVIS, Department of Human Services, West Des Moines; term expires 1991

VIC ELIAS, Iowa Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation Facilities, Booneville; term expires 1990

ESTHER FIELDS, parent, Storm Lake; term expires 1989

PAT GERKE, consumer representative, Perry; term expires 1990

DR. ALFRED HEALY, Iowa University Affiliated Facility, Iowa City; term expires, 1989

SHIRLEY HICKS, consumer representative, Council Bluffs; term expires 1990

JOANN KRAMER, Iowa Head Injury Association, Waterloo; term expires 1990

MARSHA LAURENZO, parent, Des Moines; term expires 1990

CARLA LAWSON, parent, Ft. Dodge; term expires 1989

ILA JEAN LOGAN, special education representative, Merville; term expires 1990

CARROLL LUCHT, Iowa Protection and Advocacy Services, Iowa City; term expires 1989

GAREN MILTON, consumer representative, Ankeny; term expires 1991

CAROLE SAGE, parent, Ft. Dodge; term expires 1989

TED SCURLETIS, Department of Public Health, Des Moines; term expires 1990

JERRY STARKWEATHER, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Norwalk; term expires 1991

JERRY STILWELL, parent, West Des Moines; term expires 1989

FRANK VANCE, Department of Education, Ames; term expires 1991

JENNIFER WALKER, parent, Waterloo; term expires 1991

DON WESTERGARD, Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Norwalk; term expires 1988

The Governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities for the state of Iowa is established under the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Act of 1987, Public Law 100-146 and is located in the Department of Human Services, by executive order of the governor in 1982. The DD Act mandates that one-half of the membership be parents of children with developmental disabilities, or consumers or consumer representatives. The remainder of the membership is to consist of representatives of principal state agencies, local and non-governmental agencies, as well as private, non-profit groups concerned with the development, administration, and delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities. Members serve three-year terms.

The responsibilities of the DD Council include: developing the state plan for the developmental disabilities program in Iowa; administering the federal grant, which is allocated to Iowa from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities on an annual basis; meeting with the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Commission at least twice a year; reviewing all plans of state agencies that serve persons with developmental disabilities; being a source of information for the governor, the legislature, and the director of the Department of Human Services on matters related to the developmental disabilities program in Iowa; submitting an annual report to the commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities that summarizes all activities related to the developmental disabilities program in Iowa; and, most importantly, advocating for persons with developmental disabilities.

Mental Health/Mental Retardation Commission, State

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MONA BOND, county supervisor, Montezuma; term expires 1990
 MARILEE FREDERICKS, at-large representative, Des Moines; term expires 1991
 MYRON GOOKIN, at-large representative, Fairfield; term expires 1991
 GLENDA GORSH, at-large representative, Boone; term expires 1992
 THOMAS W. HANSEN, M.D., Cedar Rapids; term expires 1991
 ROBERT HOOGEVEEN, mental health representative, Sheldon; term expires 1990
 KENISTON HOPPENWORTH, at-large representative, Tripoli; term expires 1991
 ORIN HUSEMAN, county supervisor, Rock Rapids; term expires 1991
 SID MORRIS, JR., at-large representative, Cedar Falls; term expires 1991
 PHYLLIS OSBORN, coordinating board, Carroll; term expires 1990
 JEAN E. OXLEY, Marion; term expires 1992
 SHELDON RITTMER, county supervisor, DeWitt; term expires 1991
 YVONNE SCHILDBERG, at-large representative, Greenfield; term expires 1991
 SHARON SMITH, coordinating board, Bloomfield; term expires 1992
 JAMES A. THOMAS, Glenwood; term expires 1992
 KAREN VOSSBERG, mental health representative, Marion; term expires 1989

The commission was established by the 1981 session of the 69th General Assembly and became effective January 1, 1982. The governor appoints the commission with Senate approval. At least four must be county supervisors at the time of their appointment and at least two must be members of a county mental health and mental retardation coordinating board at the time of their appointment. There must be a representative of mental health and one for mental retardation. The remaining members are considered to be at-large.

The commission's responsibilities include: advising the division on the administration of the state plans; annually submitting a report to the governor and General Assembly concerning the activities and recommendations of the commission; beginning in 1985, biannually submitting a report on the availability and cost effectiveness of services; meeting with the governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities at least twice a year; adopting standards for the accreditation of Community Mental Health Centers; adopting standards for the care of and services to mentally ill and mentally retarded persons in county care facilities; adopting standards for the maintenance and operation of public and private facilities serving mentally ill or mentally retarded persons, that are not licensed by the Department of Health; awarding grants; and advising the division, the Council on Human Services, the governor, and the General Assembly on budgets and appropriations.