

## What is the Role of ISAC?

The CRIS Board contracts with the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) to provide staff support and administrative services, including:

- Maintain communication and operation of CRIS.
- Schedule and organize meetings of the CRIS Board.
- Receive communications of participant counties and other entities for the Board.
- Evaluate satisfaction and effectiveness of organization and process.
- Provide assistance with initiating and monitoring contracts of the CRIS Board.
- Act as the contact person with the consulting firm.
- Provide financial services, including calculation and collection of participant county fees, pay expenses, maintain records, and prepare financial reports.



### CRIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY 2006/2007

ISAC BOARD REPRESENTATIVE  
Linn Adams, Hardin

LEVEL A - LARGEST COUNTIES  
Sue Novak, Linn  
Terrence Neuzil, Johnson  
Lawrence Rouw, Mahaska  
Melvyn Houser, Pottawattamie

LEVEL B - MIDDLE COUNTIES  
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Dave Mineart, Warren  
Lonnie Maguire, Shelby

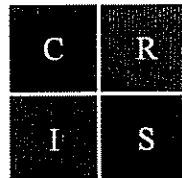
LEVEL C - SMALLEST COUNTIES  
Ric Gerard, Iowa  
Mary Williams, Benton  
Caye Chelesvig, Wright

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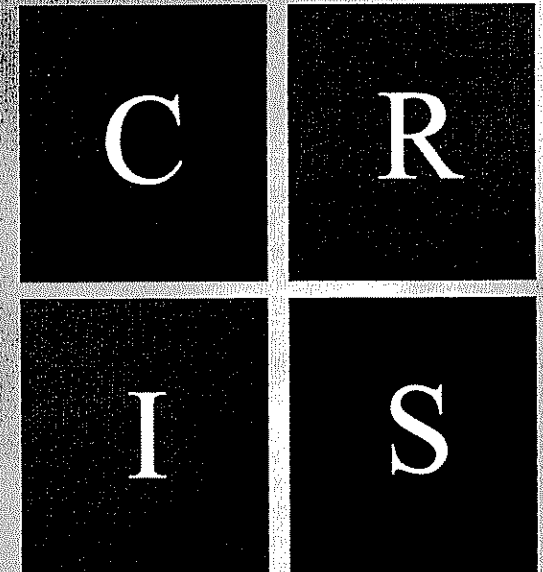
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# County Rate Information System



## What is CRIS?

County Rate Information System (CRIS) is a separate governmental entity established pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa.

The purpose of CRIS is to:

- ⌘ Establish a rate setting methodology based upon actual cost, standardized service definitions, standardized units of service, uniform classification of cost and consistent reporting to enable participating counties to negotiate appropriate reimbursement rates with covered MH/DD providers
- ⌘ Facilitate effective and efficient communication among participating counties and covered MH/DD providers through technical support and training

The CRIS Board provides oversight and direction to the program. CRIS is under the direction and control of an 11 member board of directors. The CRIS Board consists of 10 members from participant counties including seven county supervisors and three CPC administrators or county finance staff. In addition, one member is appointed by the ISAC Board of Directors. The CRIS Board annually appoints members to fill vacancies. Board members are appointed for 3-year terms.

There are 50 counties who have joined the CRIS program and approximately 146 providers included in the provider network. The annual budget for the CRIS program is \$139,500.

The membership cost per county is determined by formula, based in part on county MH/DD expenditures.

## CRIS Membership Benefits

- Information to assist the county with provider rate negotiations.
- Uniform financial data that allows for comparative analysis.
- Use of a uniform cost report that all participating providers use.
- Ability to know what a service really costs.
- Analysis of individual provider cost reports by an accounting firm.
- Statewide reports offering comparative data on the cost of similar services.
- Networking with other counties around rate setting and contracting.
- Higher degree of understanding and confidence in the rates set by the host counties participating in CRIS.
- Member only website.

## What is the Role of the Eide Bailly Accounting Firm?

The CRIS Board contracts with the Eide Bailly Accounting Firm to provide the analysis of provider financial reports, including:

- ⌘ Develop and maintain a provider database.
- ⌘ Verify receipt of the MH/DD providers audit report.
- ⌘ Verify receipt of the cost report form by the due date and that it is complete and accurate.
- ⌘ Request clarification from MH/DD providers regarding any discrepancies identified on the cost report form.
- ⌘ Develop a Unit Rate Report for each service identified by the host county.
- ⌘ Complete and issue the Actual Rate Report.
- ⌘ Complete and issue the Negotiated Rate Report.
- ⌘ Provide training sessions for providers and CPCs on the Cost Report and service information forms.
- ⌘ Moderate a participant county CPC discussion to solicit input on the results of the process.
- ⌘ Prepare and present a written report to the Board to discuss the implementation issues and recommendations to improve the process.

2006 CRIS Members

