234.3 Child welfare advisory committee.

1. A child welfare advisory committee is established to advise the administrator and the department of human services on programmatic and budgetary matters related to the provision or purchase of child welfare services. The committee shall meet at least quarterly, or upon the call of the chairperson, to review departmental budgets, policies, and programs, and proposed budgets, policies, and programs, and to make recommendations and suggestions to make the state child welfare budget, programs, and policies more effective in serving families and children.

2. The advisory committee shall consist of fifteen voting members, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The membership shall include representatives of child welfare service providers, juvenile court services, the Iowa foster and adoptive parent association, the child advocacy board, the coalition for family and children's services in Iowa, children's advocates, service consumers, and others who have training or knowledge related to child welfare services. The terms of voting members shall be for three-year staggered terms, beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19. A member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed and a vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. In addition, four members shall be legislators, all serving as ex officio, nonvoting members, with one each appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of the house of representatives, the majority leader of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate. The director of human services and the administrator, or their designees, shall also be ex officio nonvoting members, and shall serve as resource persons to the committee.

3. A chairperson, vice chairperson, and other officers deemed necessary by the committee shall be appointed by the membership of the committee. Committee staffing shall be designated by the administrator.

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