

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

April 11, 2018

Teleconference Meeting

1st Floor Conference Room

Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa

COUNCIL

Mark Anderson
Phyllis Hansell
Alexa Heffernan
Kim Kudej
Kim Spading
Sam Wallace

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Jerry Foxhoven
Nancy Freudenberg
Mikki Stier
Mike Randol

Sandy Knudsen
Matt Highland
Julie Lovelady
Debbie Johnson

GUESTS

Paige Petitt, United HealthCare
Natalie Koerber, Amerigroup
Ann Brown

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference on April 11, 2018, in the 1st Floor Conference Room, Hoover State Office Building.

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present. All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

Anderson reported that this meeting of the Iowa Council on Human Services is being held in accord with Section 21.8 of the Code of Iowa entitled “electronic meeting.” The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means if circumstances are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical, or if the governmental body complies with the following rules. The rules essentially state that access must be provided to the public. The meeting is being held on a speaker phone in the first floor conference room of the Hoover State Office Building. Notices and agendas were sent to interested groups as well as the press advising them the meeting will be held via conference call. Minutes will be kept of the meeting.

RULES

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

R-1. Amendments to Chapter 7, Appeals. Implements new federal guidelines extending the period to appeal decisions for state fair hearings from 90 days to 120 days. Also changes effectuation of a reversed appeal resolution for MCO appeals.

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

R-2. Amendments to Chapter 77, Medicaid and Mental Health and Disability Services. Requires hospitals providing inpatient psychiatric services, including the state mental health institutes (MHI) to update the inpatient psychiatric bed tracking system at least two times per day with number of available, staffed beds by gender, child, adult, and geriatric.

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

Spading requested to see an example of the tracking system at an upcoming meeting.

R-3. Amendments to Chapter 78, 79, and 83, Medicaid. Day Habilitation and Adult Day Care service rates will be changed to a fee schedule using tiered rates.

These amendments were Adopted and Filed Emergency at the November 8, 2017 meeting of the Council on Human Services. These amendments were also published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin to allow for public comment. The Department received 60 comments during the initial public comment period requesting that Public Hearings be held to allow for interested parties to provide comments to the Department. The Department held two public hearings on

these amendments and received a significant number of comments from individual and organizational respondents.

Motion was made by Hansell to approve and seconded by Spading. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

R-4. Amendments to Chapter 170, Child Care Assistance. Revises the child care assistance (CCA) fee chart based on the new federal poverty levels (FPL). Updates rules regarding temporary lapse policy and adds a wait list exemption for homeless families.

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

Notice of Intended Action

N-1. Amendments to Chapter 75, Medicaid. Adjusts the federal poverty level increments used to assess premiums for applicants and recipients under the Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities (MEPD) program with income over 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Heffernan to approve the minutes of March 7, 2018. MOTION CARRIED WITH HANSELL ABSTAINING.

OVERSIGHT OF MANAGED CARE UPDATE

Mike Randol, Director, Iowa Medicaid, reported that the transition to Amerigroup for members has gone smoothly. Julie Lovelady, Deputy Director, Iowa Medicaid, reported that the IME completed the re-enrollment of all of the Iowa Medicaid providers. There were 40,000 providers to get re-enrolled with only a handful of those providers terminated because they didn't contact IME for re-enrollment.

Spading reported some concerns that she has become aware of over the last month from the opioid addiction treatment clinic at the U of I and the extensive prior authorization process required. Randol and Foxhoven requested that specific information be provided and will follow up on the issue.

LEGISLATIVE AND DIRECTOR REPORT

Foxhoven reported that he has been confirmed by the Senate.

Foxhoven spoke to the recent report from the Ombudsman's Office regarding Managed Care. He reported the DHS has requested some information from the Ombudsman's Office relative to what their numbers mean and the source. The Department takes seriously all the complaints from consumers and tries to address them. To add some perspective, Foxhoven noted that the report refers to 225 complaints which represent a very small percentage of the 640,000 Iowans being served by Managed Care.

Foxhoven reported on the legislation the Department proposed regarding the Eldora State Training School. Some correctional language had been proposed, and it passed one house but did not get out of committee on the other. The Department's language aimed to properly reflect who is served at the facility and to provide appropriate benefits to employees consistent with correctional employees. Foxhoven noted that there is not an intent to alter or diminish the delivery of treatment services at Eldora, but rather to grow treatment.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Hansell commended Foxhoven on his recent interview on Iowa Public Radio.

Kudej thanked Foxhoven and staff for quick responses to the Council when they have questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by,

*Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary*