

**COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**November 8, 2017**

**COUNCIL**

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

**EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

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

**STAFF**

Rick Shults  
Sandy Knudsen  
Nancy Freudenberg  
Wendy Rickman

Julie Allison  
Connie Fanselow  
Ryan Paige

**GUESTS**

Natalie Koerber, Amerigroup Iowa  
Molly Driscoll, BrownWinick  
Paige Petitt, UnitedHealthCare  
Flora A. Schmidt, IBHA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

## **ELECTRONIC MEETING PROTOCOL**

Anderson read the following statement:

“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 rules. The rules essentially state that access must be provided to the public. The meeting is being held on a speaker phone in the 1st Floor conference room of the Hoover State Office Building. An agenda was 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 to Council:

**R-1.** Amendments to Chapter 75, Medicaid. Implements process to compare costs to Managed Care Organization capitation fees. Also updates definitions and provides technical updates to the rule.

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

**R-2.** Amendments to Chapters 77, 78, 79, and 80, Medicaid. Adds two new provider types for the purpose of member’s cost sharing protections related to Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) and Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) members

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

**R-3.** Amendments to Chapters 78, 79, and 83, Medicaid. A tiered rate methodology establishes a tiered system of reimbursement based on the identified acuity level for persons from the results of the Supports Intensity Scale ® core standardized assessment. This amendment is being Adopted and Filed Emergency. Notice of Intended Action (See N-3 below) for this rule making is also being filed to allow for public comment.

In response to a question from Council, Freudenberg noted that the Council will see the comments to these rules at the January meeting.

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

**R-4** Amendments to Chapter 155, Child Abuse. Updates technical language around procurement procedures and assists in maintaining compliance with federal and state laws that require program evaluation.

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

### **Notices of Intended Action**

**N-1.** Amendments to Chapter 77, 78, and 79, Medicaid and Mental Health Services. Clarifies services covered and provides standards for operation for Medicaid crisis response providers. Also establishes a process to enroll and reimburse qualified subacute mental health facility providers.

**N-2.** Amendments to Chapter 78, Medicaid. Allows hospice agencies to use the Medicare election of hospice benefits as an alternative to using the election of Medicaid hospice benefits.

**N-3.** Amendments to Chapters 77, 78, and 79, Medicaid. Implements a tiered-rate methodology to establish a tiered system of reimbursement based on the identified acuity level from the results of the Supports Intensity Scale ® (SIS) core standardized assessment. This amendment is being Adopted and Filed Emergency (See R-3 above). This Notice of Intended Action is being filed to allow for public comment on this rule making.

**N-4.** Amendments to Chapter 109, Child Care. Allows programs serving children who are 3 years old and receiving special education under Iowa Code 265B to be exempt from child care licensing.

**N-5.** Amendments to Chapters 109, 110, and 120, Child Care. Establishes parameters on weapons being present in a child care setting.

**N-6.** Amendments to Chapters 109, 110, and 120, Child Care. Implements requirements for federally-mandated professional development for child care homes that are not registered but have a child care assistance agreement. Also provides enhancements to sleep practices to assure that children who are sleeping in child care facilities are using items designed for sleeping which meet CPSC and ASTM requirements.

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Kudej and seconded by Spading to approve the minutes of October 11, 2017. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **APPROVAL OF OLMSTEAD PLAN**

A motion to adopt the Olmstead Plan, as presented last month, was made by Hansell and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **2018-2022 PARK AND INSTITUTIONAL ROAD PROJECTS**

Shults reviewed the yearly 'Parks and Institutional Road Projects' plan with the Council.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Spading that the '2018-2022 Park and Institutional Road Projects' plan be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S ANNUAL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (REGARDING THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES RELATING TO MEDICAID MANAGED CARE)**

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Heffernan to approve the draft as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, it was determined that Spading would communicate with Sandy Knudsen to strategize on how the Council, in the future, would like to format the Executive Summary. Spading suggested creating a spreadsheet or tool that would be a blueprint for the Council to use, going forward. The tool would identify an issue, make a recommendation, and follow up on an outcome. A draft of this blueprint shall be shared with the Council at the next meeting for review.

## **COUNCIL UPDATE**

Spading shared her view that the recent news of AmeriHealth Caritas ending their contract with Iowa was predictable as they had a larger burden of highly challenging members. Spading noted that the short timeline for the transition will put additional stress on providers and support staff. She reiterated the need for more parity in the assignment of the more challenging populations.

Kudej questioned how the department could find the resources to fund the 3.3% rate increase to the two remaining managed care organizations. Kudej shared with the Council that on November 13th there is a consumer, provider and

advocates forum regarding Medicaid managed care at the Coralville Public Library and the Council is welcome to attend.

Hansell reported that she was appreciative of the State Auditor's report on the Department (dated October 26, 2017) and the responses from the department. In response to Hansell's question regarding the monthly Ombudsman report on managed care, it was shared that the report is posted on the Department of Aging's website and the Council will be either provided a link to the site or a copy in their monthly packet.

Anderson reported that he attended the Iowa conference for FEMA and also stood in for Vern Armstrong regarding DHS's role in disaster responses. Anderson noted he was saddened to learn of more DHS layoffs (Independence MHI).

Anderson reminded Council to email any questions or comments concerning the most recent MCO Quarterly Report to Sandy Knudsen so she can forward them to staff in preparation for the December Council meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

*Submitted by Sandy Knudsen, Recording Secretary*