

## **COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES**

### **MINUTES**

**November 10, 2015**

#### **COUNCIL**

Mark Anderson  
Phyllis Hansell (via phone)  
Alexa Heffernan  
Guy Richardson  
Kim Spading  
Sam Wallace

#### **EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

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

#### **STAFF**

Chuck Palmer  
Nancy Freudenberg  
Sandy Knudsen  
Paige Thorson

Wendy Rickman  
Mikki Stier  
Debbie Johnson  
Sandy Lint

#### **GUESTS:**

Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Department of Management  
Patty Funaro, Legislative Services Agency  
Angel Banks-Adams, Legislative Services Agency  
Rachele Hjelmaas, Legislative Services Agency  
Jess Benson, Legislative Services Agency  
Kent Ohms, Legislative Services Agency  
Janice Lane, Children and Families of Iowa (CFI)  
Denise Moore, CFI/Parent Partners  
Mindy Davidson, CFI/Parent Partners  
Sara Persons, CFI/Parent Partners  
Melony Storm, CFI/Parent Partners

#### **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 with the exception of Senator Segebart.

## **RULES**

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rules to Council.

1. Amendments to Chapters 41 and 46, Family Investment Program (FIP). Implements policies that allow families with an adult who is a nonqualified alien to apply for and receive FIP for their citizen for more than 60 months if the family meets hardship criteria and all other FIP eligibility criteria.

A motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Richardson. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

## **REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION**

N-1. Amendments to Chapters 73 and 88, Medicaid. This is the first of two rule amendment packages that implement the Governor's Medicaid Modernization Initiative.

N-2. Amendments to Chapters 36, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 81, 82, 83, 85, 90, and 92, Medicaid. This is the second of two rule amendment packages that implements the Governor's Medicaid Modernization Initiative.

A handout (pie chart) indicating the breakdown of technical MCO changes, technical current practice changes and substantive changes to the rules was distributed.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Wallace to approve the noticed rules and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Spading to approve the October 14, 2015, minutes and seconded by Richardson. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

## **PARENT PARTNERS PRESENTATION**

Wendy Rickman, Administrator, Division of Adult, Children and Family Services (ACFS) introduced Sandy Lint (ACFS) and Denise Moore, Melanie Storm, Sara Persons and Mindy Davidson of Children and Families of Iowa/Parent Partners, who gave a presentation on the “Parent Partner Approach.”

- Parent Partners provide support to parents who are involved with DHS and are working toward reunification with their children.
- Parent Partners mentor individuals, celebrate family success and strengths, exemplify advocacy, facilitate trainings and presentations, and collaborate with DHS and child welfare professionals.
- The criteria and role of a Parent Partner were discussed.

## **DISPROPORTIONALITY PRESENTATION**

Wendy Rickman, Sandy Lint and Janice Lane, Executive Director of Children and Families of Iowa provided a presentation on the Cultural Equity Alliance.

- The Alliance began in 2012, with a diverse membership which includes: DHS leadership, partnering state agencies, providers, community partners and parent partners
- The Alliance pursues equity by identifying and implementing institutional policy and practice changes that lead to the reduction of disparities and disproportionality in Iowa’s child welfare system
- Guiding principles: Promote optimal health and well-being of all individuals, improve quality of service supports and delivery, increase mental and physical health equity, promotes use of an equity lens, and reduce disproportionality and disparity

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS’ UPDATES**

In response to a question from Mark Anderson, Director Palmer reported that Iowa DHS is one of several State and Federal agencies collaborating to work on issues related to human trafficking.

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Director Palmer reported the following:

- The Governor met this week with Secretary Burwell (Centers for Medicaid Services) and exchanged perspectives regarding Iowa’s Medicaid Modernization.

- The Department continues to work toward and focus on the January 1<sup>st</sup> implementation date of Iowa's Medicaid Modernization plan. He suggested that a future agenda item for the Council would be to review performance and outcome measures.
- Director Palmer introduced Paige Thorson to the Council. Ms. Thorson has assumed the Policy Advisor role that was previously held by Jen Harbison.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen  
Recording Secretary

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