

## **COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES**

### **MINUTES**

**June 8, 2016**

#### **COUNCIL**

Mark Anderson  
Phyllis Hansell  
Alexa Heffernan  
Kimberly Kudej  
Guy Richardson (absent)  
Kim Spading (absent)  
Sam Wallace

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

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

#### **STAFF**

Chuck Palmer  
Sandy Knudsen  
Nancy Freudenberg  
Paige Thorson  
Liz Matney

Mikki Stier  
Amy McCoy  
Ryan Page  
Rick Shults

#### **GUESTS**

Kim Foltz, United HealthCare  
Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Department of Management (IDOM)  
Lawrence Kudej, Older Iowans Legislature (OIL)  
Jess Benson, Legislative Services Agency  
Angel Banks-Adams, Legislative Services Agency  
Patty Funaro, Legislative Services Agency  
Kris Bell, Senate Democratic Caucus  
RG Schwarm, Brown Winick Attorneys at Law  
Sara Allen, Iowa Hospital Association  
Tom Fey, Iowa Podiatric Medical Society  
Ashley Hunt, United HealthCare

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

All Council members were present with the exception of Richardson and Spading. Ex-officio legislative member Senator Segebart was present. Ex-Officio legislative members Representative Heddens, Representative Fry and Senator Ragan were absent.

## **RULES/NOTICES OF INTENDED ACTION**

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following amendments to rules as Notices of Intended Action to the Council.

R-1 Amendments to Chapter 75, Medicaid. Increases statewide average cost of nursing facility services. In addition, these amendments increase rates associated with Medical Assistance Income Trust (MAIT).

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

R-2 Amendments to Chapter 119, Record Check Evaluations. Adds definition for deferred judgement and clarifies record check process regarding deferred judgements.

Palmer noted that the Council may want to discuss the Record Check Process at a future Council meeting.

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

## **Notices of Intended Action**

N-1. Amendments to Chapter 109 "Child Care Centers." Implements a required orientation training in health and safety content areas for all staff within 3 months of employment and enhances emergency planning requirements. Adopts safe sleep practices. Provides for enhancements to current rules including a requirement for the regulatory fee to be part of a sufficient application. Provides technical clean-up of the rule chapter as a whole.

N-2. Amendments to Chapter 110, "Child Development Homes." Updates and revises Chapter 110. Incorporates changes required by the Child Care

Development Block Grant (CCDBG). Improves rules regarding the safety of children in care. Updates the chapter to ensure technical compliance.

N-3. Adopts a new Chapter 120, "Child Care Homes." Implements new federal rules outlining health, safety, and fire standards for child care providers that receive child care assistance funding.

N-4. Amendments to Chapter 170, "Child Care Services." Revises the chapter to reflect new federal CCDBG rules regarding child care assistance eligibility. Revises in-home provider language to conform with new federal regulations.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Hansell to approve the Noticed Rules with added language regarding training requirements. It should be noted that training requirements may be required prior to the five year period in rules as identified by the Department. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council requested the Department provide information regarding the dollar amount of the federal CCD Block Grant fund for Iowa.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Wallace to approve the minutes of May 11, 2016 and seconded by Kudej. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION (MCO) PRESENTATION: United HealthCare**

Kim Foltz, CEO, United HealthCare Community Plan of Iowa, addressed the Council.

- United HealthCare serves more than 46 million people around the world, and contracts with 850,000 physicians and care professionals. The company contracts with 6,000 hospitals and care facilities nationwide.
- In Iowa, United HealthCare serves approximately 200,000 members through IA Health Link.
- United HealthCare contracts with more than 30,000 providers and 126 hospitals in Iowa and employs more than 1,000 people in the state.
- Over the past five years, United HealthCare Children's Foundation has donated nearly \$150,000 in grants to help Iowa Families. Last year, the company contributed nearly \$100,000 to a variety of community organizations such as Heartland Family Services and the Young Women's Resource Center.

## **PSYCHIATRIC BEDS**

Rick Shults, Administrator, DHS Division of Mental Health and Disability Services addressed the Council. Reviewing a handout “Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Beds” Shults reported:

- Inpatient psychiatric hospitalization is the most intense and restrictive service for individuals with the most serious symptoms. The goal is to stabilize the individual’s symptoms so they can successfully return to the community with needed mental health services.
- 29 hospitals have psychiatric hospital beds including the two State mental health institutes. There are 731 staffed psychiatric hospital beds (489 specifically for adults, 142 specifically for children, 100 specifically for older adults)
- The purpose of the bed tracking system is to improve the efficiency of locating a bed for individuals that need inpatient treatment, to track availability of psychiatric hospital beds and to improve communication between hospitals and those seeking inpatient treatment for an individual. Reporting in the system is voluntary and all 29 hospitals with psychiatric hospital beds are reporting.
- Challenges continue to be those individuals with mental illness that are stable needing intensive community services and also individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability with serious behavior issues that need intensive community services.

## **COUNCIL UPDATES**

Kudej reported that she attended the “Managed Care Listening Post” meeting in Cedar Rapids on May 31. She noted that there were over 80 persons in attendance and many of them were providers. Much of the discussions centered around problems with claim denials.

Council discussed their letter to the Iowa Congressional Delegation about their concerns expressed at the May 11, 2016 Council meeting. Those concerns regarded the new federal legislation concerning the Child Care Development Block Grant. Council wanted the delegation to know that upon further consideration their initial letter was unclear.

A motion was made by Hansell and seconded by Wallace to amend the earlier letter by replacing the last two paragraphs with “While the Council understands the intent and value of some elements of this legislation, the law, as written, defies the commitment to a needs based program. Specifically, the Council strongly reacts to the asset limit of \$1,000,000. No individual or family can meet

the criteria of “need based” circumstances with assets of that size. The intent of setting such an asset limit is not understood. It is not possible that families could both need these services and be in possession of a million dollars in resources and assets.” THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **DIRECTOR’S UPDATE**

Paige Thorson, DHS Policy Advisor, distributed copies of a portion of the legislation (House File 2460) that pertains to the Council’s reporting duties in regard to Medicaid managed care.

Anderson suggested that the topic “Oversight of Managed Care” be placed on upcoming Council agendas, prior to “Council Updates” - allowing 30 minutes for discussion, with data reports handed to the Council prior to discussion.

Hansell reported that she would be interested to see how the MCO’s ‘value added services’ affect the data, and that she would like to see comparisons to other states.

### **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, July 13 2016 (public hearing held at the DHS River Place office in Des Moines).

Council adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

*Submitted by Sandy Knudsen  
Recording Secretary*