

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

March 11, 2015

COUNCIL

Mark Anderson
Phyllis Hansell
Alexa Heffernan
Guy Richardson
Roberta Yoder
Kim Spading

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Chuck Palmer
Sandy Knudsen
Julie Lovelady

Nancy Freudenberg
Wendy Rickman
Rick Shults

GUESTS

Megan, Bendixen, Iowa Medical Society
Bill Nutty, LeadingAge Iowa
Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Iowa Department of Management

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Anderson, Vice Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, in the first floor conference rooms of the Hoover State Office Building.

Director Palmer reported the sad news that former Council Chair, Dr. Mark Peltan passed away on March 10. Dr. Peltan was highly valued and made important contributions to the citizens we serve.

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present. Richardson joined by conference phone. All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

RULES

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

R-1 Amendments to Chapter 110, Child Care. Updates requirements for first aid kits, tamper-resistant plugs, fire safety rules for child development homes and providers.

A motion was made by Yoder to approve and seconded by Spading. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

R-2 Amendments to Chapter 110, Child Care. Updates requirements for dispensing medication in a child development home. These amendments also update requirements for physical examinations of persons residing in child development homes. Finally, these amendments clarify the maximum number of co-providers allowed for licensure in a child development home.

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

REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION

N-1 Amendments to Chapter 78, Medicaid. Eliminate the two-business day advanced notice for mileage reimbursement trips. These amendments also define a timeframe for which a member or transportation provider may submit a claim to the broker for reimbursement.

N-2 Amendments to Chapter 170, Child Care Assistance. Revises the child care assistance fee charts based on newly revised federal poverty levels.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Richardson to approve the minutes of February 11, 2015 and seconded by Spading. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Guy Richardson signed-off the call.

MEDICAID MODERNIZATION

Director Palmer reported that he and staff have been conducting public meetings around the state (Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Davenport, Iowa City, Council

Bluffs, Mason City and Sioux City). The meetings are designed to discuss the Medicaid Modernization initiative.

The main objectives of Iowa's Medicaid Modernization are:

- Improving quality and access
- Promoting accountability for outcomes
- Creating a more predictable and sustainable Medicaid budget

The Department released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Medicaid Modernization on February 16, 2015.

Julie Lovelady, Interim Medicaid Director, reviewed the initiative with the Council as well as providing an overview of the current Medicaid service delivery system.

Managed care Medicaid would work as follows:

- Medicaid agencies contract with managed care organizations (MCO) to provide and pay for health care services.
- MCOs establish an organized network of providers.
- MCOs establish utilization guidelines to assure appropriate services are provided at the right way, in the right time and in the right setting.
- Shifts focus from volume to per member, per month capitated payments and patient outcomes.

Medicaid Modernization is the movement to a comprehensive risk-based approach for the majority of current populations and services in the Medicaid program.

DHS will contract for delivery of high quality healthcare services for the Iowa Medicaid, Iowa Health and Wellness Plan, and Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (hawk-i) programs.

- Estimated savings in State Fiscal Year = \$51.3M in the first six months.
- Services are set to begin January 1, 2016

EQUALIZATION

Rick Shults, Administrator, Division of Mental Health and Disability explained equalization funding is not included in the Governor's budget proposal. Previously, equalization funding (\$30M) was provided to MHDS Regions for non-Medicaid funded services. The funding for non-Medicaid regional MHDS services is based on SFY15 funding minus the savings from the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHWP). In addition, other available funding was identified from MHDS property tax levy and funding from federal block grant funds. Shults noted that Region fund balances have increased by \$37M.

BED TRACKING

Shults reported that the Department is moving forward to develop a system that hospitals can use to access available psychiatric inpatient beds. The Department anticipates that this system would be up and running by July 1, 2015.

UPDATE ON MT. PLEASANT AND CLARINDA

Shults reported on the status of the Clarinda and Mount Pleasant Mental Health Institutions. Admissions to the Mt. Pleasant and Clarinda inpatient psychiatric programs will be discontinued. Transition plans, specific to each individual resident, will identify appropriate alternative placements.

A Reduction in Force (RIF) notice was given to 30 staff at the Mt. Pleasant MHI and is effective April 6.

The Iowa Residential Treatment Center (substance abuse) at Mt. Pleasant will continue to admit patients into their 30-day program until early May, with an expected discharge in June. At that time those staff will receive RIF notices.

30 inpatient adult psychiatric beds will be added at the Independence MHI.

Shults noted that the MHDS Regions are developing jail diversion, community crisis, and other services across the state. He reported that with intensive outpatient services people can be treated successfully in the community.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

A motion was made by Hansell to adjourn and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Council adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary

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