

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

JULY 9, 2014

COUNCIL

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Representative Joel Fry
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)
Senator Amanda Ragan (absent)
Senator Jack Whitver (absent)

STAFF

Chuck Palmer
Jennifer Vermeer
Amy McCoy
Diane Stahle

Nancy Freudenberg
Sally Titus
Jean Slaybaugh
Vern Armstrong

Jen Harbison
Julie Allison
Rick Shults
Sandy Knudsen

GUESTS

Representative Dave Heaton
Josh Bronsink, Senate Republicans
Ryan Santi, Woodward Academy
Trent Flesher, Woodward Academy
Aaron Todd, Senate Democrats
Jess Benson, Legislative Service Agency
Kyle Carlson, Magellan
Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Department of Management
Angie Rae Duncan, First Children's Finance
Kim Combes, Adoptive Parent/Counselor
John Harvey, VOCAL of Iowa
Jamie Cashman, Iowa State Association of Counties
Steve Michael, Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning
Mike Arndt, Youth Homes of Mid-America
Dana Holland, Ottumwa Good Samaritan/Iowa Health Care Association (IHCA)
Cindy Baddeloo, IHCA/ICAL
Jeff Steggerda, IHCA/ICAL

GUESTS (Con't)

Shanell Wagler, Early Childhood Iowa
Heidi Schlueter, State Child Care Advisory Committee
Dan Royer, Iowa Hospital Association
Kristie Oliver, Coalition for Family and Children's Services in Iowa
June Rumelhart, Iowa Family Rights
Candice Bennett, Juvenile Court Services
Tim Ross, Juvenile Court Services
Ruth Frush, Juvenile Court Services
David Adelman, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club
Jodie Warth, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club, Des Moines
Brian Meyer, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club, Dubuque
Heidi Blomquist, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club, Adair
Chuck Rowe, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club, Waterloo
John Tursi, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club, Cedar Rapids
Erica Peterson, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club, Ames
Eldon Bensen, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club, Sioux City
Teresa Bomhoff, NAMI of Greater Des Moines
Cory Berkenes, Iowa Food Bank Association
Jodi Tomlonovic, Family Planning Council
Juli Randa
Elaine Willey
Jeanne Munson
Nancy Augustine
Erin Davison-Rippey, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
Shawn Zierka, Older Iowans Legislature
Bob Welsh, Older Iowans Legislature
Dennis Tibben, Iowa Medical Society
Lynhon Stout, Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association
Nancy Fetter, Iowa Children and Family Coalition
Dylan Hildreth, PAL Aftercare Program
Sara, PAL Aftercare Program
Terri Bailey, Des Moines AMP (Achieving Maximum Potential)
Joe Orr, Des Moines AMP Council
Salena Dameron, Des Moines AMP Council
Jacob, Des Moines AMP Council
Abbie, Des Moines AMP Council

Mark Peltan, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at Polk County River Place, Conference Room 1A, in Des Moines.

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present. Representative Joel Fry was also present. Ex-officio members Senator Amanda Ragan, Representative Lisa Heddens and Senator Jack Whitver were absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON DHS FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

This portion of the meeting was held for the purpose of hearing public comments as the Department of Human Services develops its FY 2016 budget recommendations and legislative package. (All testimony is on file and available in the Director's Office.)

Those persons/groups presenting and sharing written comments were:

- Dana Holland/Cindy Baddeloo, IHCA/ICAL
- Shanell Wagler, Early Childhood Iowa
- Heidi Schlueter, State Child Care Advisory Committee
- Dan Royer, Iowa Hospital Association
- Kristie Oliver, Coalition for Family and Children's Services in Iowa
- June Rumelhart, Iowa Family Rights
- Candice Bennett, Chief Juvenile Court Officer for 6th District
- Tim Ross, Chief Juvenile Court Officer for 4th District
- Ruth Frush, Chief Juvenile Court Officer for 1st District
- Jodie Warth, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club
- Brian Meyer, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club
- Heidi Blomquist, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club
- Chuck Rowe, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club
- John Tursi, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club
- Erica Peterson, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club
- Eldon Bensen, Iowa Alliance of Boys & Girls Club
- Teresa Bomhoff, NAMI of Greater Des Moines
- Cory Berkenes, Iowa Food Bank Association
- Jodi Tomlonovic, Family Planning Council
- Juli Randa
- Elaine Willey
- Jeanne Munson
- Nancy Augustine
- Erin Davison-Rippey, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland

- Shawn Zierka, Older Iowans Legislature
- Bob Welsh, Older Iowans Legislature
- Dennis Tibben, Iowa Medical Society
- Lynhon Stout, Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association
- Nancy Vetter, Iowa Children and Family Coalition
- Dylan Hildreth, PAL Aftercare Program
- Sara, PAL Aftercare Program
- Joe Orr, Des Moines AMP (Achieving Maximum Potential) Council
- Salena Dameron, Des Moines AMP
- Jacob, Des Moines AMP
- Abbie, Des Moines AMP

Those organizations that submitted written comments but did not present were:

- Iowa Prevention of Disabilities Policy Council
- Iowa State Association of Counties

RULES

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rules to Council. (There were no rules for adoption)

REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION

N-1. Amendments to Chapter 7, Appeals. This amendment updates the definition of "Aggrieved Person," in the administrative rules to add clarity and provide for appeals rights for persons in new programs.

N-2. Amendments to Chapters 78 and 79, Medicaid. These amendments allow legal representatives to be paid providers when providing services to members receiving individual CDAC or CCO.

A motion was made by Anderson to approve the Report of Noticed Action and seconded by Spading. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Anderson to approve the minutes of June 11, 2014. The motion was seconded by Yoder. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Richardson to retain the current Chair, Mark Peltan, and the current Vice-Chair, Mark Anderson. The motion was seconded by Yoder. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MEDICAID DIRECTOR REPORT

Jennifer Vermeer, Medicaid Director, reported to the Council that she has accepted a position as Assistant Vice President of Medical Affairs for University of Iowa Health Care. Her last day with DHS will be August 21. She stated that it will be hard to leave her current position, but that she is looking forward to this new public service opportunity.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' UPDATE

- Representative Fry reported that the Legislature ended the session strong and noted that next year's budgets will continue to be tight.
- Yoder reported that due to her interest in foster and adoption care, she visited the Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames.
- Heffernan reported that following last month's Council meeting, she visited the Department's Central Intake Unit's Call Center.
- Council members noted the resignation of Jennifer Vermeer as the Medicaid Director and thanked her for her service to the State and wished her well in her new role with the University of Iowa.
- Peltan noted that Council members, as they reflect upon the information offered in the presentations, may have questions that need clarification. Please let Sandy Knudsen know if clarification is needed.
- Following discussion, the Council recommended the following topics for future agendas: 1) Subsidized Guardianship; 2) Plans for Children's Mental Health; 3) Therapeutic Foster Care; 4) Licensure versus Registration of Child Care; and 5) Address level of care and secure care for juvenile girls.
- Council congratulated Phyllis Hansell, who has been named a "Woman of Influence" by the Des Moines Business Record.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Palmer provided the following report:

- The Department is working on budget proposals for fiscal year 2016 and will present recommendations to the Council in September. The budget remains very tight and there is at least a \$30 Million shortfall in the Medicaid Program for Fiscal Year 2014. The Department is in discussion with the Department of Management to work toward solutions to the shortfall.

- The Department continues to see significant growth in the Iowa Health and Wellness Program, and has surpassed 110,000 enrollments.
- The resignation of Jennifer Vermeer as the Medicaid Director is significant. Ms. Vermeer brought professionalism, vision, caring and creativity to the very demanding role of Medicaid Director. The Department will initiate a national search for a new director and in the meantime have appointed Julie Lovelady as interim director. Ms. Lovelady is currently the Deputy Medicaid Director.
- The MHDS Regions are now in operation and, on the whole, things have been proceeding well.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services is scheduled for August 13, 2014, in Des Moines.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Richardson to adjourn and seconded by Spading.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Council adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary