

TELECONFERENCE MINUTES: COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES: MARCH 11, 2020

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Mark Anderson, Chair – present via phone	Director Kelly Garcia – present
Kimberly Kudej – present via phone	Mikki Stier – present
Sam Wallace – present via phone	Matt Highland – present
Carol Forristall – present via phone	Nancy Freudenberg – present
Rebecca Peterson – present via phone	Annie Lukens – absent
Skylar Mayberry-Mayes – absent	

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS
Representative Joel Fry – absent
Senator Mariannette Miller-Meeks – absent
Senator Amanda Ragan – absent
Representative Timi Brown-Powers – absent
GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Anderson, Council Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. via conference call on Wednesday, March 11th, 2020.

Mark Anderson, Council Chair, read aloud: "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 First Floor Conference Room of the Hoover State Office Building. An agenda was sent to interested groups as well as the press advising that the meeting will be held via conference call. Minutes will be kept of the meeting."

ROLL CALL

Courtney Bushell, held roll call of the Council of Human Services. Attendance details listed above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 12th, 2010 meeting minutes.

VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

COUNCIL ACTION

A motion was made to amend Council agenda to move the Director's Report to the beginning of the teleconference.

VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

RULES

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau Chief of Policy Coordination with Department of Human Services presents the following amendments to the administrative rules for adoption:

R-1. Amendments to Chapter 176 "Dependent Adult Abuse," and Chapter 177, "In-Home Health related Care," Iowa Administrative Code. These amendments add provisions for coordination of services to avoid duplication. The rules also add clarification when reviews need to be completed and when services may be terminated. The amendments remove form names and numbers.

VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

R-2. Amendments to Chapter 187, "Aftercare Services and Support," Iowa Administrative Code. Aftercare rules were recently changed by the Department. There was an oversight when changes were made and an incorrect dollar amount was cited in the amount of services some participants may receive for financial support for aftercare programs. This amendment corrects the rule clarifying that youth may receive up to \$300 per quarter, which was the original intent of the rule.

VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

N-1. Amendments to Chapter 77, "Conditions of Participation for Providers of Medical and Remedial Care," Chapter 78, "Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services," and Chapter 79, "Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care," Iowa Administrative Code. The Iowa Board of Pharmacy, in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Public Health, developed statewide protocols for pharmacists ordering and dispensing of naloxone and nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) tobacco cessation products, as well as pharmacists ordering and administering vaccines. In order to allow these expanded pharmacist practice protocols under Medicaid the following changes are proposed: Add "Pharmacist" as a provider type eligible to enroll in the Medicaid program. Clarifies qualified prescriber and prescription requirements based on the pharmacist expanded practice standard. Amends the section related to pharmacies administering influenza vaccine to children to include all Medicaid covered vaccines for children and adds the administration of adult vaccines, pursuant to 657 IAC 39 and the statewide protocols. Also adds Medicaid verification and reporting requirements. The changes enable pharmacists to take advantage of the expanded practice standards while clarifying the Medicaid verification and reporting requirements for vaccines. Amends the section related to basis of reimbursement for vaccines related to pharmacies. All billing and reimbursement of vaccines, regardless of provider type, will be through the healthcare common procedure coding system (HCPCS) to ensure consistency among providers as well as a coordinated Medicaid immunization record for the member.

VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

N-2. Amendments to Chapter 170, "Child Care Services," Iowa Administrative Code. The current Child Care Assistance (CCA) Plus program is based on an income limit of 85 percent of the state median income and is limited to 12 months. The time limit is in conflict with federal regulations. effective July 1, 2020, the time limit will be eliminated and the income eligibility criteria will be reduced to 225 percent of the federal poverty level. The change recommended by the Governor to the infant and toddler definition is also incorporated in this estimate.

VOTE: MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

COUNCIL UPDATE

No Updates

DIRECTORS REPORT

Glenwood Resource Center

- Director Garcia will be presenting to House Government Oversight Committee today.
- DOJ will be onsite March 30 through April 3rd for interviews.
- Ensure our stakeholders have a clear, identified understanding of facilities - who we serve and who we don't serve.
- Redefining the role - a higher level of care.
- Broader goal - understand each individuals needs.
- Ensure people understand with ease our commitment to those we serve.
- Does anyone have any questions on tha?

Staffing Update

- Director Garcia also provided an update on staffing at DHS.
- You may have noticed, since we last met we've posted a few key positions at DHS, including:
 - Division Administrator for Adult, Children and Family Services (ACFS)
 - Interviews have been conducted and a decision will be announced soon.
 - A Division Administrator position for community mental health and a Division Administrator position dedicated to our facilities.
 - Interviews have been conducted and a decision will be announced soon.

Managed Care Withhold

- Iowa Total Care is reprocessing claims.
 - We will be reaching out to provider groups soon.
-

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services is Wednesday, April 8th, 2020 and will be a teleconference.

ADJOURN

Council on Human Services teleconference meeting on March 11th, 2020 adjourned at 10:55am CST.