

**Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2019**

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES</b>
Mark Anderson – <b>present via phone</b>	Jerry Foxhoven – <b>present via phone</b>
Alexa Heffernan – <b>present via phone</b>	Harry Rossander - <b>present</b>
Kimberly Kudej – <b>present</b>	Nancy Freudenberg - <b>present</b>
Kim Spading – <b>present via phone</b>	Mikki Stier – <b>present via phone</b>
Sam Wallace – <b>present via phone</b>	Mike Randol – <b>present via phone</b>
	Marissa Eyanson – <b>present via phone</b>

<b>EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS</b>
Representative Joel Fry – <b>absent</b>
Representative Lisa Heddens – <b>absent</b>
Senator Amanda Ragan – <b>absent</b>
Senator Mark Segebart – <b>absent</b>

**Guests**

Craig Schoenfeld, Iowa Total Care  
 Stacie Maass, Iowa Total Care  
 Abdullah Amehee, Iowa Total Care

**Call to Order**

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. via conference call on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Anderson stated:

“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

All Council members were present.

All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

## Rules

Nancy Freudenberg presented the following rule for adoption:

**R-1.** Amendments to Chapter 73, Medicaid. Allows advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) and physician assistants (PAs) to be primary care providers with a managed care organization (MCO).

A motion was made by Heffernan to approve and seconded by Kudej.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**R-2.** Amendments to Chapter 176, Dependent Adult Abuse. Streamlines required maintenance of administrative rules for dependent adult abuse by removing form numbers from administrative rules.

A motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Heffernan.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Nancy Freudenberg presented the following rules for Notice:

**N-1.** Amendments to Chapters 36 and 81, Medicaid. Changes the assessment levels for nursing facilities effective July 1, 2019. The Human Services Department in collaboration with stakeholders developed new assessment levels and requested an effective date of July 1, 2019.

Anderson asked for clarification on the effects of this proposed rulemaking. Randol and Eyanson discussed the effects of this rule making and that the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise worked with the two nursing facility associations to craft the administrative rule.

Heffernan asked if this rule making was designed to provide a net increase to nursing facilities. Eyanson assured Heffernan that she was correct in her statement about the net increase.

Spading asked if this rule making would have a greater impact on smaller facilities. Randol and Eyanson explained that the number of residents in any given facility does not specifically impact the increase found in this rule making.

**N-2.** Amendments to Chapter 73, Medicaid. Revises language to reflect the Department's implementation of a passive managed care enrollment process.

Spading asked if this rule making will affect the current on-going efforts to “on-board” the new managed care organization (MCO). Randol reiterated how the process to “on-board” the new MCO was being accomplished. He stated that IME had created an algorithm to re-allocate Medicaid members between the three MCO providers. He noted that there are a number of members who, due to their medical condition, would not be moved as part of the algorithm.

**N-3.** Amendments to Chapters 78 and 79, Medicaid. Changes the Consumer Choices Option (CCO) program available within the AIDS/HIV, Brain Injury, Elderly, Health and Disability, Intellectual Disability, and Physical Disability Waivers. Consolidates the CCO service description rules into one administrative sub rule, 441--78.34(13). Changes the monthly budget billing methodology for the Financial Management Services (FMS) provider from a prepay method to a post pay method. Also clarifies who may self-direct services and the budget and employer authority responsibilities. Defines how the monthly CCO budget may be used by a member self-directing services. Removes the reference to the DHS service workers who are no longer involved in the CCO program. Finally, adds new member and employee responsibilities to assure proper payment for CCO services are made.

A motion was made by Wallace to accept the Notices of Intended Action and seconded by Spading.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Spading and seconded by Kudej to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

### Council Update

Anderson – Consulted with community leaders impacted by these specific administrative rules to gain a better understanding of impacts.

Wallace – Nothing to report.

Spading – Nothing to report.

Kudej – Nothing to report.

### Director’s Report

Jerry Foxhoven, Director, reported

- The Department continues to send out letters to Medicaid recipients regarding the new MCO provider and the realignment of recipients to MCOs. Approximately 20,000 to 21,000 letters are being sent out daily. The Director noted that even though the letters designate a specific MCO for recipients, the recipients will have a specified time to choose from which MCO they wish to receive services.
- The Governor recognizes that the work load for case workers has grown to be too high. As the result of working with the Department, the Governor has

currently allocated monies in her budget submission that would increase the number of case workers by 83.

Anderson noted that the Council will have three new members at the next Council meeting. Director Foxhoven stated that he and staff will be working with the new members to prepare them for their new duties on the Council.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services is Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Hoover Building.

**Adjournment**

Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Submitted by,  
Harry Rossander  
Interim Recording Secretary  
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