

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

October 14, 2015

COUNCIL

Mark Anderson
Phyllis Hansell
Alexa Heffernan (Absent)
Guy Richardson
Kim Spading
Sam Wallace

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Chuck Palmer
Nancy Freudenberg
Sandy Knudsen

Wendy Rickman
Rick Shults
Amy McCoy

GUESTS:

Rod Boshart, Cedar Rapids Gazette
Tom Brown, Advisory Council on Brain Injury

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, in the Director's Fifth Floor Conference Room of the Hoover State Office Building.

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present with the exception of Heffernan. All ex-officio legislative members were absent with the exception of Representative Fry.

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 following rules. The rules essentially state that access must be provided to the public. The meeting is being held on a speaker phone in the Director's fifth floor conference room of the Hoover State Office Building. Notices and agendas were sent to interested groups as well as the press advising them the meeting will be held via conference call. Minutes will be kept of the meeting.

IA HEALTH LINK OUTREACH

Amy McCoy, DHS Public Information Officer, reported on the Department's outreach efforts in regard to Medicaid modernization and the MCO's (Managed Care Organizations). Council members were encouraged to contact Ms. McCoy if they need more information or resources regarding Medicaid Modernization.

RULES

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

1. Amendments to Chapters 77, 78 and 79, Medicaid. Implements the provider qualifications, service scope and reimbursement methodology for community-based neurobehavioral rehabilitation residential and intermittent services.

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

2. Amendments to Chapter 78, Medicaid. Changes the name of the "Assisted Living On-Call" service to the "Assisted Living" service. Also adds a Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirement for a documented daily assisted living encounter with members.

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

3. Amendments to Chapters 150 and 202, Child Welfare. Implements five percent (5%) rate increase for services from specified child welfare providers.

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

REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION

N-1. Amendments to Chapters 41 and 46, Family Investment Program (FIP). Implements policies that allow families with an adult who is a nonqualified alien to apply for and receive FIP for their citizen for more than 60 months if the family meets hardship criteria and all other FIP eligibility criteria.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Spading to approve the September 9, 2015, minutes and seconded by Wallace. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

PARKS AND INSTITUTION ROAD PROGRAM

Rick Shults, Administrator, Division of Mental Health and Disability Services, reviewed the 2016-2020 Allocation to the Department of Human Services (and the Iowa Veterans Home) from the Department of Transportation to the Park and Institutional Road Projects.

A motion was made by Richardson and seconded by Spading to approve the allocation as presented. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' UPDATES

Hansell reported that a Federal District Court Judge has ruled that Minnesota's process of holding sex offenders after they have completed their prison sentence is unconstitutional. Shults noted that Iowa's Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders has distinct differences from what is occurring in Minnesota and several other states. A distinguishing feature in Iowa is that individuals participate in a multi-step treatment program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Palmer reported the following:

- The Department continues to prepare for the January 1st implementation of Medicaid Modernization. Contracts have been signed between DHS and the four MCO's (Managed Care Organizations). The MCO's are busy preparing their provider network. DHS is putting together a rules package for the Council's review in late November or perhaps in a special meeting in December. He suggested that Mikki Stier be on the Council's agenda in November for a fuller briefing.
- The Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup convened last month. Phyllis Hansell is a member of the workgroup. Their report to the Legislature is due December 15.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary

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