

**COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**November 29, 2016**

**COUNCIL**

Mark Anderson  
Phyllis Hansell  
Alexa Heffernan  
Kimberly Kudej  
Guy Richardson (absent)  
Kim Spading  
Sam Wallace

**EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

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

**STAFF**

Sally Titus  
Sandy Knudsen  
Amy McCoy

**GUEST**

Tony Leys, Des Moines Register

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Anderson convened the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Roll was taken.

Anderson read the following:

“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 Director’s fifth floor conference room of the Hoover State Office Building. An agenda was 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.”

The purpose of the meeting is to “Review/Approve the draft Executive Summary of Calendar Year 2016 Council on Human Services deliberations to Medicaid Managed Care.”

Anderson stated that the summary should not be an exhaustive document but should capture points/topics and when the discussions were held. The legislators could read the minutes, call upon the Council, etc. The Council’s obligation is that these topics were discussed.

MOTION: Sam Wallace moved and Alexa Heffernan seconded that the draft of the Executive Summary as distributed be approved.

Spading shared her concern that the summary covers months prior to when the legislation was enacted regarding oversight. She doesn’t believe the months prior to that date should be included in the summary.

MOTION TO AMEND: Kim Spading moved and Phyllis Hansell seconded that the Executive Summary report exclude the months January 13, 2016 through May 11, 2016.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amy McCoy read the passage in the legislation regarding the parameters of the report: “The Council on Human Services...shall regularly review Medicaid managed care as it relates to the entity’s respective statutory duties. These entities shall submit executive summaries of pertinent information regarding their deliberations during the prior year relating to Medicaid managed care to the department of human services no later than November 15, annually, for inclusion in the annual report submitted as required under this section.”

Discussion: Spading shared that she doesn’t believe that the Executive Summary reflects the concerns brought forward at the September 14, 2016 meeting and would like the minutes included in the report. Spading asked that staff double check the minutes posted on the Department’s website to assure they are the most recent.

Titus pointed out that the Legislature also receives copies of the Council’s actual minutes on a quarterly basis.

Spading stated she thinks that the way the savings are calculated are still lacking and believes that the Legislature should view the Council’s discussion of September 14 along with the Executive Summary Report.

MOTION TO AMEND: Spading moved and Alexa Heffernan seconded that the Executive Summary include a “bullet” to read that Council member Kim Spading submitted a series of questions prior to the September 14, 2016, meeting regarding managed care savings and outcomes that were then discussed at the September meeting where the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Performance Data Report was presented. The minutes to that meeting can be found at this link [http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Council\\_Minutes\\_9-14-16.pdf](http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Council_Minutes_9-14-16.pdf) and the questions begin on Page 4 under Liz Matney’s discussion of the report.

The motion to amend was approved unanimously.

Council voted unanimously to approve the Executive Summary as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

*Submitted by Sandy Knudsen,  
Recording Secretary*