

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

September 13, 2016

COUNCIL

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

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Chuck Palmer
Sandy Knudsen
Jean Slaybaugh
Vern Armstrong
Sally Titus
Wendy Rickman
Paige Thorson
Jason Buls

Mikki Stier
Amy McCoy
Joe Havig
Lorrie Tritch
Jody Lane-Molnari
Rick Shults
Karalyn Kuhns
Phil Davis

GUESTS

Kris Bell, Senate Democratic Caucus
Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Department of Management
Christine Bryant, UnitedHealthCare
Jen Van Lien, UnitedHealthCare
Alissa Weber, UnitedHealthCare
Kelly Ann Light McGregory, UnitedHealth Care
Dennis Tibben, Iowa Medical Society
Molly Driscoll, Brown Winick
Jess Benson, Legislative Services Bureau
Kimberly Murphy, Iowa Hospital Association
Angel Banks-Adams, Legislative Services Bureau
Kristie Oliver, Coalition for Families and Children's Services

Kaci O'Day-Goldstein, IFAPA
John Harvey, VOCAL
Don Burgmaier
Larry Kudej, OIL

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present with the exception of Richardson and Spading. All Ex-officio legislative members were absent with the exception of Senator Segebart.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Palmer reported to the Council that the budget is a process and that the Department is at the beginning stage of that process. Consistent with other State agencies, the proposed DHS budget, will essentially remain status quo (with changes to Medicaid mandates and replacement of one-time funding).

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Jean Slaybaugh, Division of Fiscal Management, distributed a document listing additional funding requests should funding become available.

SFY 2018 AND 2019 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Staff presentations were provided to the Council on each section of the appropriation requests. The presentations provided an overview of the agency's work with nearly 1,002,587 Iowans who benefit from the programs and services administered by DHS. The budget recommendations are on file in the Director's Office.

IMPROVE IOWANS' HEALTH STATUS

Mikki Stier, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, reviewed the following programs:

- Medical Assistance
- Iowa Health & Wellness Plan
- Children's Health Insurance Program
- Medical Contracts
- State Supplementary Assistance

Copies of correspondence from several care agencies to the Council were distributed. The agencies requested the Council increase the reimbursement

rate based on Medicare Low-Utilization Payment Adjustment (LUPA). Palmer noted that the Department is recommending DHS stay within the \$1M appropriation in light of budget restrictions.

PROMOTE IOWANS' BEHAVIORAL & DISABILITIES HEALTH STATUS

Rick Shults, Division of Mental Health and Disability Services, reviewed the following:

- Cherokee Mental Health Institution
- Independence Mental Health Institution
- Glenwood Resource Center
- Woodward Resource Center
- Conner Training
- Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders
- State Payment Program
- MHDS Regional Funding

IMPROVE SAFETY, WELL-BEING & PERMANENCY FOR IOWA'S CHILDREN

Wendy Rickman, Division of Adult, Children and Family Services, reviewed the following:

- Child Abuse Prevention
- Adoption Subsidy
- Child and Family Services
- Comprehensive Family Support Programs
- Eldora Training School (Rick Shults reporting)

IMPROVE IOWANS' EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC SECURITY

Wendy Rickman reviewed the following:

- Family Investment Program
- Food Assistance
- Child Care Assistance
- Child Support Recovery (Vern Armstrong reporting)

EFFECTIVELY MANAGE RESOURCES

Vern Armstrong, Division of Field Operations and Jean Slaybaugh reviewed the following:

- Field Operations
- General Administration
- Volunteers
- TANF & Block Grants

COUNCIL VOTE

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Hansell to approve the proposed SFY 2018 and SFY 2019 status quo budget request, with changes for Medicaid mandates and replacement of one-time funds appropriated as part of the SFY2017 status quo. This includes state and general funding, related federal funding, and other funding including TANF, SSBG, the Health Care Trust Fund and all other sources of funding as associated with the DHS budget request document. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Heffernan and seconded by Wallace to allow the Department to make adjustments, including federal match rate changes, necessary to the Council's SFY 2018 and SFY 2019 budget recommendations. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Hansell and seconded by Heffernan to submit a separate additional budget request for consideration by the Governor's Office, should funds allow, that would enhance the Department's ability to operate at current service levels, as presented in the DHS additional budget request document. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RULES

Paige Thorson, Policy Advisor, presented the following rules to Council:

Amendments to Chapters 105, 113, 114 and 202, regarding Child Abuse, Child Welfare and Foster Care. These amendments implement the federal law, "Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act." These amendments also update language regarding liability of foster parents and add new requirements about annual fire inspections and building codes. Finally, these amendments change the requirement for provision of transition plan documents to any child leaving foster care at the age of 18 or older.

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

Amendments to Chapter 175, regarding Child Abuse. These amendments implement the federal law, Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (P.L. 114-22)," which requires state child protective agencies to consider a child to be a victim of "child abuse and neglect: and of "sexual abuse" if the child is identified as being a victim of sex trafficking or a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons. These amendments also require individuals who patronize or solicit persons for a commercial sex act to be equally culpable for sex trafficking offenses.

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

Notices of Intended Action

Amendments to Chapters 40, 41, and 46, Food Assistance and Family Investment Program. These amendments add definitions for locations where applicants and participants are prohibited from accessing funds with their electronic access cards.

Amendments to Chapter 99, Child Support Recovery. These amendments conform the child support process to statutory changes regarding suspension of court orders for child and medical support. Amends the current suspension process to allow for suspension of the child support order if the child goes to live with a caretaker who does not want child support, and both parents consent to the suspension.

A motion was by Hansell to accept the Report of Noticed Action and seconded by Wallace. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Wallace to approve the minutes of August 10, 2016 and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, September 14, 2016 regarding Managed Care Oversight.

Council adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

*Submitted by Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary*