

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

September 13, 2017

COUNCIL

Mark Anderson
Phyllis Hansell
Alexa Heffernan
Kimberly Kudej
Kim Spading
Sam Wallace

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Jerry Foxhoven
Sandy Knudsen
Jean Slaybaugh
Vern Armstrong
Merea Bentrott
Wendy Rickman
Bob Krebs

Mikki Stier
Amy McCoy
Joe Havig
Lorrie Tritch
Jody Lane-Molnari
Rick Shults
Carol Eaton

GUESTS

Sandi Hurtado-Peters, Department of Management
Kimberly Murphy, Iowa Hospital Association
Angel Banks-Adams, Legislative Services Agency
Kris Bell, Senate Democratic Caucus
Natalie Ginty, Iowa Hospital Association
Kim Murphy, Iowa Hospital Association
Denise Rathman, National Association of Social Workers/Iowa
Natalie Koerber, Amerigroup
Molly Driscoll, BrownWinick
John Stoebe, Univerisity of Iowa, HPC
Hannah Beach, Legislative Services Agency
Charlotte Eby, LS2 Group
Rod Borchart, Cedar Rapids Gazette
Ashley McGuire, United Health Care
Kyle Carlson, Amerigroup
Sheila Hanson, Child and Family Policy Center

Bill Nutty, IHCA
Susan Cameron, IHCA
Kelly Meyers, IHCA/ICAL

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present. Ex-officio legislative members Representative Fry and Representative Heddens were absent. Ex-officio legislative members Senator Ragan and Senator Segebart were present.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Foxhoven reported to the Council that the budget being reviewed today is the second year of a two-year budget. He noted that the budget presented will essentially remain status quo with some changes to Medicaid mandates and replacement of one-time funding.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Jean Slaybaugh, Division of Fiscal Management, reviewed the Executive Summary (pages 2-1 to 2-5) The Department touches approximately 34% of Iowa's population every year with services and programs. The agency has a budget of \$6.5 billion and in SFY19 about \$1.8 billion will come from the general fund (27% of the budget).

In response to questions from Council, Slaybaugh stated that, with a status quo budget, DHS will need to manage any additional expenses inherent in the budget with no additional State funding. She noted that DHS always looks for opportunities to enhance federal funding and to find ways to manage more efficiently.

SFY 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 1,025,680 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, and Wendy Rickman, Division of Adult, Children and Family Services, reviewed the following programs:

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

It was noted that Congress has yet to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Stier will provide information regarding the CHIP funding versus private insurance for hawk-I participants per Hansell inquiry.

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

Per request from Hansell, Shults will provide a listing of the number of staff at each institution.

Shults reported that Dr. Jerry Rea has been hired as the new Superintendent of the Glenwood Resource Center. He thanked Marsha Edgington (Superintendent of the Woodward Resource Center) for sharing the superintendent duties at Glenwood during the transition.

Per request from Spading, Shults will provide a summary of required MHDS regional core services as well as the detailed MHDS regional data report.

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
- Eldora Training School (Rick Shults reporting)
- Comprehensive Family Support Programs

Rickman will provide Council with a copy of the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP) annual Evaluation Report from July 2017. She will also share information regarding the TOPS tool being used in Child Welfare.

IMPROVE IOWANS' EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC SECURITY

Wendy Rickman reviewed the following:

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

Rickman will provide the Council with the latest Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) annual report and information regarding the Harkin Foundation efforts. She will also provide information on the number of persons served and outcomes regarding the Food Assistance Employment and Training Program.

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 State Fiscal Year 2019 budget request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED with Spading and Kudej opposed.

A motion was made by Heffernan and seconded by Hansell that the Council send a memo to the Governor sharing the Council's concerns regarding the State Fiscal Year 2019 Budget's zero growth. Chair asked that a draft be prepared for the Council's review and approval.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Proposed Cost Containment Initiatives and Additional Budget Request Documents

Two documents were distributed and reviewed by staff:

- 1) SFY19 Cost Containment
- 2) SFY19 Additional Budget Request If Funds Are Available.

After discussion, Council decided to add verbiage to their memo to the Governor stating that they have examined other possibilities for budget containment.

RULES

Nancy Freudenberg presented the following rules to Council:

R-1 Amendments to Chapters 7 and 87, Family Planning. Implements a new state family planning program. Amends appeals rules to remove references to the old state-funded family planning program. This amendment was Adopted and Filed Emergency at the June 14, 2017 Council meeting.

Discussion: Heffernan reported that she felt the language in the bill regarding “entity” was ambiguous and the legislature should clarify what was meant before a large group of providers are deemed not able to participate in the Family Planning Program. Rickman and Foxhoven noted that the Department is following the interpretation from the Attorney General’s Office in drafting the rules.

A motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Hansell. MOTION CARRIED with Anderson and Heffernan opposed.

R-2 Amendments to Chapters 74, 75 and 76, Medicaid. Implements the cost containment strategy to eliminate the three month retroactive benefit provisions from initial application and applications to add new Medicaid members. These amendments are being Adopted and Filed Emergency and are associated with the Notice of Intended Action found below.

Discussion: The Department has requested a waiver from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) for approval of the elimination of three-month retroactive eligibility for Medicaid applications that will begin on October 1, 2017. As of this date no response from CMS has been received - the Department would make adjustments based on the ruling from CMS. Spading questioned the specificity of this legislation versus coming up with a targeted cost savings.

A motion was made by Hansell to approve and seconded by Wallace. MOTION CARRIED with Kudej and Spading opposed.

R-3 Amendments to Chapters 75 and 76, Medicaid. Implements the cost containment strategy to remove references to medical assistance for family planning services which refers to Medicaid under the Family Planning Network waiver. These amendments are being Adopted and Filed Emergency and are associated with the Notice of Intended Action below.

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

R-4 Amendments to Chapter 79, Medicaid. Allows Medicaid providers, in addition to providing narrative documentation, to provide narrative documentation of service in a checkbox format. These amendments are being Adopted and Filed Emergency and are associated with the Notice of Intended Action N-5 below.

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

Noticed Rules:

N-1 Amendments to Chapters 52 and 54, Medicaid. Removes the requirement for an annual cost report for privately operated residential care facilities (RCFs) and changes the cost reimbursement methodology to be based on the maximum per diem rate per subrule 52.1(3).

N-2 Amendments to Chapters 74, 75 and 76, Medicaid. Implements the cost containment strategy to eliminate the three month retroactive benefit provisions from initial application and applications to add new Medicaid members. These amendments are associated with the Adopted and Filed Emergency rule R-2. The Notice of Intended Action is being filed to provide for public comment on the Adopted and Filed Emergency Rule.

N-3 Amendments to Chapters 75 and 76, Medicaid. Implements the cost containment strategy to remove references to medical assistance for family planning services which refers to Medicaid under the Family Planning Network waiver. These amendments are associated with the Adopted and Filed Emergency rule R-3. This Notice of Intended Action is being filed to provide for public comment on the Adopted and Filed Emergency Rule.

N-4 Amendments to Chapter 79, Medicaid. Allows Medicaid providers, in addition to providing narrative documentation, to provide narrative documentation of service in a checkbox format. These amendments are associated with the Adopted and Filed Emergency rule R-4. This Notice of Intended Action is being filed to provide for public comment on the Adopted and Filed Emergency Rule.

N-5 Amendments to Chapters 152, 156, and 202, Child Welfare. Aligns program and payment changes under the competitive child welfare services procurement for supervised apartment living (SAL) based on the child welfare crisis intervention, stabilization and reunification service request for proposal.

A motion was made by Wallace to approve the Noticed Rules and seconded by Hansel. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Wallace to approve the minutes of August 9, 2017 and seconded by Heffernan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

Anderson thanked the Council for their hard work.

Council adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

*Submitted by Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary*