

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

May 13, 2015

COUNCIL

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

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Chuck Palmer
Sally Titus
Sandy Knudsen
Jen Harbison
Tom Bouska
Lori Frick
Mike McInroy

Nancy Freudenberg
Amy McCoy
Vern Armstrong
Lori Lipscomb
Evan Klenk
Matt Majeski

GUESTS

Kari O'Day-Goldstein, Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association
Tony Leys, Des Moines Register

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Anderson, Vice Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in the first floor conference rooms of the Hoover State Office Building.

New Council member Sam Wallace was introduced and welcomed to the Council.

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present. Spading joined by conference phone. All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

RULES

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

R-1 Amendments to Chapter 75, Medicaid. Increases premiums for applicants and recipients under the Medicaid for Employed Persons with Disabilities program with income over 150% of the federal poverty level.

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

R-2 Amendments to Chapter 75, Medicaid. Increases the statewide average cost of nursing facility services to a private-pay person. Amendments also update the average costs for nursing facilities, Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMICs), and Mental Health Institutions (MHIs), and the maximum Medicaid rate for Intermediate Care Facilities for persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IDs) which are used to determine the disposition of income of a Medical Assistance Income Trust (MAIT).

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

R-3 Amendments to Chapter 79, 85, and 88, Medicaid. Changes the reimbursement methodology for non-state owned PMICs.

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

REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION

N-1 Amendments to Chapter 78 and 83, Medicaid. Implements changes in the administrative rules based on requirements from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the Intellectually Disability (ID) and Brain Injury (BI) waivers.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 8, 2015 were approved by unanimous vote.

DHS SERVICE AREA MANAGER PRESENTATIONS

Vern Armstrong, Administrator, Division of Field Operations, introduced the Service Area Managers (SAMs):

Tom Bouska, Western Service Area
Lori Frick, Eastern Service Area
Mike McInroy, Des Moines Service Area
Lori Lipscomb, Centralized Service Area
Matt Majeski, Cedar Rapids Service Area
Evan Klenk, Northern Service Area

Armstrong noted that the SAM presentation today was to orient the Council to the Division of Field Operations and present some of the challenges and opportunities in the field.

The Service Areas deliver:

- Protective Services: Social Worker staff assure child and dependent adult assessments are performed when abuse is alleged and handle court involvement.
- Child Welfare Case Management for Children and Families: Social Worker staff provide case management services
- Eligibility services for Medicaid, Food Assistance, and Family Investment Program (FIP): Income Maintenance staff perform the eligibility activities.

Other Service Area Staff include Supervisors and Support Staff.

There is an average of 250 staff in each Service Area. Armstrong noted that the Division has never been “static” and they are always looking for the best way to deploy staff. There are currently 42 full time county offices and 57 part time offices (by appointment only) in the State.

Each Service Area Administrator addressed the Council – some of the topics discussed include:

- Mental Health Reform
- Woodbury County Native American Program
- Differential Response
- Detention Reform
- Decategorization Process
- Iowa Children’s Justice Initiative
- Community Collaboration
- Concurrent Planning
- All Contractors Meetings
- Breakthrough Services Collaboration (BSC)
- Transition of kids to adulthood

- Refugee Services
- Intake Unit
- Abuse Registry
- Record Checks
- Child Care Assistance

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jen Harbison, Policy Advisor, provided an update:

- Both the Senate and House continue to work on appropriation bills.
- The Senate passed the Child Support funding bill.
- Considerable work remains before the session ends.

COUNCIL MEMBERS UPDATE

Mark Anderson proposed that the June Council meeting be held at the Bremwood Center in Waverly.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chuck Palmer provided an update on the Mt. Pleasant and Clarinda MHIs. The compromise bill proposed by the House to fund both of these MHIs through December 15 was discussed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 in Waverly.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary