

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

December 10, 2014

COUNCIL

Mark Anderson
Phyllis Hansell
Alexa Heffernan
Mark Peltan
Guy Richardson
Kim Spading (absent)
Roberta Yoder

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

Representative Joel Fry (absent)
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)
Senator Jack Whitver (absent)
Senator Amanda Ragan (absent)

STAFF

Chuck Palmer
Nancy Freudenberg
Chad Dahm

Sally Titus
Sandy Knudsen

GUESTS

Kaci O'Day Goldstein, IFAPA
Megan Bendixen, Iowa Medical Society
John Harvey, VOCAL

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Peltan, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 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 Spading. All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

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.

RULES

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

1. Amendments to Chapters 51 and 52, State Supplementary Assistance. Implements annual cost of living allowances for specific areas of the State Supplementary Assistance program.

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

2. Amendments to Chapter 77. Updates an obsolete reference relating to requirements by the Board of Educational Examiners for AEA employees.

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

3. Amendments to Chapter 81. Updates definitions for PASRR and ICF/PMI facilities. In addition, updates occupancy rates in accordance with 2014 Iowa Acts, HF 2463. Updates allowable nursing facility per diem rates and clarifies payment for reserve bed days in the state-run Iowa Veteran's Home. And provides technical updates to remove obsolete references.

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

4. Amendments to Chapters 109 and 110. Streamlines the current record check process for employees of child care centers and child development homes by

aligning the process with the centralized process used for other areas within the Department.

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

5. Amendments to Chapters 117 and 200. Provides a pre-service training specific to Native American families to increase the number of licensed Native American families available for placement of Native American children who come into the child welfare system.

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

REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION

N-1. Amendments to Chapter 51 and 52, State Supplementary Assistance. Implement annual cost of living allowances for specific areas of the state supplementary assistance program.

N-2. Amendments to Chapters 78 and 88, Medicaid. Replace references to the multi-axial classification of mental disorders used prior to the implementation of the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) in 2013 with appropriate references to the new DSM-5.

N-3. Amendments to Chapter 110, Child Development Homes. Requires that child development home providers have readily accessible emergency contact information regarding the children in care.

N-4. Amendments to Chapter 110, Child Development Homes. Modifies the height requirements for fences around swimming pools at child development homes.

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

Following discussion, it was suggested that Julie Lovelady, at a future meeting, address the Council regarding the use of only the DSM as a classification tool for Medicaid.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Heffernan to approve the November 12, 2014, minutes and seconded by Hansell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' UPDATES

There were no updates.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Palmer reported that DHS made their presentation at the Governor's Budget Hearing on December 8. The year ahead will be challenging due to many factors including the shifting of the federal match. Much of the focus at the hearing centered on health care expansion and the mental health redesign. The document that DHS used at the hearing will be shared with the Council. This week the Iowa Revenue Estimate Conference takes place which will allow us to see exactly what the projected revenue numbers will be.

DHS has a significant number of individuals on waiting lists for Medicaid waiver services (approximately 9,000). This year the legislature appropriated \$6M to address the issue. The \$6M will not be used for any other purpose other than to buy down slots on the waiver programs, which would assist approximately 1200 individuals. Although it is a complicated process, DHS has been issuing about 50 waivers a week to address those on waiting lists.

Palmer noted that, looking at the larger picture, there have been many positive accomplishments at DHS over the last few years.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, January 14, 2014.

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

Council adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary

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