

# **COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES**

## **MINUTES**

**January 14, 2015**

### **COUNCIL**

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

### **EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

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

### **STAFF**

Chuck Palmer	Deb Johnson
Nancy Freudenberg	Jean Slaybaugh
Chad Dahm	Sandy Knudsen

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Anderson, Vice-Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 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 Yoder. 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 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 DSM-5 in 2013 with appropriate new references.

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

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

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

3. 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 Spading to approve and seconded by Hansell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

## **REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION**

N-1. Amendments to Chapter 79, Medicaid. Addresses changes proposed as a result of a petition for rulemaking regarding reasonable costs for staff training.

Following discussion, Palmer suggested this topic be an agenda item at a future Council meeting.

N-2 Amendments to Chapters 110 and 170, Child Care and Child Care Assistance. Assure that child development home providers remain in compliance with applicable rules and are providing safe care to the children in their environment.

N-3 Amendments to chapter 187, Child Welfare. Allow access to aftercare services and preparation for adult living stipend to youth aging out of the Iowa State Training School and court-ordered Iowa Juvenile Detention centers.

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Richardson to approve the December 10, 2014, minutes and seconded by Peltan. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' UPDATES**

Mark Peltan, Chair, announced that due to health issues, he is resigning from the Council. He noted that he will miss working with the Council and DHS staff. Director Palmer read a letter from Governor Branstad to Dr. Peltan. In that letter, Governor Branstad thanked Dr. Peltan for his years of service to the state. Palmer also reported that he personally valued the working relationship, counsel, leadership and thoughtfulness that Dr. Peltan has provided.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Palmer reported the following:

- Individuals formerly served by CoOpportunity Health receive coverage through the Iowa Wellness Plan or Coventry Health Care of Iowa. Implications of the upcoming federal Supreme Court's review of the lawsuit regarding states receiving subsidies that are not part of the federal exchange will be closely monitored.
- The Governor's Condition of the State address on January 13, 2015 addressed themes that included:
  - anti-bullying
  - domestic violence
  - importance of child care and veterans services
- The Governor's budget did not include funding in FY16 for programs at the Clarinda and Mt. Pleasant Mental Health Institutions. Sally Titus and Rick Shults were meeting with Clarinda and Mt. Pleasant staff today. The Clarinda facility serves 25 persons (in the adult psychiatric program and the gero-psychiatric program) with 76 employees and an annual budget of \$8.5M. Mt. Pleasant serves 39 persons (in the adult psychiatric program and dual-diagnosis program) with 83 employees and an annual budget of \$6.9M. DHS will be working closely with communities, the Independence and Cherokee Mental Health Institutions and the University of Iowa Health Clinics as the state focuses on the future of the delivery system, best practices, and locations of services for those with disabilities. More details regarding this issue will be shared at a later meeting.
- The Governor's budget includes a significant goal for the Department to meet – moving toward a more aggressive approach to managing care. The Department is exploring how Iowa can modernize and improve the

administration and delivery of Medicaid. The next step will be the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and implementation is expected by next January.

Palmer asked the Council to contact him if they have any questions or concerns.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

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

Council adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen  
Recording Secretary

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