

Sec. 72. STUDY OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE OPTIONS FOR PERSONS

WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. The department of human services shall engage representatives of the department of inspections and appeals, department on aging, the regional mental health and disability services system, the Iowa association of community providers, the Iowa behavioral health association, and other service providers, and other stakeholders to study community-based placement options for persons with serious mental illness. The study shall consider both services currently available and services that should be developed to meet the needs of persons with serious mental illness. The system elements addressed by the study shall include but are not limited to regulatory, liability, and funding issues, and other barriers to maintaining current community-based services options and developing new options. The results of the study, including findings and recommendations shall be reported on or before December 15, 2014, to the governor and the persons designated by this Act for submission of reports.