

2022 Iowa Mental Health Planning Council Calendar of Events

Due by Dec. 1	Implementation report due to N/O – were first year priority goals met?
2023 Iowa Mental Health Planning Council Calendar of Events	
Wed., January 18 9:00 am to 3:30 pm	Zoom Meeting https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/94822201344?pwd=bmRuc3dFOVcrbIFIZ1k3U0JXc3NnZz09 Meeting ID: 948 2220 1344 Passcode: 201311
Wed., March 15 9:00 am to 3:30 pm	Zoom Meeting https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/94822201344?pwd=bmRuc3dFOVcrbIFIZ1k3U0JXc3NnZz09 Meeting ID: 948 2220 1344 Passcode: 201311
Wed., May 17 9:00 am to 3:30 pm	Zoom Meeting https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/94822201344?pwd=bmRuc3dFOVcrbIFIZ1k3U0JXc3NnZz09 Meeting ID: 948 2220 1344 Passcode: 201311 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am to 11:30 am – MHPC only • 12:30 pm to 3:30pm MHPC Joint meeting with MHDS Commission
Wed., July 19 9:00 am to 3:30 pm	Hybrid Meeting (in-person & Zoom) Lucas State Office Building - Room 517/518 312 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319 https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/94822201344?pwd=bmRuc3dFOVcrbIFIZ1k3U0JXc3NnZz09 Meeting ID: 948 2220 1344 Passcode: 201311
Wed., Sept. 20 9:00 am to 3:30 pm	Zoom Meeting https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/94822201344?pwd=bmRuc3dFOVcrbIFIZ1k3U0JXc3NnZz09 Meeting ID: 948 2220 1344 Passcode: 201311
Thurs., October 19,	Hybrid Meeting (in-person & Zoom) TBD 9 AM to Noon – IMHPC meeting 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm – MHPC Joint meeting with MHDS Commission https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/97972891280?pwd=eTFTMUN5VIRzZU94c3VJbG9WYzFGQT09 Meeting ID: 979 7289 1280 Passcode: 849309
Wed., Nov. 15 9:00 am to 3:30 pm	Zoom Meeting https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/94822201344?pwd=bmRuc3dFOVcrbIFIZ1k3U0JXc3NnZz09 Meeting ID: 948 2220 1344 Passcode: 201311

Monitoring and Oversight Committee

2021-22 IMHPC Recommendations to MHDS for Block Grant Funding
 Your Life Iowa and the State Warm Line Contracts meets many of the recommendations that we have made.
 Telehealth stays available – legislation passed to give parity on payment, too.

1. Systems of Care programs to be available statewide and especially in the rural communities- *funded 2 more*
2. Funding of peer run organizations – *funded 4*
3. Refugee and other marginalized populations mental health assistance

Requested a briefing from our refugee service providers to understand holistically the current and growing needs for refugee resettlement in Iowa – so that the Iowa Legislature can assist with additional funding to match the growing needs.

Tom Chapman, Executive Director of the Iowa Catholic Conference, hosted the Zoom meeting. Also attending:

- Erica Johnson, Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice
- Kerri True-Funk, U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
- Dena Lewerke, Lutheran Services in Iowa's Economic Development Coordinator
- Laura Thako, LSI's Family Services Manager
- Sam Hutchisson, Catholic Charities Diocese of Des Moines's Refugee Services Program Manager
- Amy Campbell, LSI Government Relations
- Livvy Su, RISE AmeriCorps Program Manager
- Scott Caldwell, Catholic Charities Program Director

- Brenda Myers, LSI
 - Kelsie Thien, House Democratic Caucus Research Analyst
- From Tom, "Since the 1970s, more 30,000 refugees have been resettled into Iowa. Cuts in refugee admissions and funding at the federal level put local refugees at risk of falling the cracks, experiencing economic hardship, and jeopardizing their path to becoming full participants in our community. Refugees who receive state-funded extended case management would be less likely to depend on long-term public assistance. Investing in refugees from their first few years of arrival can accelerate their trajectory for success."

Areas needing additional state support

- English Language Learners education budget
- Case Management, especially after 90 days arrival when Federal help ceases
- Access to legal services
- Safe, affordable housing
- Employment opportunities
- Public school enrollment
- Childcare

Health Equity Webinar series – some are recordings, some are live webinars

[Building Health Equity Webinar Series](#)

Iowa's record of MHBG allocations

2017 final MHBG allotment - \$4,279,421 minus 25%

2018 final MHBG allotment - \$5,464,792 minus 10% FEP \$546,479 = \$4,918,313

2019 final MHBG allotment - \$5,377,612 minus 10% FEP \$537,761 = \$4,839,851

2020 Total MHBG allotment - \$5,271,887 minus 10% FEP \$527,189 = \$4,744,698

 2021-22 – there were 3 pots of money

2021-22 Total regular MHBG allotment

\$5.6M minus 10% FEP \$560,000 and 5% Crisis Services \$280,000 leaves \$4,760,000.

\$4,760,000 less 5% administrative expenses \$238,000 leaves \$4,522,000 split

70% CMHC's \$3,165,400 and 25% state contracts \$1,356,000

2021-22 CARES (Covid Supplement) Act-Total MHBG allotment-**\$6,480,000** minus 10% FEP \$648,000 and 5% Crisis Services \$324,000 leaves \$5,508,000.

\$5,508,000 -will be issued through remaining contracts with **5%** for administrative expenses \$275,400

\$6.48 M – 2 yrs to spend – we have this money from **March 2021 through March 2024**

(before extension granted -the final date was March 2023)

✓ **Peer Run organizations** – awarded 4

1. **Freedom Pointe of Greater Webster County- Wellness Center** freedompointe16@gmail.com
Contact w/1600 people/mo, expanded to Greene Co, regular guest @ Homeless Haven (under the bridge) Have gotten called out on 90 active suicide threats, incorporates theatre, support, fun, services, advocacy and "chick-a-boom", wants to have a regular meeting with consumers, grand opening in August at 2 locations
2. **Iowa Peer Network- Statewide Peer Support Network** - This is a brand-new peer operated organization that will finalize the steps to become an operational business. It is not connected with the peer training contract nor the U of IA. Sara Knox and Jennifer Day are the founders of the business and are peer support specialists with a range of experience. Sara.knox@iowapeernetwork.org – have website, no newsletter, no meetings, online workshops, continuing education 4X/yr – 1 in each qtr of the state, on social media, planning a 2023 conference for peer support specialists - May 20 Peer Support Conference
3. **Life Connections Peer Recovery Services- Peer-Operated Respite only**, subcontractor to U. of IA peer support training program, WRAP classes and facilitator training, support group for peer specialists, helped Freedom Pointe with assistance on grant application. info@lifeconnectionsrecovery.org
4. **NAMI Johnson County- Wellness Center** – have warm line for persons with lived experience M-F 1-5 Sat 11-3 – have served 80 so far, have activities at the wellness center

✓ **Statewide survey of system assessment** – analysis of behavioral health services relating to justice related services (Medicaid also released an RFP for the same type of assessment with Mathematica– so their information will be utilized to determine where \$ needs to be spent). Some services identified in the study will receive funding

✓ Those with SMI and Homeless: **7 PATH programs** across the state. Monies not for rent or a home, but rather for assistance with legal documentation and applying for SSI.

✓ **Systems of Care (SOC)** Funded 2 more programs. \$135,000 per year - \$ to help kids who have SED but not Medicaid and need wrap-around services. An RFP was issued. Grantees are Orchard Place (exp to Dallas & Madison) and Ellipsis (other counties)

✓ Extend Covid Recovery Iowa and changed name to Project Recovery Iowa when FEMA funds end. \$1.926 M. Should be able to stay in business until 6-30-23

✓ **Center of Excellence** for Evidence Based Practices. Monitors fidelity of EBP's. Was awarded to U. of Iowa. Will provide fidelity monitoring and training for EBP's like Assertive Community treatment, etc.

U. of Iowa - [Iowa Peer Workforce Collaborative | The University of Iowa \(uiowa.edu\)](#)
Peer training contract - National Resource Center for Family Centered Practice with subcontractor – Life Connections
Iowa Scanlan Center for School Mental Health
BEST Conference was held the first week of Nov 2021-had 1600 attendees - conf Oct.10-11, 2022 – had 2000 attendees
BEST stands for (Behavioral, Equitable, Social-Emotional, Trauma-Informed) Health Summit
\$1.8 M to expand MH training and rural outreach
Center of Excellence

✓ **CCBHC funding for technical assistance** to DHS to inquire about state certification of CCBHC's. What are other states doing? Does a CMHC morph into a CCBHC? How can we sustain CCBHC's in Iowa after the federal grant dollars go away? (We didn't sustain the systems of care projects after their federal grants ended.) Missouri converted all their CMHC's to CCBHC's. Texas is going in the same direction.

**Additional Covid mitigation dollars - \$385,380 also received to be distributed to CMHC's for testing, PPE, etc.*

2021-22 - American Rescue Plan - SAMHSA plan request - **\$11.2 M** – **Sept 2021 - 4 years to spend –till Sept 2025**
[American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) 2021 | Iowa Department of Human Services](#)

Off the top: 5% for crisis services, 10% for First Episode Psychosis programs

1. 988 implementation including expanding call center capacity, technical assistance
2. Continuation of Center of Excellence for EBP's in Behavioral Health
3. Continuation of other items listed under CARE act priorities

988 planning grant – the initial grant was a Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI) from SAMHSA
final draft of report done – last meeting 1-12-22 - <https://dhs.iowa.gov/mhds/crisis-services/988-planning-grant>- they will have a marketing plan for older adults – [libraries, radio, bars/restaurants, banks, EMS, Fire Dept.](#)

Live nationwide



The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number is transitioning to the 3-digit number 9-8-8

A reminder that emergency calls still need to go to 911 – if police or an ambulance are needed

Call 988 for suicide prevention, mental health crisis support – it is a talk line, not the number to call to dispatch services

On June 24, Congress passed the S.2938 [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#) and President Biden signed the bill into law the following day. This new law dramatically increases funding for lifesaving mental health and substance use care programs by expanding [Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics](#) nationwide, and by boosting funding for 988 implementation and crisis services, mental health awareness training programs, and the community mental health block grant. **To be determined – how 988 and Your Life Iowa will converge.**

[S.2938 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): Bipartisan Safer Communities Act | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)

2022-23 IMHPC Recommendations to MHDS for Block Grant Funding

1. Address workforce issues
2. Provide needed services in older adult population
3. Utilize the same functional assessment tool for Systems of Care contracts

2022-23 MHBG - \$6,522,020 - Total regular MHBG allotment

\$6.5M minus 10% FEP \$650,000 and 5% Crisis Services \$325,000 leaves \$5,547,020

\$5,547,020 less 5% administrative expenses \$277,351 leaves \$5,269,669 split

70% CMHC's \$3,688,768 and 25% state contracts \$1,580,901 – **will need a list of how \$ spent**

The Bipartisan and Safe Communities Act provides additional MHBG

\$621,948 – has to be used by Oct. 16, 2024

https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/MHBG_FY22-23_Assessment_and_Plan-final.pdf

22-23 priorities in the MHBG grant - **Year 1** – answer 9-30-22, **Year 2** - answer 12-1-23 (recorded in 12-1-23 implementation report)

FY 22-23 MHBG Priorities – [MHBG FY22-23 Assessment and Plan-final.pdf \(iowa.gov\)](#) – Laura Larkin is the MHBG planner

Priority #1 - Expand mental health services and supports to children with a Serious Emotional Disturbance and their families

Goal - Expand access to community-based mental health services and supports for children with an SED who are not eligible for Medicaid funded services. **Year 1 – ends 9-30-22**

Strategy - Issue an **RFP for up to 2 programs** to develop local **Systems of Care** for children with an SED

Baseline - State currently has 4 SOC programs

Year 1 - Increase to 6 SOC programs through issuance of an RFP for 2 new SOC programs - **Yes**

Year 2 - Maintain 6 SOC programs

Priority #2 - Crisis Services

Goal – IDPH and DHS will work together to Implement the 988 Crisis Line in Iowa

Strategy – 1. Develop a 988 implementation plan with the assistance of the stakeholder coalition

2. Implementation of the 988 plan

Baseline – Plan is in development

Year 1 - Plan submitted to Vibrant and approved for implementation during SFY22 **Yes**

Year 2 - Plan implemented and Iowa Lifeline centers begin answering calls effective July 16, 2022

Priority #3 – Support and Development of the Behavioral Health Workforce

Goal – Promote retention and recruitment of qualified individuals for the behavioral health workforce.

Increase competency of the behavioral health workforce through training and technical assistance.

Strategy – 1. Develop a **statewide Center of Excellence** to assist providers in implementing evidence-based practices with fidelity. **Yes**

2. DHS and IDPH will collaborate to expand Relias online training platform to community mental health centers.

3. DHS and IDPH will implement a shared peer support training collaborative for peers serving individuals with an SMI, parents of children with an SED and individuals with an SUD.

Indicator 1 - DHS and IDPH will collaborate to **expand Relias behavioral health online training available to SUD providers** to CMHCs

Baseline - 0

Year 1 – 13 **No**

Year 2 - 27

Indicator 2 – Increase access to **peer support/family peer support/recovery peer coach training** through DHS/IDPH joint training collaborative

Baseline – New peer support training contract effective 6/1/2021

Year 1 – Contractor will provide 6 peer support, 6 family peer support, and 6 recovery peer coach trainings **Yes**

Year 2 - Contractor will provide 6 peer support, 6 family peer support, and 6 recovery peer coach trainings

Indicator 3 - DHS will establish a **Center of Excellence** for Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices

Baseline – None currently exists

Year 1 – DHS will issue an RFP and award a contract for Center of Excellence **Yes**

Year 2 - The Center of Excellence will provide training & technical assistance to stakeholders % providers on DHS-approved EBP's

Priority #4 - Expand services to individuals experiencing a **First Episode of Psychosis** or Early Serious Mental Illness

Goal – Expand the number of NAVIGATE teams in Iowa from 3 to 4.

Strategy – Contract with a new NAVIGATE team provider, provide training and technical assistance to the new team

Indicator 1 - New NAVIGATE team will begin serving eligible individuals

Baseline – 0

Year 1 – Serve 10 individuals by 9/30/22 – **served 6**

Year 2 - Serve 25 individuals by 9/30/23

Priority #5 - Develop Peer-Run Organizations

Goal – Issue an RFP for peer-run organizations to apply for MHBG funding.

Strategy – Issue an RFP for peer-run organizations to apply for MHBG funding.

Indicator 1 - Increased access to services provided by peer-run organizations through issuance of an RFP for up to 4 grants

Baseline – 0

Year 1 – State plans to award up to 4 grants to peer-run organizations. **Yes**

Year 2 - Peer-run organizations will provide services in accordance with contracts with DHS.

Picture of the Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services

Iowa Health & Human Services Dept.

Choose contact for Help

- 988 -counseling, de-escalation, decisions
- 911 –police dispatch + counselor if imminent threat
- Your Life Iowa call 855-581-8111 text 855-895-8398
- Mental Health – Suicide – Alcohol - Drugs
- Gambling – Resources

County Behavioral Health Depts
County Public Health Depts

13 MHDS Regions <https://www.iowamhdsregions.org>

Mental Health and Disabilities Regions

Each region has a [Region Websites](#)

CEO

[Regional Adult Coordinator Contacts](#)

Adult Services Coordinator

Adult Advisory Committee

Providers Adult Services

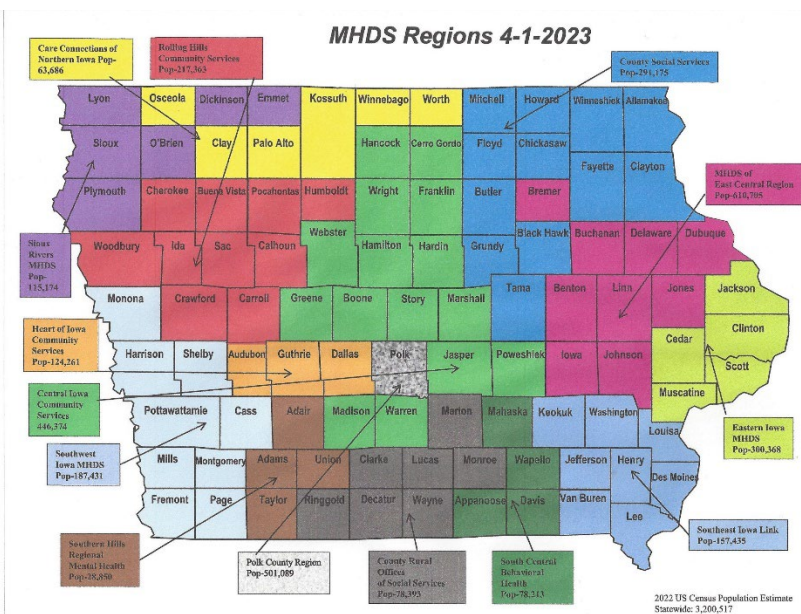
Governing Board

[Regional Children Coordinator Contacts](#)

Children's Services Coordinator

Children's Advisory Committee

Providers Children's Services



MHDS Region anticipated movement 7-1-2023

2022 US Census Population Estimate Statewide: 3,200,517

The number of MHDS regions will drop from 14 to 13 on July 1, 2023, when 2 regions will combine. The new MHDS Region will be named "MH Agency of SE Iowa" and is located in the SE corner of the state.

[Administrative Rules](#)
[Crisis Services Maps](#)
[Regional Policies & Procedures](#)
[Regional Annual Reports](#)
 MHDS Regions & AEA website:
<https://iowaaeamentalhealth.org>

FY 22-23 - SABG application -

[https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/portals/1/userfiles/11/iowa%20final%20fy2022 2023%20sapt%20bg%20application%20behavioral%20health%20assessment%20and%20plan.pdf](https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/portals/1/userfiles/11/iowa%20final%20fy2022%202023%20sapt%20bg%20application%20behavioral%20health%20assessment%20and%20plan.pdf)

Priority #1 – Facilitate Access to Pregnant and Parenting Women and Children Treatment Services

Indicator #1 – Increase access for priority population within 5 days of first contact and admission

Baseline - IBHRS data for women and children contractors; greater than five days

First Year Outcome - By the end of year one, access to services will occur within 5 days from date of first contact to admission

Second Year Outcome - By the end of year two, access to services will occur within 3 days from date of first contact to admission

Priority #2 – Substance Abuse Treatment - Advance Treatment Continuum of Care

Indicator #1 - Implement Recovery Housing and Community Centers in Iowa - **4**

Baseline - Development of RFP

First Year Outcome - By end of year 1, IDPH will contract w/2 contractors to implement Recovery Housing Community Centers

Second Year Outcome - By end of year 2, IDPH will release RFP to implement Recovery Community organizations in 2 Iowa communities

Priority #3 – Primary Prevention - Increase Iowan’s Access to and Quality of Primary Prevention Services

Indicator #1 - increased access and quality of primary prevention trainings

Baseline - Training needs assessment

First Year Outcome -By the end of year one, IDPH will conduct a training needs assessment with IPN prevention contractors to determine priority training topics. IDPH will establish a two-year prevention training calendar which will include topics identified in the training needs assessment. a) IDPH will engage Iowa State University Extension to organize and host at least 10 ten training opportunities over a two-year period. b) In collaboration with Iowa State University Extension, create at least 5 promotional items to highlight various training opportunities.

Second Year Outcome - By the end of year 2, at least 80% of IPN prevention contractors will report an increase ability to provide quality prevention services.

Priority #4 - Iowan's will have increased access to TB services

Indicator #1 - IPN providers will demonstrate compliance with TB SABG regulations and competency in serving individuals with TB

Baseline: Policy development within IPN provider network and increase in competency in serving Iowan's with TB

First Year Outcome - By the end of year one, All IPN providers will complete the SABG Prevention and Treatment Regulations form which documents compliance with requirements for individuals who screen positive for TB

Second Year Outcome - By the end of year two, 60% of all IPN providers will participate in an education opportunity for TB as arranged by IDPH

Priority #5 -Iowan's who inject drugs will have increased access to services

Indicator #1 - Competency and increased access to services for individuals who inject drugs

Baseline - Policy development and training within IPN provider network and increase in competency in serving Iowan's who inject drugs

First Year Outcome - By the end of year one. All IPN providers will complete the SABG Prevention and Treatment Regulations form which documents requirements for individuals who inject drugs

Second Year Outcome - By the end of year 2, all IPN providers will implement policies addressing outreach services to persons who inject drugs

Priority #6 - IDPH and DHS will work together to implement 988 Crisis Line in Iowa

Indicator #1 - IDPH and DHS will collaborate on the 988 plan development, collaboration and submission

Baseline - plan in development

First Year Outcome -Plan submitted to contractor (Vibrant) and approved for implementation during SFY22

Second Year Outcome - Plan implemented and Iowa Life Line centers begin answering calls effective July 16, 2022

Priority #7 - Promote retention and recruitment of qualified individuals for the behavioral health workforce. Increase competency of the workforce through training and technical assistance

Indicator #1 - IDPH will increase the number of providers and agencies who utilize Relias

Baseline - 555 current providers and 13 independent organizations

First Year Outcome - 600 providers

Second Year Outcome – 17 organizations

Indicator #2 - IDPH and DHS will increase access to peer recovery coaching/peer support/ family peer support training through IDPH/DHS collaboration

Baseline -new peer support contract effective 6/1/2021

First Year Outcome – Contractor will provide 3 Recovery Peer Coach trainings, 6 family peer support & 6 peer support trainings

Second Year Outcome - Contractor provides 3 Recovery Peer Coach trainings, 6 family peer support & 6 peer support trainings

2024-2025 MHBG – \$7,739,414 Total regular MHBG allotment - Mental Health

2024-2025 SABG - \$13,204,014 Total regular SABG allotment

MHPC Monitoring and Oversight Committee priorities – having a problem with attendance – set a different meeting date and time

- Provide support for the continuation and expansion of peer supports services including peer support specialists, family peer support specialists and recovery coaches
- Provide services to assist teens and young adults transitioning from youth to adult services
- Increase availability of services to elderly population
- Brain Injury and subsequent development of depression and anxiety

See proposed list from M&O Committee for more explanation

SABG Monitoring and Oversight Committee priorities

Iowa Medicaid Director: Liz Matney (hired 6-21) ematney@dhs.state.ia.us

Bureau Chief for Medical/LTSS for Iowa Medicaid: Motsinger, Paula pmotsin@dhs.state.ia.us

HCBS Waiver and Health Home Policy: LeeAnn Moskowitz

Bureau Chief for Quality, Innovation and Medical Policy – Ruth Curtiss rcurtis@dhs.state.ia.us

Medicaid Program Manager - jerdman@dhs.state.ia.us

Medicaid Program Manager for Mental health, behavioral health, substance use disorder and state plan programs: Hannah Olson

Medicaid plan for use of ARPA funding to support HCBS

https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Iowa_Medicaid_ARPA_HCBS_Spending_Plan.pdf

[American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) 2021 | Iowa Department of Human Services](#)

o **Increased training and support** -

- Enhancement of a provider training platform
- Employee training and scholarships for providers
- Crisis response provider training – targeted on serving individuals with ID/DD for HCBS, crisis, BHIS, providers
- Resources for parents and caregivers of individuals with ID/DD, including training, specialized services
- Health IT infrastructure – outcomes monitoring and continuity of care

Provider Prevention and Support Strategies contract– awarded to Elevate (they also do I-Start)

o **Expanded access to services**

need confirmation of projects under this title

Technology Grants

| Pilot project for therapeutic foster homes

o **Workforce support**

- Direct care registry
- One-time recruitment/retention provider payments

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/ARPA>

Iowa Legislature - Committee Documents 12-9-22 information given to Health Policy Oversight Committee

1. Community Based Services Evaluation (HCBS) – 13 pages
2. Medicaid Eligibility Determination & Tools – 12 pages
3. Iowa Medicaid Overview – 32 pages
4. Medicaid Community Integration – 8 pages

State Medicaid Director Liz Matney, presented to the House Health and Human Services Budget Subcommittee on the work to improve Iowa's Medicaid Program for its members. The presentation contains an excellent overview in four primary policy areas:

1) Home and Community Based Services Waiver changes. The recommendations come from an evaluation conducted by Iowa HHS, Mathematica, and The Harkin Institute. Additional information can be found [here](#).

2) Medicaid Provider Rate Review. The Department conducted a comprehensive rate review for Medicaid providers that identified benchmark rates for provider groups. Director Matney explained the intention to bring reimbursement rates into alignment with service needs. The rate review information begins on page 21 of the presentation that is linked below.

3) Medicaid Dental Services Request for Proposal and Rate Review.

4) Continuous Coverage/Federal Public Health Emergency Declaration.

The Iowa HHS plan for eligibility redetermination as the Public Health Emergency unwinds.

A link to Director Matney's presentation can be found [here](#) 2-20-23

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/CBS-Redesign> - an overview of community-based services transformation

Legislators are in charge of re-setting rates. IHHS prepares packets of info for legislators. Could IHHS get the authority to re-set rates?

The Mathematica-Tom Harkin institute report-<https://hhs.iowa.gov/CBSE> overview of community-based services transformation
Iowa's process for managing Medicaid waiver waiting lists does not support timely, efficient, or needs-based access to

appropriate services. Recommendations:

1. Iowa should implement streamlined screening and improved processes to better align services with people's needs.
2. Iowa should take steps to align CBS, including Medicaid HCBS waivers, to the needs of Iowans.
3. Iowa should maximize access to Medicaid HCBS&other CBS supports for people w/long-term services&support needs.

Dental Care RFP issued - more info - <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/IACIO/bulletins/34891de>

Summer 2023– deadline for bid proposals Fall 2023 – Award of contracts, on-boarding to begin
Summer 2024 – operations begin

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/ime/unwind> - DHHS Unwinding website

ACES Kids Act?
State planning
grants available

[S.317 - 116th Congress \(2019-2020\): ACE Kids Act of 2019 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)

Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act of 2019 or the ACE Kids Act of 2019

This bill establishes a state Medicaid option to provide for medical assistance with respect to coordinated care provided through a health home (i.e., a designated provider or team of health-care professionals) for children with medically complex conditions. States must determine payment methodologies in accordance with specified requirements; payments also temporarily qualify for an enhanced federal matching rate.

A **state plan amendment** has been filed to pay for **FFT** (family functional therapy and **MST** (multi-systemic therapy)

Waiting for CMS approval

Maternal care—Liz could send CMS the change to allow postpartum coverage from 3 mo to 1 yr but there is a budgetary concern

Medicaid Postpartum Coverage Extension report -[Microsoft Word - LR23-32 Postpartum Legislative Report 2022 FINAL from CM](#)

[\(iowa.gov\)](#) Common Good Fact Sheet on necessity of postpartum care “Every Healthy Baby starts with a Healthy Mom”

- Iowa has the first maternal health strategic plan
- Iowa has a black doula program
- Need community health workers to expand home visiting programs **Def of community health workers? Is a public health function – navigator to help families reach programs**
- Maternal care is not only a women's issue, it also has an impact on the child's well-being & an impact on child welfare system
- They want to lower the rate of caesarean sections in the Medicaid program

MCO contracts - contracts to Amerigroup Iowa and Molina Healthcare of Iowa and Iowa Total Care.

The contracts in total are worth about \$6.5 billion annually.

Iowa HHS Realignment website <https://hhsalignment.iowa.gov/>

STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
Health AND Human
SERVICES

Who's on the Executive Council?

Governor's reorganization bill will change state government from 37 agencies to 16 agencies

See the Organizational Plan [here](#)

See the Governor's Plan for Realignment [here](#)

Vendor hired to study HHS delivery system – possible fall 2023 completion Visit this [website](#) for progress.

SF514 - there are 20 divisions in the bill and has 1349 pages. **The 20 divisions of SF514 are:**

Division 1 - Iowa Health and Human Services will now include **Dept. of Aging, Dept. of Human Rights, Early Childhood Iowa and Volunteer Iowa**. For a comprehensive look at IHHS responsibilities, go to pages 1-792.

Division 2 is the **Dept of Administrative Services** which includes the State Librarian (assumes some of previous duties of Dept. of Cultural Affairs and State Historical Society). Pages 792 to 814.

Division 3 – Dept of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing – handles licensing, administering laws relating to worker safety, labor standards and workmen's compensation, coordinating and conducting various inspections (including State Fire Marshall, construction and building codes), investigations, appeals, hearings and audits. Banking and Accounting, real estate, appraisals and all other professional licensing boards. Administrative law judges, includes civil rights commission, state public defender, and much, much more. Pages 814 – 1049.

Division 4 – Dept of Justice – includes Attorney General and staff, state public defender, secretary of state, auditor of state, the treasurer of state, the public employees relations board, dept. of justice employees, dept. of public safety, consumer advocate division. Pg. 1050-1058.

Division 5 – Economic Dev. Authority, Cultural Affairs (managing the state's interests in art, history and other cultural matters), State Historic Preservation Officer, Iowa Finance Authority – pg. 1058 – 1087.

Division 6 – Economic Dev Authority – Partner State Program. Pg. 1087-1088.

Division 7 – Public Employee Relations Board – Pg.1088-1090

Division 8 – Dept of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Pg. 1090 – 1094

Division 9 – Dept of Veterans Affairs—a commandant, commission & any other personnel needed Pg.1094–1102

Division 10 – Office of Drug Control Policy – Pg. 1102-1104

Division 11 – Dept of Workforce Development Primary Dept. Responsibilities

- Statewide work-based intermediary network learning program
- New jobs training program in consultation with community colleges
- Iowa jobs training program per chapter 260F
- Workforce development fund program per chapter 84F
- Accelerated career education program in coordination with
- Community colleges (chapter 260G).
- Older American Community Service Employment program 84A.17
- Apprenticeship Training Program per Chapter 84D
- The Future Ready Iowa Registered Apprenticeship Development Program (84E.1)
- The Future Ready Iowa Expanded Registered Apprenticeship
- Development Program (84E.2)
- Adult Education and Literacy Program (84A.19)

Workforce development fund account
Vocational Rehabilitation

Employment agencies
Adult education

Pg. 1104 – pg. 1138

Division 12 – Dept. of Revenue, Iowa Lottery,

Vendor bonding and Tax Filing, Alcoholic Liquor Sales, gambling, gaming revenue, restrictions, licensing, sales, permits, appeals,
Pg. 1138 -1219

Division 13 – Dept. for the Blind - Pg.1219 – 1220

Division 14 – Dept. of Education, Iowa Educational Services for

the Blind and Visually Impaired and Iowa School for the Deaf, Innovation division, Higher Education division, Community Colleges and Post-secondary Readiness Bureau – Personnel, Board of Educational Examiners, licensing fees and regulations, para-educator certificate, National certification, training on dyslexia, competent private instruction by licensed instructor, College Student Aid Commission, scholarships and tuition grants, education loans, higher education division, community colleges bureau Page 1220-1284

Division 15 – Dept. of Commerce, Dept of Financial and Insurance Services – includes Iowa Utilities Board, Consumer advocate is part of Dept. of Justice but will be in the same location as the Utilities Board. Administrative support services to be provided by the Utilities Board, emphasis on energy efficiency, small wind innovation zone, franchises. Insurance division created, law enforcement authority, Supt. of Banking, Banking division created, Credit Union division created, Insurance division created, all fees deposited with the state Treasury Dept. Pg. 1284-1329

Division 16 – Dept. of Corrections – now includes Judicial District Depts. of Correctional services and Community Based Correctional Programs. Reserve peace officers, district advisory boards, recruit local financial support for community-based corrections programs. Pg. 1329-1341

Division 17 - Board of Parole. Pg. 1341-1342

Division 18 – Salaries of Appointed State Officers - Salary ranges Pg. 1342 -1346

Division 19 – Boards and Commissions - Pg. 1346-1347

Division 20 – Miscellaneous Provisions

SF561: Health & Human Services (HHS) Budget

HF471: Mental Health/Disability Services - Makes changes related to mental health and disability services, child in need of assistance proceedings, and confinement of individuals found competent to stand trial. Designates specialties of state mental health institutions (MHIs).

HF604: Violent Students/Classroom Removal - Requires school boards to adopt a policy that outlines the disciplinary procedures to be taken when a student threatens violence or commits an act of violence resulting in property damage, injury or assault, which must include counseling, parent meetings, placement in an alternative learning environment, suspension, and expulsion.

HF708: Nursing Home Sex Offenders - Requires HHS to develop a Medicaid add-on reimbursement methodology for individuals in nursing facilities who are required to register as sex offenders and report back to the Governor and Legislature by January 1, 2024.

HF709: Federal Block Grants - Appropriates federal block grants received in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2024 & FFY 2025.

SF494: Public Assistance Reform - Requires household asset tests for SNAP and expanded eligibility verification for all public assistance recipients and applicants (SNAP, Medicaid, HAWK-I, and FIP).

SF496: Parents Rights in Education - Governor's "parent's rights in education" bill makes sweeping changes to sex education (no gender identity and sexual orientation discussion in elementary school); eliminates inclusion of HIV, HPV, and HPV vaccines in human growth and development instruction; requires publishing a list of classroom materials and library books; bans school libraries from having books that describe sex acts; requires parental notification for changes to pronouns/names; requires parental permission

for student survey; and asserts strict scrutiny in parent's rights. Applies to all public, charter, and innovation zone schools (but not private schools).

SF 542: A bill for an act relating to youth employment, providing for a minor driver's license interim study committee and making penalties applicable.

SF 482: A bill for an act prohibiting persons from entering single and multiple occupancy restrooms or changing areas and other facilities in elementary and secondary schools that do not correspond with the person's biological sex and including effective date provisions.

SF557: Administration & Regulation Budget

SF559: Economic Development Budget

SF560: Education Budget

SF576: Transportation Budget

SF578: Standing Appropriations

Mental Health and Disability Services Regions Study Report -Jan 2023-

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/MHDS-Regions-Study-Report-FINAL.pdf>

Medicaid Postpartum Coverage Extension Dec 2022 -

[Microsoft Word - LR23-32 Postpartum Legislative Report 2022 FINAL from CM \(iowa.gov\)](#)

Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Commission Combined Annual and Biennial Report Dec 2022

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/MHDS Commission 2022 Biennial Report FINAL.pdf>

Children's Behavioral Health System State Board Annual Report Dec 2022

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Childrens-Behavioral-Health-System-Board-2022-Annual-Report-FINAL.pdf>

IHHS – Director Kelly Garcia .

IHHS Consultant RFP – Public Consulting Group, Boston, MA

Regional Consultants – consultants are now Don Gookin and Rob Aikens

Rob Aiken – raiken@dhs.state.ia.us 515-669-8002 -north counties

Don Gookin – dgookin@dhs.state.ia.us 515-669-8001

BHDS Community Division Administrator – Marissa Eyanson

Looking to have a bureau for IDD, one for MH, one for SA?

BHDS Facility Division Administrator: Cory Turner (will supervise both MHI's, Cherokee and Independence + Woodward and Glenwood as well as Eldora Boy's State Training School) and will continue to be the Supt. Of Cherokee

Adult, Children, and Family Services Division Administrator (formerly Child Welfare) - Janee Harvey

CFO for Iowa HHS – Jess Benson

Medical Director for IHHS – Dr. Kruse (formerly Mercy One medical director)

Deputy Director for IHHS – Sara Reissetter – compliance division

Glenwood and Woodward Resource Center Director: Marsha Edgington

Boy's State Training School Director: Jason Soddors

IVRS - Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services is now within the Iowa Workforce Development Agency – Brian Dennis is Director - See the (ivrs.iowa.gov/) and the Summer (June 2023) Iowa Infonet newsletter at <https://iowaddcouncil.org> for more information.

The new Director for the Dept of Aging and Disabilities (within IHHS) is Zach Rhein. See the Summer (June 2023) Iowa Infonet newsletter at <https://iowaddcouncil.org> for more information.

Erin Drinnen – **Director of Community Services Division** (*entrance to HHS, eligibility, child care support, etc*)

Kristen Stiffler is the executive director of the **Iowa Civil Rights Commission**.

Iowa HHS secured funding for public health infrastructure in Iowa! This federal investment provides the funding necessary to address many of the system-level challenges highlighted during our collective pandemic response. The long-term, statewide investments that will foster data driven decision-making across our public health system. This is Public Health 3.0

- June 2020 **Community Integration Strategic Plan** (7 pages) -came from Dept. of Justice investigation https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/DHS_BuildingTheCommunity_2020.pdf?061520201709
- Iowa, federal officials reach settlement in investigation of Glenwood Resource Center [DOJ settles with state over 'deviant' experiments on disabled Glenwood residents - Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

HHS bill –

1. MHI specialization- Cherokee forensic
- Independence-kids
2. Regions pay for competency & restoration
3. Clean up Families First legislation
4. MHDS Region study report
Region code language to go from 331 to 225c
Governance change to 49% co supervisors
Competency restoration a core service
Funding balance from 5% to 10%
Eliminate quarterly reporting – only annual
and have a dashboard

<https://www.iowaddcouncil.org/newsletter>

The summer (June 2023) Iowa Infonet newsletter contains a lot of information about the last legislative session and what is proposed to happen next.

- Des Moines Register: Iowa must ensure former residents of a state-run institution move to new homes with adequate support and supervision, federal officials say. State officials have reached a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice as part of a federal investigation into Glenwood Resource Center, a troubled state-run institution for people with severe disabilities that is set to close in the next two years. DOJ Resource Center 1 consent decrees is in process – ADA

Glenwood Resource Center's Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree <https://dhs.iowa.gov/doj>
Need a monitor for the Glenwood consent decree.

- **TRAC for Health** – stands for Transition Resources for Adult Care for Health – physical health assistance for ID/DD persons to move out of institutional care. Work with primary care doctors.
- **Community Ambassadors** – people who moved out of institutions and have been interviewed regarding their success
- Iowa Community Resources Guide – for individuals with ID or DD and their guardians and family members, in finding the information and supports they may need. ID/DD council w/Connie F put together the guide. The guide can be found here: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Comm569.pdf?121720201640>

April 7, 2023 - State Run Home for People with Disabilities Hit with Fines for the Fifth Time in 15 months
<https://iowacapitaldispatch.com/2023/04/06/state-run-home-for-people-with-disabilities-hit-with-fines-for-the-fifth-time-in-15-months/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=3f4e737f-8655-4e5d-ac65-4a28f1029a9a>

June 21, 2023 – Resident injuries continue to plague the state-run Glenwood Resource Center
<https://iowacapitaldispatch.com/2023/06/20/resident-injuries-continue-to-plague-the-state-run-glenwood-resource-center/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=49a34337-15ce-4688-bf84-7515d41d803a>

Aspire Grant - TA on supported employment - working with Leeann Moskowitz (Medicaid HCBS Waiver and Health Home Policy) and Vienna Hoang – Iowa Vocational Rehab Services Director – **awarded DIF SWTCIE grant 2022 through 2027 Iowa's IPS trainer and fidelity monitor was hired – Darcy Siebolt**
Hope Haven (Burlington) Robert Young (Jackson, Clinton, Cedar and Muscatine counties) Vera French (Scott county)

Additional ASPIRE grant received (2023) and have issued an RFP for additional locations for IPS
Where are the new locations? Another IPS trainer?
 The Center of Excellence will monitor the supported employment EBP for fidelity and to provide training
RELIAS is not an approved program for employment support providers

Vienna also oversees SILC program (SILC and 6 other centers, 85 Community Rehab programs and all of IVRS's supported employment programs, maintaining federal and state policy manuals, while working on current, and new relationships and doing trainings.

SF524 Inpatient bed tracking committee –
 2022 report - Looking at increased pay due to acuity? How do we enhance the system to better identify beds available?
 2023 workgroup - <https://dhs.iowa.gov/mhds/community-integration> Tiered rates for inpatient psychiatric care – starting Jan. 1
Part 2 report will be done in 2023? to address the 3 recommendations in the report indicated above
 Health www.brainhealth-now.org – anti-stigma program

New website for Infonet newsletters: <https://www.iowaddcouncil.org>

Iowa's Helping Community Workforce – Tammy Nyden, Charlie Bruner
<https://www.iowaruralworkforce.org/> - Iowa **Rural** Healthcare Workforce Connection website location developed by IDPH
 Greg Nelson – U. of Iowa – workforce maps – Gregory-Nelson@uiowa.edu – 641-903-1974

Difference in numbers from 2014 AMOS workforce report to report given by Greg in 2021 for numbers effective for 2019
<https://medicine.uiowa.edu/oscep/> Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs (U. of Iowa)

	2014 AMOS report	2019 G.Nelson report	12-31-20
ARNP's	146	216	207
PA's	20	46	
Psychiatrists	237	223	
Child Psychiatrists	35	32	
Psychologists	564	529	
Primary Care doctors	6294	5927	5908

Iowa Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health
 fidelity for EBP's Evidence based practices -Testing in the Iowa Mental healthsystem
 Torrie Keith, UCEDD, training and fidelity
MHDS Regions Evidence-based Practices Workgroup – training to implement EBP's

How many training locations do we now have?

Broadlawns psychiatric residency program – first 4 psychiatry graduates in 2022, 4 annually thereafter

- 2022 – 2022 - 2 stayed in Iowa, 1 to Indiana and 1 to Montana.
- 2023-2 staying in Iowa, 1 to MN-2 going to out of state to 1 year child fellowships w/ plans to return to Iowa upon completion.

DsM Mercy psychiatric residency program – first 4 psychiatry graduates in 2022, 4 annually thereafter

- 2022- 2 stayed at Mercy DSM. One left after her 3rd year to complete a child/adolescent fellowship in Chicago. One returned to his home state of California.
- 2023- 1 will be doing a consult fellowship out east. One signed with Clive Behavioral Health. One signed with IDX. The last one is undecided.

Mason City- Mercy psychiatric residency program – 3 psychiatry graduates in?

U. of Iowa psychiatric residency program (MHI's, Oakdale, Eldora psychiatry residency program)–9 psychiatry graduates per year – see next 2 pages

UnityPoint emergency medicine residency program to launch in 2024

UnityPoint Health-Des Moines announced that its new Emergency Medicine Residency Program has received full accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The first class of six residents will begin the program in July 2024. The three-year program will include clinical education and experience in Central Iowa's only Level 1 adult trauma center and tertiary referral center, Iowa Methodist Medical Center, and Iowa's only Level 2 pediatric trauma center, Blank Children's Hospital, where core rotations will be in the adult and pediatric emergency departments, the intensive care unit, Level 1 trauma surgery service and others. "By being a part of an established residency program, our residents will have the opportunity to build camaraderie with other residents, but at the same time not competing for procedures or patient encounters," Dr. Nash Whitaker, emergency medicine residency program director, said in a prepared statement. This will be the second emergency medicine residency program in Iowa. Applications for the program will open in September.

<https://idph.iowa.gov/substance-abuse/substance-use-and-problem-gambling-data-reporting/in-the-know-common-data-reports>

Total Opioid Deaths	Year	Total Suicides	24 and under	25 thru 44	45 thru 69	70 and older
	2000	288	51	115	78	44
	2001	304	67	97	102	38
	2002	310	55	122	96	37
	2003	351	58	118	131	44
	2004	345	60	119	127	39
	2005	331	57	120	120	34
	2006	336	57	121	126	32
	2007	331	49	116	130	36
	2008	383	55	138	148	42
	2009	368	56	129	135	48
	2010	375	49	118	163	45
	2011	423	58	150	174	41
	2012	380	65	141	140	34
	2013	445	66	148	172	59
	2014	409	72	117	177	43
	2015	424	77	139	166	42
176	2016	459	68	161	186	44
201	2017	470	85	151	173	61
136	2018	495	71	170	201	53
156	2019	521	81% increase from 2000- 2019			
208	2020	551	91% increase from 2000-2020			
229	2021	517	As of 12-31-21			
228	2022	588	As of 12-31-22			
64	2023	150	As of 4-30-23			

First Episode Psychosis Navigate model – other names are:

ESMI – is the acronym for Early Serious Mental Illness

- Restore – Eyerly Ball
- FERST - Abbe Center
- Harmony -Siouxland MH Center
- RENEW- Prairie Ridge

Your Life Iowa has a suicide prevention marketing campaign – focused to kids and caretakers – on U-tube

With the drastic jump in suicides in Jan 2022 in Polk Co – CDC visited Iowa and did a data review and worked with local folks in Polk Co.

CDC will do more review and stand by epidemiologist – waiting for report from CDC visit. **receive report yet?**

Visit from SAMHSA in July – advised them we need a better parity situation in insurance and pointed out the gaps in the service array for kids in co-occurring illnesses, complex cases, and residential care.

- kids
- population health
- health equity

<https://yourlifeiowa.org/prevention/media-center/> - the location of Your Life Iowa videos and commercials

a recent report found that twenty-two hospitals across the state are in danger of permanently closing, and two facilities are in immediate risk of closure. Iowa is currently ranked **45th** in the nation in the number of total active physicians per capita, **32nd** for medical specialists per capita, and is **ranked dead last** for the number of OB-GYN providers in the country.

Centers for Excellence for Specialty Medical Care

Grinnell and Carroll approved in 2021 - have focused on OB-GYN care

Gov wants to fund 2 more

+ 4 OB-GYN fellowships in rural area

Apprentice programs funding increased from \$3M to \$15M and expanded categories of jobs to include health care related jobs

The ADRD Program has many resources available on Alzheimer's disease, dementia and caregiving.

<https://idph.iowa.gov/chronic-diseaseprevention/alzheimers-and-related-dementias>

More Information Contact Greg Woods, Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias Program Coordinator at 515-217-8955,

greg.woods@idph.iowa.gov

Find a complete list of **substance abuse providers** at: <https://idph.iowa.gov/substance-abuse/treatment>

Private mental health providers – whether an individual practicing alone, or a group of providers in a practice together. MH/DD Accredited Provider list https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/MHDDAccreditedProviders_30.pdf?080920200822

Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) – provide mental health services for individuals of all ages regardless of funding. <https://yourlifeiowa.org/mental-health/cmhc>

72 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) - a reimbursement designation from HHS - community-based organizations that provide comprehensive primary care and preventive care, including health, oral, and mental health/substance abuse services to persons of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay or health insurance status.

<https://carelistings.com/find/federally-qualified-health-centers/iowa>

Recovery Community Centers (IDPH \$) – 4 funded

1 – Crush of Iowa Center in Linn County - Cedar Rapids

3 - **Full Circle** – handling Dsm (Anawim and Beacon of Life), Council Bluffs, Sioux City

CMHC contracts – Julie Maas in charge

MHDS Regions website: [iowa MHDS Regions](http://iowa.mhds.org)

MHDS Regions and AEA website: <https://iowa.aeamentalhealth.org> DHS dashboard: https://dhs.iowa.gov/dashboard_welcome

Regional reports: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/mhds-providers/providers-regions/regions/annual-reports>

Regions will have performance-based contracts. The initial contracts will begin January 1, 2022 and be for 18 months. They will include a focus on standardizing data and outcomes collection, and evidence-based practices.

1-11-23 MH and Disability Services **Regions Study Report** <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/DF/1366508.pdf>

Psychiatry, Family Medicine/Psychiatry, Internal Medicine/Psychiatry*.

<u>Residency Program</u>	<u>Total Entering Practice</u>	<u>Entering Iowa Practices</u>	<u>Entering Non Iowa Practices</u>	<u>% Entering Iowa Practices</u>
Psychiatry*	54	30	24	56%

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	Total
Residency graduates*	19	10	12	12	8	14	75
Left Iowa to Practice	5	4	3	4	2	6	24
Stayed in Iowa to Practice	5	3	8	4	4	6	30
-UIHC Faculty	1	3	6	3	3	3	19
-Traditional Practice	4	0	2	0	0	3	9
- UIHC Faculty & Practice combination	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
UIHC fellowship or further residency training	5	2	1	3	0	2	13
Non-UI fellowship or further residency training	4	1	0	1	2	0	8

Career Plans of 2023 UIHC Psychiatry Graduates

Residency Program	Career Activity	Activity Name/ Location	Community of Activity	Resident Hometown
Adult Psychiatry	Fellowship	University of California: Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	San Francisco, CA	Singapore
Adult Psychiatry	Fellowship	UIHC: Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	Iowa City, IA	Waterloo, IA
Adult Psychiatry	Faculty	Mayo Clinic	Rochester, MN	Iowa City, IA
Adult Psychiatry	Practice	Unknown	Manhattan, NY	Ames, IA

Residency Program	Career Activity	Activity Name/ Location	Community of Activity	Resident Hometown
Adult Psychiatry	Faculty	UIHC	Iowa City, IA	Des Moines, IA
Adult Psychiatry	Practice	Group Health Cooperative	Madison, WI	Madison, WI
Adult Psychiatry	Private Practice	Cedar Center Psychiatric Group	Cedar Rapids, IA	Kansas City, MO
Adult Psychiatry	Residency	Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and Ann Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital: Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	Chicago, IL	Washington, IL
Adult Psychiatry	Residency	Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and Ann Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital: Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	Chicago, IL	Naperville, IL
Child Adolescent Psych	Fellowship	UIHC :Child and Adolescent	Iowa City, IA	Kirkwood, MO
Child Adolescent Psych	Fellowship	UIHC: Child and Adolescent	Iowa City, IA	Oaklawn, IL
Child Adolescent Psych	Fellowship	Columbia University : Public Psychiatry	New York, NY	Burbank, CA
Child Adolescent Psych	Practice	Abbe Center Community Mental Health Clinic	Iowa City, IA	Williamsburg, IA
Child Adolescent Psych	Practice	UnityPoint St. Luke's: Hospitalist	Cedar Rapids, IA	Ames, IA
Family Med/Psychiatry	Practice	Abbe Mental Health Center: FM/Psychiatry	Cedar Rapids, IA	Memominee, IL
Family Med/Psychiatry	Fellowship	Addiction Medicine – UIHC Dept of Psychiatry	Iowa City, IA	Davenport, IA
Internal Med/Psychiatry	Fellowship	UIHC; Sleep Medicine Fellowship	Iowa City, IA	Not available
Internal Med/Psychiatry	Practice	Staff Physician: Inpatient and Outpatient Services, Rogers Behavioral Health,	Oconomowoc, WI	Not available
Internal Med/Psychiatry	Faculty	Clinical Assistant Professor Internal Medicine and Psychiatry, Medical College of Wisconsin	Madison, WI	Not available

Career Plans of 2022 UIHC Psychiatry Graduates

Residency Program	Career activity	Activity Location	Community of Activity	Resident Hometown
Adult Psychiatry	Fellowship	Indiana University School of Medicine: Addiction Psychiatry	Indianapolis, IN	Sibley, IA
Adult Psychiatry	Faculty	University Health (University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine)	Kansas City, MO	Columbia, MO
Adult Psychiatry	Fellowship	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics: Addiction Psychiatry	Iowa City, IA	Iowa City, IA
Adult & Child Psych	Practice	Ellie Family Services	Minneapolis, MN	Edina, MN
Adult & Child Psych	Faculty	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics: Faculty: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Iowa City, IA	Des Moines, IA
FM/Psychiatry	Faculty	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics	Iowa City, IA	Nagoya, Japan
FM/Psychiatry	Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Bernardino Co Dept of Beh Health: Community Mental Health and Addiction Medicine Prairie Ridge Behavioral Healthcare: Part-time Telehealth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario, Canada Mason City, IA 	Pittsburgh, PA

FM/Psychiatry	Faculty	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Family Medicine & Psychiatry (completed consultation & liaison fellowship at UIHC)	Iowa City, IA	Escondido, CA
Int Med/Psychiatry	Hospitalist	Tower Behavioral Health and Reading Hospital	Reading, PA	State College, PA
Int Med/Psychiatry	Fellowship	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics: Sleep Medicine	Iowa City, IA	Iowa

	CCBHC Expansion Grants	Award Amount	Project Period	Service Area
1	Abbe Center	\$4,000,000	9/30/22 – 9/29/26	Linn
2	Eyerly Ball	\$3,992,560	9/30/22-9/29/26	Boone, Story, Polk, Warren
3	Plains Area	\$3,998,196	9/30/22-9/29/26	Buena Vista, Carroll, Calhoun, Cherokee, Crawford, Dickinson, Ida, Lyon, O'Brien, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Sac, Sioux
4	Seasons Center	\$4,000,000	9/30/22-9/29/26	Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Sioux
5	Robert Young Center	\$4,000,000	9/30/22-9/29/26	Scott and Muscatine
6	Siouxland Mental Health Center (<i>New in 2022</i>)	\$3,942,620	9/30/22-9/29/26	Woodbury
7	Northeast Iowa Mental Health Center (<i>New in 2022</i>)	\$3,809,132	9/30/22-9/29/26	Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, Winneshiek
8	Heartland Family Service	\$4,000,000 \$3,996,088	2/15/21-2/14/23 9-30-22 to 9-29-26	Pottawattamie, Harrison, Mills
9	Infinity Health	\$2,270,344	2/15/21-2/14/23 Did not get re-funded	Appanoose, Monroe, Lucas, Wayne, Decatur, Clarke, Ringgold, Marion, Union
10	Pathways Behavioral Health	\$3,875,213	8/31/21-8/30/23	Chickasaw, Butler, Bremer, Grundy, Black Hawk, Buchanan
11	Prairie Ridge Behavioral Health	\$1,993,475	8/31/21-8/30/23	Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Mitchell, Worth, Winnebago, Kossuth, Hancock, Franklin
12	Hillcrest	\$1,853,153	5/1/20-4/30/22	Dubuque and Jackson Counties
13	Berryhill	\$2,000,000	5/1/20-4/30/22	Webster
14	Elevate Housing Foundation	\$2,000,000	5/1/20-4/30/22	Waterloo and surrounding rural areas

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic

[5-20-23 MHDS-CCBHC-fact-sheet.pdf](#) – original expansion grants
Expansion grants (in the table above) are different from the [demonstration grant program proposed](#)

CCBHC is like a CMHC on steroids
Laura Larkin is program manager
113 standards to meet in 6 areas

9 required services

- Screening, Assessment, and Diagnosis
- Comprehensive Outpatient BH Service Across the Entire Life Cycle
- Patient-Centered Care Planning
- Case Management
- Peer and Family Support
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Medical Screening and Monitoring
- Services for Armed Forces and Veterans
- Mobile Crisis
- A CCBHC can use a Designated Collaborative Organization (DCO) to provide up to 49% of the (non-crisis) required service encounters

The Payoff

■ **For individuals and families** ■ Timely access to high-quality, comprehensive, data-driven, evidence-based, person-centered, coordinated and integrated care

■ **For providers** ■ The payoff for providers for achieving compliance with CCBHC standards is a Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate for their services, which is a **Cost+** reimbursement methodology

■ **For Managed Care Organizations** ■ Network of high-functioning BH providers integrated meaningfully with the healthcare and social services delivery systems and the improved outcomes (and lower costs) that come with the network

■ **For Iowa** ■ Participation in the federal demonstration program enables Iowa to access enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) for CCBHC services

[Transforming Behavioral Healthcare in Iowa: CCBHC Planning Grant | Iowa Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Proposed map of 9 CCBHC's in the state follows the judicial district map.

■ It is the expectation that the selected CCBHC collaborate with existing providers when there are effective, established mechanisms to provide that care in the region

■ The CCBHC would serve as a lead coordinator of services and will be expected to fill gaps in the BH continuum of services in the community they serve. Health Management Associates—Joshua Rubin
HHS has hired Health Management Associates (HMA) to study the delivery of health and human service programs across Iowa.

CMS Rural Emergency

Hospital Language - Another Medicare Provider Designation

- Since REHs will be providing emergency department services, these facilities must comply with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) at section 1867 of the Social Security Act (the Act), the accompanying regulations in 42 CFR § 489.24 and the related requirements at 42 CFR § 489.20(l), (m), (q), and (r). EMTALA requires, among other things, Medicare-participating hospitals with emergency departments to offer a medical screening examination to any individual who comes to the emergency department and requests such an examination and prohibits hospitals with emergency departments from refusing to examine or offer stabilizing treatment to individuals with an emergency medical condition (EMC).
- On November 23, 2022, CMS published a final rule ([CMS-1772-FC](#)) establishing REHs as a new Medicare provider effective January 1, 2023. The rule finalized the CoPs which REHs must meet in order to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs along with REH payment policies, quality measures and enrollment policies. CMS established the Conditions of Participation (CoPs) to ensure the health and safety of patients who will receive REH services, while taking into consideration the access and quality of care needs of an REH's patient population. The standards for REHs closely align with the current CoPs for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in most cases, while accounting for the uniqueness of REHs and their statutory requirements. The REH CoPs are set forth at new Subpart E of 42 CFR Part 485 and establish a full range of health and safety standards specific to governance, services offered, staffing, physical environment, and emergency preparedness among other requirements. In most instances, the REH policies also closely align to the current hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) standards, such as the policies for outpatient service requirements and the Life Safety Code (LSC), respectively. A general overview of the new REH requirements include:
 - REHs must have a clinician, a doctor of medicine (MD), doctor of osteopathy (DO), physician assistant (PA), nurse practitioner (NP) or clinical nurse specialist (CNS), with training or experience in emergency care on-call at all times and immediately available by phone or radio contact and available on-site within 30 or 60 minutes depending on if the facility is located in a frontier area.
 - The REH emergency department must be staffed 24 hours per day and seven days per week by an individual or individuals competent in the skills needed to address emergency medical care, and the individual(s) must be able to receive patients and activate the appropriate medical resources to meet the care needed by the patient.
- Rural emergency hospital (REH) is a new Medicare provider designation established by Congress through the [Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021](#). REHs are meant to reinforce access to outpatient medical services and reduce health disparities in areas that may not be able to sustain a full-service hospital. Starting in January 2023, [Critical Access Hospitals](#) (CAHs) and small rural hospitals with no more than 50 beds may apply for REH designation and receive Medicare payment for providing emergency services.
- REHs must develop, implement, and maintain an effective, ongoing, REH-wide, data-driven Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) program, and it must address outcome indicators related to staffing, among other things.

[5-16-23 CCBHC Overview -Larkin and Rubin.pdf](#)

CCBHC's are demonstrating savings – the savings will bring costs down so the state legislature can afford to sustain the higher Medicaid bills after the CCBHC federal grant ends.

Examples: Missouri and New York

CCBHC's are reducing waiting lists

Iowa is One of 15 States That Received a CCBHC Planning Grant ■ States have one-year to compete for 10 slots

Our Work Over the Next 10 Months

Get Stakeholder Input

• Empanel stakeholder input committee • Hold regional focus groups

Certify model clinics

• Finalize program model design • Procure and certify

Establish PPS

• Complete cost reports • Set rates

Build Provider capacity

• Identify TA needs • Establish learning collaboratives

Prepare for Evaluation

• Develop data collection methodologies

CCBHC Catchment Distribution – procurement for CCBHC in each area

1 Northwest	388,904	12%
2 North	356,544	11%
3 Northeast	289,381	9%
4 Southwest	221,879	7%
5 Capital	501,089	16%
6 South Central	272,756	9%
7 East	300,368	9%
8 Southeast	427,010	13%
9 East Central	412,551	13%

- The annual per-patient average length of stay cannot exceed 24 hours, in accordance with the statute, and the time calculation for this determination begins with the registration, check-in, or triage of the patient (whichever occurs first) and ends with the discharge of the patient from the REH (which occurs when the physician or other appropriate clinician has signed the discharge order or at the time the outpatient service is completed and documented in the medical record).
- REHs must have infection prevention and control and antibiotic stewardship programs that adhere to nationally recognized infection prevention and control guidelines and best practices for improving antibiotic use.

Health Policy Oversight Committee

On 12-9-22, the Health Oversight Committee met at the State Capitol.

[You can access the materials given to legislators at Iowa Legislature - Committee Documents](#)

Please be sure to look at the [12-9-22 – documents](#) (*not materials from other dates*).

1. Community Based Services Evaluation (HCBS) – 13 pages
2. Medicaid Eligibility Determination & Tools – 12 pages
3. Iowa Medicaid Overview – 32 pages
4. Medicaid Community Integration – 8 pages
5. Glenwood Resource Center's Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree
6. Amerigroup – Health Equity Initiative – 2 pages
7. Iowa Total Care – Investing in our Communities – 2 pages
8. Molina Health Care of Iowa – 5 pages

There is speculation the Health Policy Oversight Committee may not meet again –22-23 legislation indicated the committee “may” meet once a year.

Children’s State Board – meets every other month?

See [Children's Behavioral Health System State Board | Iowa Department of Human Services](#) – 9 AEA’s

Lawsuit Accuses Iowa of ‘longstanding failure’ to provide kids with mental health care - Disability Rights Iowa

https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/health/2023/01/06/groups-accuse-iowa-of-failing-to-address-kids-mental-health-needs/69785335007/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_axioslocal_desmoines&stream=top

Iowa - BEST Conference was held the first week of Nov 2021-had 1600 attendees - conf Oct.10-11, 2022 – had 2000 attendees Will there be a 2023 conference? BEST stands for (Behavioral, Equitable, Social-Emotional, Trauma-Informed) Health Summit

Dept. of Education funding for school mental health

327 public school districts-	24-25 enrollment
private schools -	24-25 enrollment

Reynolds announces leadership change at Department of Education

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced today a change in leadership at the Iowa Department of Education, appointing **McKenzie Snow**, who is currently Virginia's deputy secretary of education, to replace Chad Aldis as department director. Aldis, who was named director in March, has resigned for family reasons, a news release said. Snow’s appointment is effective Monday, June 26, and Aldis will remain through June 30 to assist with the transition. "While a leadership change at this time was unexpected, I respect why it’s necessary. I want to thank Director Aldis for his service, and I wish him and his family the very best," Reynolds said in a prepared statement. Reynolds said that in her career, Snow has worked to expand career and technical education, and implemented an initiative to drive literacy. She has experience in the classroom, serving two states and in the U.S. Department of Education, the release said. She taught remedial courses at the University of the Free State in South Africa. From 2019 to 2021, Snow served in the federal government as a special assistant to the president at the White House Domestic Policy Council, senior adviser at the Office of Management and Budget, and policy director at the U.S. Department of Education. She worked as a division director in New Hampshire's department of education, overseeing academics and assessment, career development and more before taking the deputy secretary role in Virginia.

Scanlan School for Mental Health

The Scanlan Center for School Mental Health is Iowa’s hub for school-based mental health research, training, professional development, and clinical services. Their work supports the social, emotional, behavioral, and mental wellbeing of students and educators across the state. The clinic collaborates with Iowa school districts, Area Education Agencies (AEAs), and Iowa mental health systems.

What They Do:

1. Providing post-crisis debriefing and support.
2. Offering short-term individual and group counseling.
3. Training future school mental health professionals.
4. How to Refer: Students

- o School administrators, AEs, and school mental health providers can refer students by emailing the clinic.
- o Educators/school staff can self-refer by emailing the clinic.

Contact the clinic at scsmhclinic@uiowa.edu or learn more by visiting their website scsmh.education.uiowa.edu

4-2023 UNI is awarded \$250K grant to support teachers and better student outcomes

The University of Northern Iowa has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Scanlan Center for School Mental Health at the University of Iowa to support research focused on social and emotional learning. The project, led by Dr. Kerri Clopton in UNI's College of Education and Dr. Darcie Davis-Gage in UNI's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, will investigate the effectiveness of providing multi-tiered support to educators to reduce burnout, increase job satisfaction & increase knowledge and skills in responding to social situations in teaching. The study will take place over two years and focus on **six rural schools** and **one urban school** in Iowa. The research project aims to provide effective support to school personnel, leading to better student outcomes. The study leaders will speak at the upcoming UNI Social & Emotional Learning Conference.

Federal **GEAR UP - \$5.6 M** ([Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs](http://www.gearup.gov)) Iowa program, dedicated to significantly increasing the number of students prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. The four-year program will be implemented in the following **11 partner districts**: Centerville, Clinton, Columbus Junction, Davenport, Davis County, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Marshalltown, Saydel, South Tama and Storm Lake. GEAR UP Iowa Future Ready will guide students in those schools from ninth grade through their first year of postsecondary education.

Out of 327 school districts state-wide – 11 were assisted by this program

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/financial-management/downloads/sbs-guide-medicaid-services-administrative-claiming.pdf> 184 page proposal from Medicaid for schools to obtain additional funding for special needs students

Future Ready Iowa: <https://www.futurereadyiowa.gov/college-list>

GEAR II Grant Applications, [a competitive grant for mental health supports for public schools](#) totaling \$8.6M. This grant includes coordination and delivery of mental health services and wraparound support to students, youth mental health first aid training and implementation, and suicide prevention services and programming. *Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Center Point-Urbana, Charles City, Cherokee, Clear Lake, Clinton, College, Collins-Maxwell, Davenport, Davis City, Decorah, Denver, Diagonal, Dubuque, East Sac County, Grundy Center, Humboldt, Indianola, Iowa City, Keokuk, Knoxville, Lewis-Central, Maquoketa Valley, Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn, Marion, Marshalltown, Monticello, New Hampton, New London, North Cedar, North Fayette Valley, North Scott, Northwood-Kensett, Olin, Oskaloosa, Ottumwa, PCM, Remsen-Union, Roland-Story, Seymour, Sheldon, Sioux City, South Central Calhoun, South Winneshiek, Southeast Warren, Spencer, Spirit Lake, Storm Lake, Tripoli, Underwood, Urbandale, Washington, Waverly-Shell Rock, Webster City, West Burlington, West Delaware County, Williamsburg, Winfield-Mt. Union, Woodbine, Woodbury Central.* **61 out of 327 school districts received awards** ranging from \$3763 to \$650,000. [GEER II - Mental Health Supports for Public PK-12 Schools Grant Awards | Iowa Department of Education \(educateiowa.gov\)](#)

Out of 327 school districts 16 were assisted with therapeutic classroom grants

Therapeutic classroom grants awarded for FY 21-22 to 6: *Ames, Clinton, Eastern Allamakee, Hinton, Mt. Pleasant, and Washington* - In determining awards, equity across small, medium and large districts, distribution across [Iowa's Mental Health and Disability Services \(MHDS\) regions](#)

Iowa Department of Education awards \$2.3M in therapeutic classroom grants for 22-23

The Iowa Department of Education [today awarded](#) more than \$2.3 million in grants to **10** school districts to establish therapeutic classrooms for students whose social-emotional or behavioral needs affect their ability to be successful in their current learning environment. "All students need support and resources that meet the 24-25 individual needs," said Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo. "The therapeutic classroom grants help schools build upon their great work to promote the overall well-being of students." Therapeutic supports in the classroom include social-emotional skill building, skills to cope with stress and trauma, mental health treatment, and crisis intervention and follow-up. This is the 2nd round of funding from the Therapeutic Classroom Incentive Grant, which was established through 2020 state legislation.

- Ballard Community School District
- Bettendorf Community School District
- Charles City Community School District
- Coon Rapids-Bayard Community School District
- Council Bluffs Community School District
- Decorah Community School District
- Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Community School District
- Monticello Community School District
- Williamsburg Community School District
- Woodbine Community School District

3rd round of therapeutic classroom grants appropriated for 23-24 awards - <https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/learner-supports/therapeutic-classrooms>

Over 3 rounds, 27 of 327 received grants for school mental health training

Iowa Departments of Education, HHS award \$600K for school mental health training –the 3rd round of grants

The Iowa Departments of Education and Health and Human Services awarded today 10 grants totaling \$600,000 to public school districts for training and coaching school health care workers on COVID response-and-recovery initiatives focused on social-emotional-behavioral health. The 10 school districts that received grants are: *Chariton, Dubuque, East Buchanan, Iowa City, Harlan, Logan Magnolia, North Mahaska, Muscatine, Mount Pleasant and Storm Lake*. According to a news release, the COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplement Funding grants will help school districts **enhance mental health literacy and expand capacity for addressing the social-emotional-behavioral health needs of students resulting from or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic**. The grants can be used to cover costs associated with planning, training and coaching. The departments received \$4.5 million from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for the grants, and this is the third and final round of funding. A total of 17 districts were awarded over \$1.3 million through the first two rounds of funding. Learn more about the grants on the [Iowa Department of Education's website](#).

Iowa receives \$5.9M for new classroom grant program 9-30-22

The U.S. Department of Education announced awards Thursday totaling nearly \$1 billion through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which will fund state educational agencies' development of grant programs to provide students with safer and healthier learning environments. **Iowa has been allocated \$5.9 million of the funding**, according to a news release. "We have years of evidence that demonstrate **the value of building safe and supportive schools**. These efforts **improve academic achievement, promote emotional well-being, reduce disciplinary actions, and increase positive behaviors**," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. "Safe and supportive schools help our children and youth overcome trauma and provide a strong foundation of emotional and physical safety. These grants will provide real benefits to real students in real schools." Cardona sent a letter to state educational agencies outlining **three principles** to consider when designing a competitive grant competition and providing direction locally for using the funds: **1) create positive, inclusive and supportive school environments; and increase access to place-based interventions and services,** **2) engage students, families, educators, staff and community organizations in the selection and implementation of strategies and interventions to create safe, inclusive and supportive learning environments, and** **3) design and implement policies and practices that are responsive to underserved students, protect student rights, and demonstrate respect for student dignity and potential.** More info about the BSCA Stronger Connections grant program.

\$4M awarded in career academy grants - Gov. Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Education today awarded **four \$1 million grants** through the Career Academy Incentive Fund to **increase access to career academy programs in high-demand fields through new regional centers**. The recipients are **Iowa Central Community College, North Scott Community School District, Northwest Iowa Community College and Southwestern Community College**. The new regional centers will be based in **Storm Lake, Eldridge, Sioux Center and Mount Ayr**, according to a news release. Each will serve students from surrounding school districts. At the new centers, students will have access to career and technical education programs and equipment to prepare them for high-demand careers including advanced manufacturing, agriculture equipment technology, automotive repair, construction, health care and information technology. This is the fifth round of awards from the Career Academy Incentive Fund since the fund was established in 2019. Applications for a 6th round of funding will open next spring. More info on the fund is available at [Iowa Department of Education's website](#).

March 2023

UNI receives \$2.5M federal grant to increase mental health access in rural Iowa schools

The University of Northern Iowa has been awarded a \$2.5 million grant by the U.S. Department of Education to continue its efforts in improving mental health access for children and adolescents in Iowa. **The grant will be used to train 15 school psychologists over the next five years**, in partnership with Great Prairie, Central Rivers and Northwest Area Education Agencies, which represent 52 of the 99 counties in the state. The program is part of a larger "grow your own" effort to increase school psychologists in Iowa, where the number of students for each school psychologist is more than tripled the National Association of School Psychologists' recommendation of one school psychologist for every 500 students. Mental health struggles can affect student success, 37% of high school students with a mental illness who are 14 or older drop out of school. To qualify for the program, candidates must be K-12 educators or in a related field, with a master's degree. The courses are primarily online, and students can continue working full time while completing the coursework. At the end of the program's three years, students will earn an educational specialist degree and must commit to working in their AEA for three years. The grant builds on the success of a program UNI School Psychology helped establish with Green Hills AEA and Prairie Lakes AEA in western Iowa in 2019.

April 2023

\$379,000 in grants to support youth internships in high-demand fields

The state awarded \$379,000 in grants Friday through the

employers, educational institutions and nonprofit organizations that sponsor internship programs for Iowa youths between the ages of 14 and 24. The grants will support **eight projects** across the state and an **estimated 176 total participants**. Priority funding was awarded to projects that included a focus on high-demand careers and the recruitment of at-risk youth participants, including youths who face barriers to success and upward mobility in the workforce, a news release said. "Not every business can provide paid internships, nor can everyone take an unpaid one. This program helps bridge the gap — supporting meaningful career paths for our at-risk youth while supporting their financial needs," Gov. Kim Reynolds said in a prepared statement. In the Des Moines metro area, Des Moines Area Community College and Des Moines Independent Community School District received grants. The release said many awarded programs are also planning to co-enroll participants in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I Youth Program in their local area providing connection with local resources. The full list of awardees is available at [this link](#).

May 2023

Reynolds announces \$1.5M grant program to improve work-based learning

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced a grant program of up to \$1.5 million to provide opportunities for high school students to explore their future careers. The **Statewide Intermediary Work-Based Learning Grant program** will fund programs that allow students to experience one-on-one contact with potential employers and make informed decisions about postsecondary education and careers. The grant is open to Iowa educational organizations, community colleges, nonprofit organizations, local workforce development boards, and any other entity that can provide students with sustained interactions with industry or community professionals in a real worksite environment. Work-based learning programs include internships, job shadowing experiences, apprentice occupations or other workplace learning opportunities in targeted industries. The goal of the grant is to increase awareness of career opportunities in local communities for students and help employers build relationships with potential future employees. Grant funding may be used for expenses related to implementing a work-based learning program, including staff salary and benefits, transportation, materials and supplies, or other related expenses. Interested parties can apply for funding through [IowaGrants.gov](https://www.iowagrants.gov) until 11:59 a.m. on June 2 and can ask questions during a webinar scheduled for May 11 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Proposed Medicaid plan for Schools to obtain more special education funding.

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/financial-management/downloads/sbs-guide-medicaid-services-administrative-claiming.pdf>

<https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/school-facilities/school-safety/governor-s-school-safety-initiative>

Governor's School Safety Initiative

Higher ed enrollment remains down post-COVID, including in Iowa

[Cedar Rapids Gazette](#): Postsecondary enrollment nationally stayed well below pre-COVID levels this spring — down 1.3 million students, or 7%, from 2019 — and Iowa remained among the hardest hit, with a 13% drop in combined community college, private, and public university enrollment over the four years. That 13% tied Iowa for the fifth-largest enrollment drop across those sectors nationally, with Texas reporting the biggest loss at 17%, according to new spring enrollment data from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

Two Iowa school districts rescind policies allowing armed staff in class

[Des Moines Register](#): Two Northwest Iowa school districts who voted last year to arm staff have rescinded those policies to prevent being dropped by their insurance carrier. The Spirit Lake School Board approved a safety plan that included arming up to 10 staff members last fall. The Cherokee Community School Board approved arming staff in October. Thursday night, the Spirit Lake School Board voted to rescind the policy and Cherokee followed suit this morning. EMC Insurance, which insures both districts, had told Cherokee it would not continue to provide insurance after July 1.

CARE FOR THE ELDERLY – LONG TERM CARE

BOLD act – The Public Health Division, in 2020 as Iowa Department of Public Health, was awarded \$200,000 for Year 1 of the BOLD programming, and then \$326,400 each of the next two years. We are currently in Year 3 of a three-year award.

Addresses Alzheimer's disease and related dementias

More than 66,000 Iowans aged 65 and older have Alzheimer's disease

It is the sixth-leading cause of death in the US, affecting nearly six million Americans.

In addition, approximately 73,000 Iowans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or dementia.

In 2020, the Iowa Department of Public Health was awarded a three-year capacity-building cooperative agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to inform and develop public health infrastructure to improve and expand efforts that address challenges presented by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD).

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Program focuses on issues such as increasing early detection, diagnosis and risk reduction for ADRD, prevention of avoidable hospitalizations related to these diseases and conditions and providing support for dementia-related caregiving.

In its second year, program staff have been developing a state plan specific to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias with the help of various partners and guidance from the CDC Healthy Brain Initiative State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia: The 2018-2023 Road Map. ADRD Program staff along with its advisory committee have engaged a statewide coalition of 50 members from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, programming and services, geographic areas and levels of care and interaction with persons who experience dementia.

Together, the program and coalition created a list of recommendations and are finalizing the new state plan, giving priority to strategies that will help improve Iowa's response to the needs of Iowans, their caregivers and the workforce that serves them. The coalition is also serving as a connecting point for organizations and individuals to inform ongoing activities and help implement the plan's strategies.

One in ten Iowans aged 45 years and older are experiencing subjective cognitive decline.

Approximately 73,000 Iowans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or dementia

The Long-term Goals

1. Increase the proportion of adults aged 65 and older with diagnosed ADRD, or their caregiver, who are aware of the diagnosis;
2. Increase the proportion of older adults who talk to their health care provider about changes in their memory;
3. Reduce the proportion of preventable hospitalizations in adults aged 65 and older with diagnosed ADRD; and
4. Increase the proportion of older adults who use the Welcome to Medicare benefit

The Alzheimer's Association has statistical information

The Older Iowans Legislature

Speakers we've had:

Hope Harbor – Storm Lake 666

Josephine Gittler – U. of Iowa - Wiley B. Rutledge Professor of Law, Professor of Health Management and Policy, Professor of Nursing, and Professor of Pediatrics, Director of National Health Law and Policy Resource Center
Co-Director, Institute on Guardianship and Conservatorship

Paul Muelhausen – Medical director, Iowa Total Care

Kitty Buckwalter, UIHC, a world-renowned leader, mentor, and researcher in the field of geropsychiatric nursing. She has worked closely with the National Academy of Medicine on their recent report, "Quality of Care in Nursing Homes". Her work has been with Caregivers of persons with dementia, as well as stigma for PWD and their caregivers and works with the Csomay Center of Gerontological Excellence at the UI. <https://nursing.uiowa.edu/faculty-staff/emeriti-directory/buckwalterk6>

Report - The National Imperative to Improve Nursing Home Quality: Honoring Our Commitment to Residents, Families

7 recommendations:

1. The way in which the U.S. finances, delivers and regulates care in nursing home settings is ineffective, inefficient, fragmented and unsustainable.
2. Immediate action to initiate fundamental change is necessary.
3. Federal and state governments, nursing homes, health care and social care providers, payers, regulators, researchers and others need to make clear a shared commitment to the care of nursing home residents.
4. Extreme care needs to be taken to ensure that quality improvement initiatives are implemented using strategies that do not exacerbate disparities in resource allocation, quality of care or resident outcomes (including racial and ethnic disparities) which are all too common in nursing home settings.
5. High quality research is needed to advance the quality of care in nursing homes.
6. The nursing home sector has suffered for many decades from both underinvestment in ensuring the quality of care and a lack of accountability for how resources are allocated.
7. All relevant federal agencies need to be granted the authority and resources from the U.S. Congress to implement the recommendations of this report.

Committee vision: Residents of nursing homes are in a safe environment giving care that honors their values and preferences, addresses the goals of care, promotes equity and assesses the benefits and risks of care and treatments.

Oak Street Health announces plans to enter four new states, including Iowa

Oak Street Health has announced its plans to expand into four new states. The centers will be opened in Little Rock, Ark.; Des Moines and Davenport, Iowa; Kansas City, Kan.; and Richmond, Va., starting this summer. This expansion marks the 25th state in which Chicago-based Oak Street Health will provide care for older adults. Mike Pykosz, CEO of Oak Street Health, highlighted the organization's mission to improve health care for older adults nationwide. The expansion into these states will enable Oak Street Health to serve new patients, create jobs and address health equity gaps in these communities. Oak Street Health is known for its personalized, preventive primary care model designed specifically for older adults. The comprehensive approach includes behavioral health care, support for social determinants of health, and a combination of in-center, in-home, and telehealth appointments, as well as a 24/7 patient support line. By implementing this model, the company has significantly reduced patient hospital admissions compared with Medicare benchmarks and achieved notable reductions in 30-day readmission rates and emergency department visits. To learn more about Oak Street Health's primary care model, visit its [website](#).

Workforce Development

Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Program. For more information and to apply, go to [IowaGrants](#), view current Funding Opportunities, then search for ID 501461. Applicants to improve access to primary health care among underserved populations by providing educational loan repayment assistance to primary care medical, dental, and mental health practitioners. In exchange, practitioners must complete a minimum two-year, full-time; two-year, half-time; or four-year, half-time service obligation at an eligible practice site(s) located in a federally designated health professional shortage area (HPSA).

*Pre-Application Submission Deadline **May 3, 2023***

*Notification of Applicant Eligibility to Advance to Final Application **June 15, 2023***

Final Application Submission Deadline: June 28, 2023

Post Notice of Intent to Award – July 24, 2023

3-29-23 DMPS is offering [free CNA certification courses](#) for juniors and seniors this summer.

Two Des Moines universities partner to expand health care career pathways

Des Moines University and Grand View University have announced a partnership aimed at creating enhanced pathways for Grand View students interested in pursuing medical and health sciences careers. This collaboration seeks to benefit students while also contributing to the development of Iowa's health care workforce. The partnership offers two options based on the programs students wish to pursue. For certain programs, a concurrent degree plan is available, allowing qualifying Grand View students to earn credits simultaneously from both institutions. This arrangement applies to the following DMU programs: Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Master of Health Care Administration and Master of Public Health. By completing coursework at DMU alongside their bachelor's degree studies at Grand View, students can obtain both degrees more efficiently. Additionally, the DMU occupational therapy program reserves three seats each year for Grand View students. The partnership agreement is effective immediately.