

# Marissa Eyanson

## Behavioral Health Division Director



Marissa Eyanson serves as the Director of the Division of Behavioral Health for the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to stepping into her current role in March of 2020, she served as the policy director across the full spectrum of Iowa Medicaid's programs.

Throughout her career, Marissa has focused on leveraging systems and teams to achieve high quality outcomes through improvement in organizational structure, program management, and policy development.

From her first job as a direct support professional to her work in Medicaid managed care, Marissa has focused on the intersections between behavioral health, system and network capacity, and improved outcomes. She brings a unique ability to pivot perspectives from provider to payer to regulator. Marissa is the architect of Iowa's Behavioral Health Service System and ensured its' successful

installation by building strong partnerships, articulating clear vision, and aligning activity to purpose.

Marissa is a life-long small-town Iowan and graduate of Iowa State University. She and her husband have two adult children and enjoy time spent with family, their pets, and travelling.