

IOWA COUNCIL ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MEETING MINUTES JUNE 13, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBERS	HHS STAFF
Rebecca Peterson ✓	Director Kelly Garcia
Dr. Donald Macfarlane ✓	Sarah Reisetter
Sam Wallace ✓	Zach Rhein
Jack Willey	Sarah Ekstrand
Dr. Monika Jindal ✓	Elizabeth Matney
Kay Fisk ✓	Cory Turner
Andrew Allen ✓	Erin Drinnin
Sandra McGrath ✓	Janee Harvey
Samantha Rozeboom, DNP ✓	Marissa Eyanson
	Robert Kruse

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS
Senator Jeff Edler
Senator Sarah Trone Garriott ✓
Representative Heather Matson
Representative Ann Meyer ✓

Call To Order

Council Chair, Rebecca Peterson called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. via zoom teleconference.

Roll Call

Eight Council members were in attendance. Jack Willey joined a few minutes late. Two Ex-Officio members were present. Senator Sarah Trone Garriott and Representative Ann Meyer.

Sandra McGrath moved to approve the April minutes and Dr. Donald McFarlane seconded this. The council members said “aye” no changes or issues.

HHS Council Subcommittee Report: Substance Use and Problem Gambling Licensure Presented by subcommittee chair Andrew Allen.

They had a discussion regarding access to recovery and the State opioid response (SOR). One of the major focuses of the HHS Alignment is on substance use and mental health, working together to create better outcomes.

Iowa is eligible to receive up to \$345 million dollars over a multi-year period under these five new agreements. The settlement funds will be allocated among the State and participating Iowa subdivisions in accordance with the Iowa Opioid Memorandum of Understanding and must be used for opioid abatement activities.

These funds have not yet been allocated to specific programs or agencies.

Iowa had 270 fatal overdoses in 2022 due to the Opioid Crisis. The majority of these deaths were Iowans 25 years old and younger.

They review every death of a minor (from overdose) in the state. The goal is to:

- Raising awareness of fentanyl
- Build out infrastructure (one door) insure when someone asks for help, they have access.
- Recovery housing
- Prevention and treatment, but then recovery... they must be accredited (Iowa doesn't have a board to approve this at this time.)

Police want to focus in and devote more funding to this issue. Steps are being taken, but they need more funding and to work alongside HHS. YSS, a nonprofit that provides youth addiction and mental health resources, is going into schools.

We need to invest in early intervention. Iowa has been allotted \$345 million dollars from the Opioid settlement. We just need to make sure it is used in the most appropriate and useful way.

Director's Report

Presented by **Director Sarah Ekstrand, Chief of Staff**

Noteworthy Activities

(Updates on what the Director has been focused on lately.)

- Director Garcia attended American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) National Human Services Summit in Arlington June 9-11.
- She presented alongside a fellow HHS director from Oregon and former Oklahoma HHS director about how states are improving access for those who use their services.
- She also presented alongside our contract partner from Change and Innovation Agency, the Child Welfare assessment we've done and the transformative work we're doing in Child Welfare in Iowa.
- Director Garcia has been communicating with the media, centered around the closure of Glenwood and about behavioral health in the state.
- We are just days away from closure of Glenwood and are incredibly proud of the heroic work that has been done by our team.

Administration:

- The 2023-2027 State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) was released the week of May 27. We will be hearing more about that a little later with Marisa's team.

Compliance:

- HHS held a virtual townhall regarding rulemaking implementation of HF2605 consumable hemp on June 10.
- Owen Parker, Bureau Chief, Cannabis Regulation, will share more about where we are with the implementation.

Behavioral Health:

- The HHS Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team and Project Recovery Iowa members have provided personal support to 358 individuals in Adair County.
- The five Recovery Community Centers have had a combined total of 2,649 visits this month with 547 new visitors.

- We were awarded on June 1 as one of the state's designated for a Community Behavioral Health Demonstration.

Community Access and Eligibility:

- The Department has applied for D-SNAP for the areas affected by the severe storms in May and is awaiting a decision from our federal partners.
- Volunteer Iowa established the Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) in Greenfield on Thursday, May 23. Since that time, 1500 volunteers have been processed through the VRC. 40% of destroyed or damaged homes and properties have been supported by Volunteer Iowa's efforts.
- Volunteer Iowa was one of eight states to receive the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation's Deepening Youth Service grant, which will support the development of tiered service-learning trainings, resources to support youth service, and recognition of youth volunteer.

In the News/ Community/Speaking Engagements

- Volunteer Iowa will be sending out a press release on the Governor's Volunteer Awards Ceremony which will take place on Tuesday, June 25 in Ankeny.
- HHS's Your Life Iowa and 988 Suicide Prevention will be sponsoring the NASCAR race at the Iowa Speedway and will be holding a short recognition ceremony on the main stage to recognize and honor Iowa heroes who have made a difference in our state by protecting our communities and keeping Iowans healthy and safe.
- We are including a social worker in that group – they ARE among first responders, and we should honor them as such.

State Medical Director's Report:

Presented by **State Medical Director, Dr. Robert Kruse**

Update on the highly pathogenic influenza Avian (in dairy cows, 89 farms 12 states.) We have had 3 herds in Iowa tested positive.

We are working with the USDA and FDA to be sure the HPI Viruses are monitored.

Injury prevention training:

- The August 2023 CBC core state prevention grant will help strengthen partnerships around injury prevention.

Shared risk approach:

- Interconnected.
- Influences our health system and outcome.

Lower education is a predictor of these things happening but if you have money or affluence, you are much less likely to be kickoff.

Surveys to understand workforce needs (they are not a part of our dashboard, but we will share the results on the site. (looking at how they disseminate that information):

- National surveys
- PH Wins survey. The Governor's health work force has found strengths and gaps.
- PH Staff are surveyed at every level. Sept 2024

- The Governor’s PH Task Survey (association of schools and public health workers) Gathers demographic stats. Defines Public Health jobs across the nation.

The Greenfield tornado:

- We came together creating an incident command center, EMS Trauma autopsies, BH getting on the ground working with Volunteer Iowa, Homeland Security. Etc. We want to express our gratitude to the hard work our team has put out to help our community when needed.

Vote to adopt rule chapters with effective date of August 14, 2024

Cassie Tracy and Joe Campos

- 441—25: Disability Services Management (implements House File 471)

A motion was made by Samatha McGrath to approve and seconded by Jack Willey.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- 641—2: Hepatitis Programs

A motion was made by Sam Wallace to approve and seconded by Samantha Roseboom.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- 641—194: Nonpayment of State Debt

(Comments: This could penalize practitioners that do not keep good financial documentation. It may not have anything to do with their work, but they lose their license until they are able to pay this debt. When looking for a new position, they ask if you have ever lost your license. It can affect their opportunities. (this rule is something that already is in place. This vote is just to confirm it.))

A motion was made by Dr. McFarlane to approve and seconded by Sandra McGrath.

Votes of “No” were given by Dr. Donald McFarlane and Sandra McGrath, **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 641—196: Military Service, Veteran Reciprocity, and Spouses of Active-Duty Service Members

A motion was made by Sandra McGrath to approve and seconded by Dr. Donald McFarlane.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- 641—154: Medical Cannabidiol Program

(The board discussed the merit of this at length. It was clarified, by Owen Parker, (Bureau Chief, Cannabis Regulation) that this program is already in place and will remain in place, this is a vote on improvements to the program making it safer.)

A motion was made by Dr. Donald McFarlane to approve and seconded by Sam Wallace.

Votes of “No” were given by Dr. Donald McFarlane and Andrew Allen, **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 441 Chapter 11, Collection of Debt.

A motion was made by Dr. Donald McFarlane to approve and seconded by Sandra McGrath.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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- 441—200: Adoption Services

A motion was made by Andrew Allen to approve and seconded by Jack Willey.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- 441—204: Subsidized Guardianship Program

A motion was made by Sandra McGrath to approve and seconded by Samantha Rozeboom.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- Repeal 441—2: Contracting Out Department of Human Services Employees and Property

A motion was made by Jack Willey to approve and seconded by Kay Fisk.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- Repeal 641—176: Criteria for Awards or Grants

A motion was made by Dr. Donald McFarlane and seconded by Jack Willey.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- Repeal 641—191: Advisory Bodies of the Department

A motion was made by Jack Willey to approve and seconded by Dr. Monika Jindal.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Review Notice of Intended Action (informational)

Owen Parker

- 641—156: Consumable Hemp Products (implements House File 2605)
See <https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/13505/download?inline=>
(Discussion: working to rid the intoxicating CBD products sold over the counter as well as adding warnings on packaging) (AA bar owners upset with this change. Drinks in bars that have weed in them. (there are no regulations for these products. You are not allowed to use them in public if it's medical. But these are different. We have limitations on inhalable products.)

Behavioral Health Redesign Overview

Division Director, Behavioral Health, Marissa Eyanson

Director Garcia and Marissa Eyanson: Town hall today at 5pm
Sharing now what they will share then. (presentation attached)

The vision for Behavioral Health includes:

- System with clear access points
- Iowans have access to services and supports, no matter where they live.
- Link federal, state, and local governance and authority.
- Eliminate administrative red tape.
- Links funding to measurable system outcomes.

Behavioral health means mental health, addictive disorders and life stressors and crises.

Behavioral health disorders are common and treatable.

Behavioral health care refers to a full spectrum of prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery support and crisis care.

Iowa HHS will hire BH-ASOs to organize local service delivery and ensure access to high quality services.

BH-ASOs will be funded by braiding state and federal funds.

Important services, like crisis services, will be required and available for all Iowans. Other services are safety net services paid for by BH-ASOs.

Changes that will occur:

- Organize local behavioral health districts.
- Form local advisory councils.
- Incorporate stakeholder feedback and public comment.
- Procure behavioral health administrative service organizations.
- Develop a comprehensive statewide plan for behavioral health.

HHS:

- Establishes service system districts.
- Develops the service system state plan; approves district plans.
- Administers funding to lead entities.
- Develops service definitions and standards, reporting requirements, and performance outcomes.
- Provides training and technical assistance to lead entities.
- Provides activities as indicated by the service system state plan.

Lead Entity:

- Develops and implements a district-wide plan to ensure adequate service provision in every county within the district.
- Contracts with local providers.
- Provides training and technical assistance to contracted local providers.
- Ensures service quality and performance outcomes.
- May provide activities and services as indicated by the district plan.
- Collaborates with HHS and other district lead entities for the service system.
- Reports progress and outcomes to HHS.

Local Provider:

- Contracts with a lead entity(ies).
- Provides activities and services according to the lead entity district plan.
- Collaborates with the lead entity and other local providers in the district to ensure service provision in every county within the district.
- Reports progress and outcome data to the district lead entity(ies).

Implementation will be in July 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Monika Jindal Monika and seconded by Samantha Roseboom to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by:
Laura Myers
Council Secretary

Footnotes: * Due to this item not being on the agenda the council's action is considered null by HHS.

