IOWA Health and Human Services

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External Relations
- **Communications**
- **Government Relations**

Larry Johnson
HHS Principal Deputy Director

Council on Health and Human Services

Compliance & Administration
Sarah Reisetter, JD

Contracting & Grant Management

Internal Controls & Accountability
- Internal Audit
- Income Maintenance Quality Control
- Foster Care Review
- Court Appointed Special Advocates

Legal
- Appeals
- Administrative Rules

Human Resources & General Business Services
- Human Resource Operations
- Training and Development
- Background Check & Evaluations
- General Business Services

Cannabis Regulation

Performance & Operations
- Strategic Planning
- Quality Improvement & Performance Management
- Policies, SOPs, & Forms
- HHS Systems Assessment & Improvements

Transformation & Business Systems Strategy

Data Privacy & Strategy
- Data Sharing, Privacy, Open Records
- Data Reporting & Analytics
- Healthy Hometowns*

Finance
- Budget and Planning
- Accounting
- Payments & Receipts
- Child Support Collections

Medicaid
Lee Grossman

Operations
- Contracting
- MCO Reporting & Oversight
- Program Integrity & Compliance
- LTSS Policy
- QI & Medical Policy

Policy & Planning
- Data Governance & Systems Coordination

Medicaid Rates & Forecasting

Medicaid Medical Office

Medicaid Research & Data

State-Operated Specialty Care
Steven Garrison

Operations
- Procurement
- Central Intake
- Finance

State Training School

Woodward Resource Center

Independence Mental Health Institute

Cherokee Mental Health Institute & Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders

Behavioral Health
Marissa Eyanson

Operations & Compliance
- Operations
  - Project Coordination and Contracting
  - Training and Technical Assistance
- Compliance
  - Licensure and Accreditation
  - Region Operations, Policy and Administration
  - CCBHC Transformation
  - Suicide Prevention
  - Crisis and Emergency Behavioral Health

Services, Planning & Performance
- Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services
- Data Reporting and Analytics
- Initiatives and Grant Planning

Public Health
Robert Kruse, MD, MPH

Clinical Office
- Graduate Medical Education Strategy

State Medical Examiner

Operations & Public Health Services
- Rural & Community Health
- Health Statistics
- Chronic, Congenital and Inherited Conditions
- Environmental & Local Public Health
- Radiological Health
- EMS and Trauma
- Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Immunization and Tuberculosis
- HIV, STI and Hepatitis
- Center for Acute Disease and Epidemiology
- Wellness and Preventive Health

Community Access & Eligibility
Jill Stuecker

Operations

Child Support Services

Assistance Programs
- Eligibility Determinations
  - SNAP, Cash Assistance, Medicaid, Refugee Medical and Cash Assistance
- Operations
  - Support and Training
- Policy

Economic Opportunity
- Thrive Iowa
- FaDSS
- Community Action
- Volunteer Iowa
- Refugee Services

Family Well-Being & Protection
Janee Harvey

Operations

Child Protective Services
- Field
- Policy
- Operations

Child Care
- Regulation
- Assistance
- Early Education Policy

Early Intervention & Support
- Early Childhood Services
  - Early Childhood Iowa
  - Early ACCESS
- Family Services
  - MIECHV
  - Iowa's Child Abuse Prevention Program
  - MOMS
- Community Services
  - Community Programs

Aging & Disability Services
Zachary Rhein

Operations

Aging Services
- Community Support Services and Healthy Aging
- Strategic Development
- Performance Outcomes
- Quality Improvement and Program Monitoring

Community Integration
- Case Management
- Integrated Community Employment
- Intellectual/ Development Disability Service Coordination
- Aging and Disability Resource Center

Prevention & Adult Protective Services

State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

**Healthy Hometowns will move to Public Health year 3*