



**Teleconference Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2021**

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES</b>
Skylar Mayberry-Mayes – present	Director Kelly Garcia – present
Kimberly Kudej – present	Faith Sandberg – present
Sam Wallace – present	Matt Highland – present
Jack Willey – present	Cory Turner – present
Rebecca Peterson – present	Liz Matney - present
	Janee Harvey – present
	Jean Slaybaugh – present
	Vern Armstrong – present

<b>EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS</b>
Representative Joel Fry – absent
Senator Mariannette Miller-Meeks – absent
Senator Amanda Ragan – absent
Representative Timi Brown-Powers – absent

**Call to Order**

Director of Strategic Communications Matt Highland called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. via zoom teleconference call on Thursday, July 8, 2021.

**Roll Call**

All council members were present, All Ex-officio legislative members were absent.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Willey to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021 meeting.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**Rules**

**R-1 Amendments to Chapter 78, “Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services,” Chapter 79, “Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” Iowa Administrative Code. (Implements the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported Employment model for HCBS Habilitation Supported Employment services)**

These amendments implement the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported Employment (SE) evidenced-based model within the Home-and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Habilitation Supported Employment services. These amendments also establish the provider qualifications and implementation criteria applicable to the IPS SE providers and identify the outcome-based reimbursement methodology.

A motion was made by Willey to approve and seconded by Wallace.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R-2 Amendments to Chapter 73, “Managed Care,” Chapter 77, “Conditions of Participation for Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” Chapter 78, “Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services,” Chapter 81, “Nursing Facilities,” Chapter 82, “Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with an Intellectual Disability,” and Chapter 113, “Licensing and Regulation of Foster Family Homes Iowa Administrative Code. (Updates terminology for deaf and hard of hearing)**

The proposed rulemaking replaces the term "deaf" with "deaf or hard of hearing" or "deaf and hard of hearing" and replaces the term "hearing impaired" with "hard of hearing" throughout the Iowa Code based on HF 2585 authorized in 2020. This rulemaking covers the chapters affected by the Department of Human Services.

A motion was made by Kudej to approve and seconded by Mayberry-Mayes

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R-3 Amendments to Chapter 7, “Appeals and Hearings,” Iowa Administrative Code. (Changes in the Name of Iowa’s Food Assistance Program and Changes in the Administrative Disqualification Hearing Process for an Intentional Program Violation for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)**

The amendments change the formal name of Iowa’s food program from Food Assistance to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to be consistent with the name of the federal program and to alleviate confusion around food benefits that are available. Federal regulations give states the option of establishing procedures to allow individuals accused of an intentional SNAP violation the ability to waive their right to an administrative disqualification hearing. With the recommendation of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) the Department has decided to take advantage of this option. The amendments give individuals who are suspected of an intentional program violation an opportunity to waive their right to an administrative disqualification hearing, if the individual so chooses by signing form 470-5330, Waiver of a Right to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing. If the member chooses to sign the form, the member will be disqualified from participating in the SNAP program for a specified period of time and agree to repay any overpayment associated with the violation. No administrative disqualification will be held. The same disqualification penalty will be imposed if the individual chooses to give up the right to an administrative disqualification hearing and signs the form or if the individual participates in the hearing and is found to have committed an intentional program violation by an administrative law judge.

A motion was made by Kudej to approve and seconded by Peterson.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

### **MCO Quarterly Reports – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

Kurt Behrens, Medicaid Management Analyst provided an overview of the MCO Quarterly Reports for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of SFY 2021. Medicaid enrollment was up due to the pandemic, there were 84,810 new members. Since March 2020, all MCO disenrollment has been suspended because of the pandemic. Kurt highlighted the new MCO children’s summary also.

### **Boys State Training School Remedial Plan Update**

Dr. Derek Hess, Clinical Director – Psychology & Mental Health Therapy Services, updated the council on the Boy’s state training school remedial plan following the court order from the U.S. District Court in March 2020. All new leadership was hired at the school, including a new superintendent, deputy superintendent and a court monitor.

### **Director’s Report**

Director Garcia acknowledged the service of former DHS Council Chair Mark Anderson. She stated that we are tremendously grateful for his leadership and service to DHS and the people of Iowa. She informed the Council that we will conduct a special meeting in a few weeks to elect a new chair for the council. She informed the council our public hearing will take place in August, and our budget hearing will be in September. Director Garcia

stated the alignment work between DHS and the public health department continues. There is a lot of intensive amount of work taking place with more updates to come.

### **Council Update**

Sam Wallace thanked Mark Anderson for his dedication and service and stated he will be greatly missed. Kim Kudej and the other council members agreed they are very grateful to Mark for his service.

Jack Willey thanked Director Garcia and her team for all their hard work and commitment to serving the people of Iowa.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Wallace to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Kudej.

Matt Highland adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Julie McCauley  
Council Secretary  
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