



**Zoom Video conference Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2021**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Mark Anderson, Chair – present	Kelly Garcia – present
Kimberly Kudej – present	Faith Sandberg – present
Sam Wallace – present	Matt Highland – present
Rebecca Peterson – present	Carrie Malone – present
Skylar Mayberry-Mayes – present	Nancy Freudenberg – present
Jack Willey – present	Janee Harvey – present
	Jean Slaybaugh – present
	Vern Armstrong – present
	Gretchen Kraemer-present
	Anthony Lyman - present
	Sarah Ekstrand - present
	Cory Turner – present

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS
Representative Joel Fry – absent
Senator Mark Costello – absent
Senator Amanda Ragan – absent
Representative Timi Brown-Powers – absent

Call to Order

Chair Mark Anderson called the Council meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. via zoom video conference on Thursday, February 11, 2021.

Roll Call

All Council members were present, all Ex-Officio legislative members were absent.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Wallace, seconded by Willey to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Rules

The following amendments to the administrative rules are presented for adoption at the February 11, 2021, Council on Human Services meeting.

R-1 Amendments to Chapter 78, “Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services,” Amendments to Chapter 79, “Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” and Chapter 83, “Medicaid Waiver Services,” Iowa Administrative Code. (Allows Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists to order and sign treatment plans)

The amendment implements federal regulations which allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists to order and sign a treatment plan for home health agency services to Iowa Medicaid members.

A motion was made by Wallace to approve and seconded by Mayberry-Mayes
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R-2 Amendments to Chapters 110, “Child Development Homes,” and Chapter 120, “Child Care Homes,” Iowa Administrative Code. (Total Capacity Limits during Emergency School Closings Cap)

House File 2485 from 2020 directs the Department to allow child development homes to care for their Total capacity of children during an emergency school closing without an assistant.

A motion was made by Willey to approve and seconded by Kudej
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The following amendments to the administrative rules are presented as Noticed rules.

N-1 Amendments to Chapter 58, “Emergency Assistance-Division 1-Iowa Disaster and Individual Assistance Grant Program,” Iowa Administrative Code. (Updates Changes in the Disaster Assistance Program)

The proposed amendment implements 2019 Senate File 435 updating disaster assistance rules to increase the timeframe to stay in a fifth-wheel travel trailer or travel trailer from 90 days to 180 days before these trailers are considered a permanent place of habitation.

N-2 Amendments to Chapter 73, “Managed Care,” Chapter 78, “Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services,” and Chapter 83, “Medicaid Waiver Services,” Iowa Administrative Code. (Implements the federal requirement for electronic visit verification)

These proposed amendments implement the federal Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirements for providers for personal care services beginning January 1, 2020, under Section 12006 of the 21st Century Cures Act. Iowa was granted a one year good faith exemption so the requirement for Iowa is January 1, 2021. The Department is implementing EVV for members covered under managed care. The EVV implementation for the fee for service population will be deployed in a second phase for compliance.

A contract vendor has been selected to assist with tracking and billing. EVV uses technology to electronically record when attendants begin and end providing services to Medicaid members. EVV will be used to ensure members are receiving the care they need that is outlined in their service plan. EVV will be used to monitor the delivery and utilization of personal care and home health agency services in non-traditional settings and will provide verification of the visit with location information and a time stamp. EVV will be used to ensure quality and program integrity. It also streamlines billing for providers as once a visit is complete the claim is sent to the managed care organization for payment.

A motion was made by Willey to approve and seconded by Peterson
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Director's Report

Director Kelly Garcia provided a vaccine and facilities update to the council stating that we are tracking this closely to ensure we have good uptake with our team members and we are happy to report we are really seeing the percentages go up. She also shared the latest information regarding the Department of Justice report, informing the council were consistent with everything DHS has discovered over the course of the past year. She stated DHS remains committed to addressing the issues and continues to work on corrective action. Director Garcia informed the council that we will be reposting the Medicaid Director position and will also be posting for a new CFO and HR Director. She advised the Council about the work that has been done on the Family Planning Report, stating we have an updated report to share that is also posted on our website.

Adjournment

Chair Mark Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Julie McCauley
Council Secretary

