

Council on Human Services Meeting Minutes

APRIL 13, 2023

COUNCIL MEMBERS	HHS STAFF
Rebecca Peterson	Director Kelly Garcia
Skylar Mayberry-Mayes	Matt Highland
Kimberly Kudej	Sarah Ekstrand
Sam Wallace	Marissa Eyanson
Jack Willey	Cory Turner
Monika Jindal	Julia Webb
Kay Fisk	Elizabeth Matney

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS
Senator Jeff Edler
Senator Sarah Trone Garriott

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Willey to approve the March 9, 2023, meeting minutes. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AGING AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

Marissa Eyanson shared that we will have a new division for Aging and Disability services similar to the federal model. We are currently in the process of hiring a new Director for this division. Marissa also shared that HHS was recently awarded a million-dollar CCBHC planning grant. Iowa was one of 15 states that was awarded this one-year planning grant which will help us support the design and implementation of an Iowa specific CCBHC. This clinic will provide comprehensive mental health and substance abuse services and serves anyone who walks in the door regardless of their diagnosis and insurance status.

150TH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE STATE TRAINING SCHOOL AND INDEPENDENCE MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

Division Director of State Operated Facilities Cory Turner reported on the anniversary celebrations at the Boys State Training School and the plans for the upcoming Independence Mental Health Institute. The training school celebrated their 150th anniversary with many in attendance, including Director Garcia, who read a proclamation from Governor Reynolds. Several HHS leaders were in attendance as well. Independence will hold their 100th celebration on May 1st. Cory also reported that we are very close to hiring our new Superintendent for Independence.

CAPITOL COMPLEX BUILDING MOVE

Transformation Bureau Chief Julia Webb and Project Manager Cassie Tracy provided the council with an update on the Lucas Building renovation starting in the fall of 2023, with a completion date of June 2024. This space will be the new home for our HHS team that includes 1300 team members on the Capitol complex. The Executive Team will be relocated to a temporary office, while most HHS staff will be working from home during the renovation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Kelly Garcia congratulated Marissa Eyanson and her team on receiving the federal CCBHC grant. The Director stated the application was incredibly competitive, so this was a very big success for HHS.

Director Garcia shared she was honored to be a part of the celebration at the Boys State Training school. All in attendance celebrated the success, legacy, and history of the school. She stated the transformative work that is happening at school is inspiring and the hard work of the team is incredible.

Director Garcia announced that Gloriana Fisher has been named our new Adult Protective Services Director. Gloriana comes with years of experience in this area and is a person who is deeply dedicated to this work.

She stated Glenwood Resource Center is well below 90 clients which is the lowest it has ever been. Our team there is continuing the thoughtful and caring work of planful transitions for our clients.

Director Garcia shared that Director Matney and her team are thoughtfully working on the PHE unwind. We have been meeting with our trusted partners to help with communication to our clients. Thousands of letters have gone out and we have made a very informative dashboard for clients on our website that provides the public with all the information about the timeline of the unwind. We are expecting to unroll around 17.4% of our members.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kudej to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Wallace. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Julie McCauley

Council Secretary