

PRESENTATION TO HOUSE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ALIGNMENT

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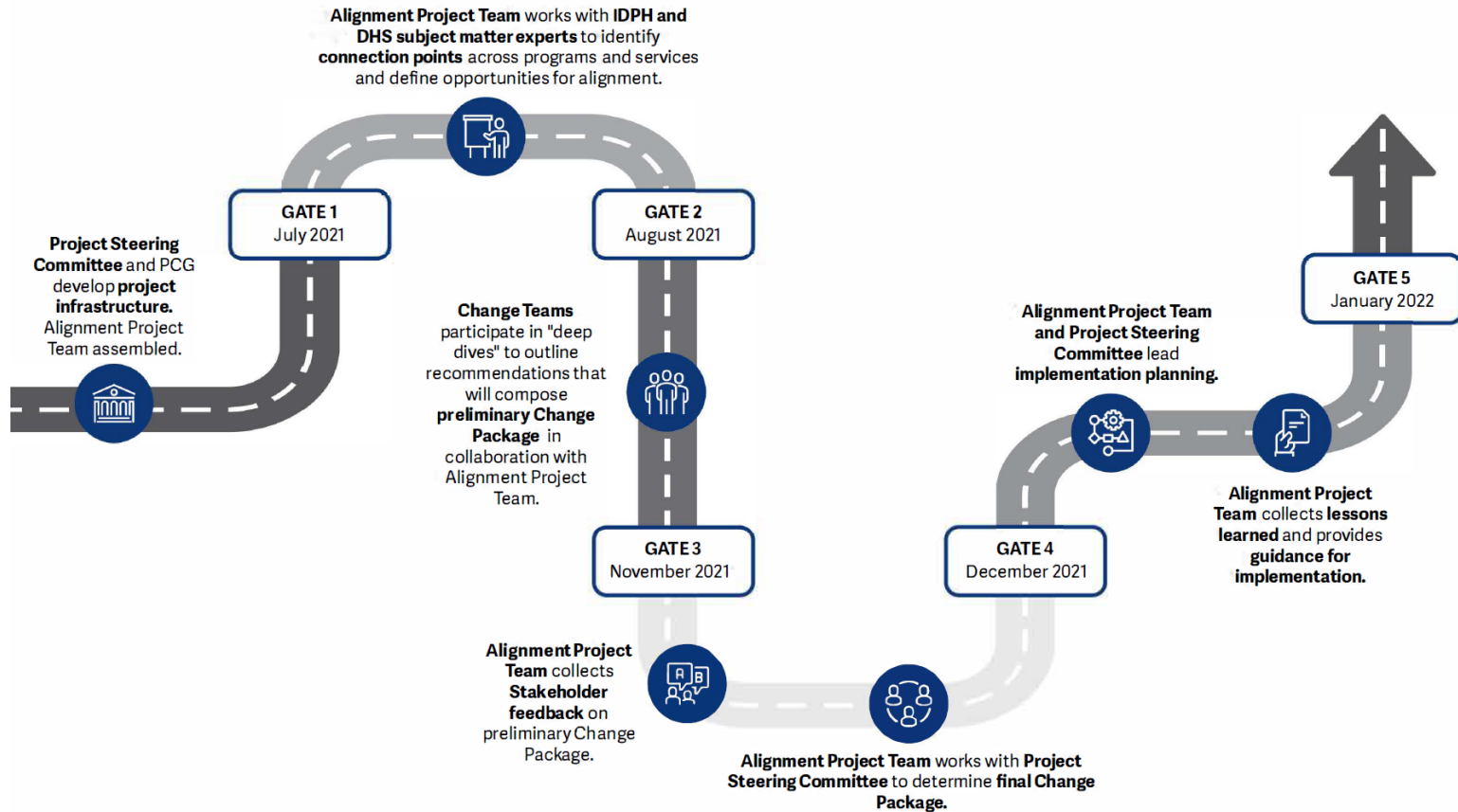
Goals of the Health and Human Services Alignment

- ▶ Through the creation of a new Health and Human Services (HHS) agency, we aim to:
 - ▶ Enhance and expand upon existing population health strategies and activities to improve the quality of life for all Iowans
 - ▶ Strengthen systems of care from prevention and early intervention through recovery and support
 - ▶ Integrate frameworks, practices, and policies to build upon what works

The HHS Alignment

Is...	Is Not...
Focused on what's best for lowans	Just about reducing costs
A joint effort between DHS and DPH	A unilateral takeover
A continuous improvement opportunity within each department	Just about looking across the two departments
An open exploration	Pre-determined
A transformational effort	Status quo
A transparent conversation	A backroom exercise

Roadmap



Staff & Stakeholder Engagement

- ▶ **May 2021** – HHS Alignment website published
- ▶ **May - June 2021** – Joint IDPH-DHS teams established, 15 staff from across the agencies
- ▶ **July 2021** – Public input survey released, over 500 responses received
- ▶ **September 2021** – 26 deep dive sessions held with over 40 staff member participants
- ▶ **November - December 2021** – Preliminary Change Package released, feedback gathered from over 1300 staff and stakeholders

Opportunities of Alignment

- ▶ Enhance data sharing from systems across HHS to **identify population-level trends, research what works, and bolster population health strategies**
- ▶ Strengthen, clarify, and secure sustainability of the programs central to Iowa HHS' strategy to **continuously improve childcare** across the state
- ▶ Develop and implement an **integrated behavioral health strategy** for the State of Iowa with braided and blended funding streams
- ▶ Build upon existing collaboration **to improve maternal health outcomes** through a well-defined continuum of care, including upstream prevention

Opportunities of Alignment, cont.

- ▶ Enrich the array of protective services and activities to **keep families safely together**
- ▶ **Strengthen organizational structure** across programs with similar areas of focus, such as early childhood or behavioral health
- ▶ **Connect people helping individuals or families** (e.g., care coordinators, case managers, direct service providers, eligibility workers) to coordinate services and communications
- ▶ Explore feasibility of a universal, mobile-friendly, self-service **screening, application, and referral tool** for use by lowans or people assisting lowans in need

QUESTIONS?

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