

## **Commitment Process Review Workgroup**

HF 2456 sec 17 directs department of human services in cooperation with the department of public health, representative members of the judicial branch, the Iowa hospital association, the Iowa medical society, the national alliance on mental illness, the Iowa state sheriffs' and deputies' association, Iowa behavioral health association and other affected or interested stakeholders to review the commitment process under chapter 125 and 229. Recommendations for improvements in the processes and any amendments to law to increase the effectiveness and more appropriately utilize the array of mental health and disability services available is to be made to the governor and general assembly by December 31, 2018.

### **Goals:**

- Provide recommendations for improvements in the 125 and 229 committal process.
- Review Iowa Code 125 and 229 and provide any amendment recommendations, as needed.
- Identify how the array of mental health and disability services currently available can be more appropriately utilized.

### **Participants**

- DHS: Rick Shults (co-facilitator)
- IDPH: Kathy Stone (co-facilitator)
- Judicial Branch: Heidi Baker
- Iowa Hospital Association:
  - Director of inpatient psych unit: Steve Johnson (Broadlawns)
  - Director of Emergency Department: Lacey Harlan-Ralls (Henry County Health Center)
- Iowa Medical Society:
  - Emergency Medicine: Sangil Lee (University of Iowa)
  - Psychiatrist: Doug Steenblock (UnityPoint Health- Marshalltown)
- NAMI Iowa: Peggy Huppert
- Iowa State Sheriffs' and deputies' association: Jared Schneider
- Iowa Behavioral Health Association: Ron Berg (Prelude Behavioral Services)
- MHDS Regions: Jennifer Vitko
- Mental Health Advocate: Libby Reekers
- Individual with Lived Mental Health Experience: Ashley Vaala
- Individual with Lived Substance Use Experience – Rick Bly
- Family Member of Individual with Mental Health Experience– Anna Killpack
- Family Member of Individual with Substance Use Experience– Mary O'Neil
- Attorney: Gretchen Kraemer
- IDPH: Deanna Triplett

## **Timeline**

### August 17- Room 2 at River Place:

- Review current commitment process
- Discuss recent changes related to commitments
- Review potential areas that could be improved
- Reach consensus on specific areas needing attention
- Assign responsibilities to draft proposals for the Committee
- Invite public comment

### September 7- Community Room at Learning Resource Center:

- Review draft proposals
- Agree on final recommendations
- Assign responsibility to draft specific proposed legislative language
- Invite public comment

### October 11- Room 2 at River Place:

- Review and agree upon specific proposed legislative language
- Review initial draft report
- Invite public comment

### November 9- Room 2 at River Place:

- Review and approve draft report
- Invite public comment
- Submit final report by December 31, 2018