



Iowa Department of Human Services

June 14, 2018

The Iowa Council on Human Services' annual public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 11th, beginning at 10:00 am at the DHS Des Moines Services Office, River Place, 2309 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa (Room 1). The Council has set aside time at their July meeting to hear from individuals and associations who may wish to offer advice as the Department develops its update to the Two-Year Budget for SFY 2020 and SFY 2021 recommendations and legislative package.

As in past years, we are asking people to limit their remarks to five minutes. To help the Council understand your issues, it would be helpful if you would send your comments **in advance** to Sandy Knudsen, Department of Human Services, Director's Office, 5th Floor, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, by **Thursday, June 28th**. She will then send the material to the Council prior to the public hearing. The Council would like the opportunity to ask questions following your presentations, and reviewing your comments in advance will help facilitate this discussion. We expect this question and answer portion of the hearing would take no more than an additional five minutes per person.

You may make any comment you wish, but we are asking people to be mindful of our budget constraints. The Council would like to hear what your core priorities are and your ideas for cost-saving initiatives.

If you would like to publicly address the Council for five minutes, please contact Sandy Knudsen at (515)281-5452 **before June 28th** and a time will be assigned to you to speak (same as past years.) Again, we strongly encourage you to send your remarks **in advance (by June 28th)** so they can be shared with Council. We are requesting your remarks be submitted by mail (Hoover State Office Building, 5th Floor, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319) or you can email Sandy Knudsen your comments at sknudse@dhs.state.ia.us and she will make the necessary copies to send to Council.

Finally, for those who cannot attend, we urge people to send comments to Director Jerry R. Foxhoven. These comments will then be shared with the Council. Director Foxhoven's address is Hoover State Office Building, 5th Floor, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Sincerely,

Pastor Mark Anderson, Chair
Council on Human Services

Jerry R. Foxhoven
Director