

Memorandum

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From: Allen Parks, EdD, MPH, Administrator/Director, Division of Mental Health and Disability Services, Iowa Department of Human Services

Date: January 28, 2008

Subject: Division Recommendations and Comments on Mental Health Systems Improvement Workgroups Report

Copy: Kevin W. Concannon, Director – Iowa Department of Human Services

Per last year's Appropriation Bill (S909), the Legislature directed the Department of Human Services, Mental Health and Disability Services to convene workgroups, prepare a report of the workgroups, request review by the MHRDDBI Commission of the report of the workgroups and comment to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 31, 2008 on major findings and recommendations.

Attached to this email please find the *Mental Health and Disability Services Recommendations and Comments on the Report of the Workgroups on Mental Health Systems Improvement* (MHDS Report). Also attached are the following APPENDICES:

- A: Overview and Statement of Need for MHDS Information Systems
- B: Framework for a State Mental Health Authority position paper
- C: Draft Amendments to Ch. 230A – Community Mental Health Centers
- D: Draft Emergency Mental Health Crisis Response Services Code
- E: Draft Emergency Mental Health Crisis Response Services Request for Proposals
- F: Draft Community Mental Health Centers Act
- G: Co-Occurring Disorders Policy Academy Charter
- H: Behavioral Health Workforce Vision
- I: Behavioral Health Workforce Data
- J: MHDS Legislative Proposals
- K: Evidence-Based Practices
- L: Workforce Development Proposal
- M: A View of the Data
- N: Community Mental Health Center and Central Point of Coordination Survey Data
- O: Recommendations from the Workgroups and Steering Committee on Mental Health Systems Improvement

We would be pleased to discuss further with you the Division's Comments and Recommendations as well as the Appendices and specifically legislative proposals contained herein.

This past year the MHDS requested, and obtained approval of the two legislative proposals contained in APPENDIX J, from the Human Services Council. These two proposals are currently in development with legislative staff in LSB 5362 DP Emergency Mental Health Crisis Services and LSB DP 5355 Children's Mental Health Services. The MHDS is also seeking funding of a Mental Health and Disability Services

Training Institute (APPENDIX L) through reallocation of a portion of what is currently referred to as “psych papers” funds.

I would like to once again express my appreciation to the consumers, family members, advocates, providers, Human Services Council, all of the workgroups, steering committee members, Co-occurring Disorders Policy Academy, Acute Mental Health Task Force, Children’s Oversight Committee, Mental Health Planning Council, members of the MHRDDBI Commission, our partnership agencies and various technical advisors for their patience and ongoing assistance. This report is a culmination of hundreds of people over nearly a year and scores of workgroup, steering committee, task force, and other stakeholder meetings. It has been a pleasure to work with all of the individuals involved who have the shared vision of building and improving, step by step, the Iowa mental health system. Thanks to one and all.

Sincerely,

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