



# CICS

Supporting Individuals. Strengthening Communities.

August 2019

## CICS SEEKS CHILDREN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Central Iowa Community Services (CICS) is seeking volunteers to join our Children's Advisory Committee. With the passage of HF690, the Mental Health and Disability Service Regions in the state of Iowa have been given the responsibility of developing and administering the Children's Behavioral Health system on behalf of those children with a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) diagnosis.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to influence and develop a system of care for Children in the CICS region. The Committee will initially meet monthly, with the intent to move to quarterly meetings.

CICS invites individuals from the following categories to submit their names for consideration: parents or actively involved relative; member from education system; early childhood advocate; child welfare advocate; provider of

children's services; juvenile court; pediatrician; child care provider; and local law enforcement.

Our goal is to balance membership between the 11 CICS counties and the roles to be filled.

*Take time to consider this opportunity to become a member of this important organization.*

## THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM

*HF 690 assigned responsibility for the development of the Children's Behavioral Health System to the following partners:*

### Children's Behavioral Health State Board

- Advise the MHDS administrator (DHS) on the administration of the children's system
- Provide consultation services to agencies regarding development of administrative rules
- Identify behavioral health outcomes and indicators
- Submit a written report before December 1 of each year to the Governor and General Assembly

### State Agency Responsibilities

- DHS and IDPH shall provide single, statewide crisis hotline through the expansion of the YourLifelowa platform

- DHS is responsible for administrative rules to include:
  - o Service definitions
  - o Service provider's standards
  - o Service access standards
  - o Service implementation dates

### New MHDS Administrator Duties

- Facilitate coordination of children's behavioral health services with the objective of developing a children's system that provides behavioral health services to all children regardless of economic circumstances and place of residence

*Continued on page 2*

Continued from page 1

- Work with other state agencies to implement a strategic plan to expand access to qualified mental health workers
- Establish a data collection and management information system to identify, collect, and analyze service outcomes and performance measures related to children's system
- Information collected by the department is provided annually to the state board.

### MHDS Regions Responsibilities

- Providing access to children's behavioral health core services
- Core services include:
  - o Treatment designed to ameliorate a child's serious emotional disturbance
  - o Comprehensive facility and community-based crisis services, including all of the following:
    - Mobile response
    - Crisis stabilization community-based services
    - Crisis stabilization residential services
- Behavioral health inpatient treatment
- Core Plus Services to be implemented when funds are made available.
- Fund services for children not covered by Medicaid or other third-party payer and who meet the certain criteria.

## CICS GOVERNING BOARD CHANGES

### Members will be added to CICS Governing Board

With the additional responsibility of the Children's Mental Health system, Regional Governing Boards will include additional members in the next year. The new members will include:

- One individual that is a parent of a child who utilizes children's behavioral health services or an actively involved relative of such children.
- One individual representing the education system in the region.

These Directors shall be voting members appointed by the Children's Advisory Committee for a two-year term.

Also joining the Board will be a children's behavioral health services provider. This Director shall also be appointed by the Children's Advisory Committee as ex-officio, non-voting director.



## DEVELOPMENT OF CICS CHILDREN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Notice to communities and request for Committee members**
- **Application for Committee membership due by September 13, 2019**
- **Applications to the Governing Board October 24, 2019**
- **Children's Advisory Committee hold first meeting in November**
- **Children's Advisory Committee appoints representative to Governing Board in January for terms beginning February 2020.**