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Supporting Individuals. Strengthening Communities.

Legislative Priorities

- 1) The Legislature should provide the needed funding to counties/regions to ensure stability in the mental health and disability services delivery system due to the increased demand for additional services by passing an increase in the sales tax or allowing counties to exceed their current maximum per capita levy up to \$47.28 to fund new services. If a sales tax increase is passed, the dollars raised could be used for a combination of property tax relief and increased funding for services.
- 2) Provider reimbursement rates from all payors, including Medicaid, should be set at a level that is adequate to preserve service stability for consumers, build community capacity, and enable providers to offer and expand access to services that meet the complex needs of individuals served by the MHDS system.
- 3) The Legislature should expand the children's system to include the development and management of a system of care for all children with serious emotional disturbances, intellectual disabilities, brain injuries and developmental disabilities by the MHDS Regions. The Legislature should ensure that the state has adequate funding available for this system and should allow MHDS Regions to increase levies to fund their role, including coordination of care and should allow for MHDS Regions and counties to bill Medicaid for service coordination when appropriate.
- 4) The State of Iowa should appropriate dollars to fully fund the Your Life Iowa statewide crisis line. These dollars should be enough to fund the crisis line calls and the cost of dispatching Mobile Crisis Response Teams.

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