

# **County Finance Committee Meeting**

## **Minutes – Thursday, September 14, 2017**

### **Attendees**

The County Finance Committee (the “Committee”) met on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lucas State Office Building, Capitol Complex, 321 E 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA, Room 142.

Committee members present were: Jane Heun, Janine Sulzner, Andy Nielsen, Grant Veeder, David Farmer. Members absent were: Mark Edelman, Russ Hopp and Pat Wright. Also present were: Carrie Johnson, Department of Management (DOM) and Marlys Gaston, Auditor of State.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions carried unanimously.

Chairperson Sulzner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Veeder, Seconded by Heun to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Nielsen, Seconded by Heun to approve the amended minutes of the June 2, 2017 County Finance Committee. Motion carried.

### **Report of MHDS Informal Task Force**

Johnson reviewed the report of the MHDS Informal Task Force created by the County Finance Committee at the June 2, 2017 meeting to further examine the implementation of SF 504 (see attached report). Farmer reviewed his model for determining the impact of the legislation on his region (Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region). Challenges were discussed including variations across regions in regards to how fund balances and expenditures are handled, and planning for fund balance reduction. The Committee discussed the Interim Legislative Committee established by SF 504 and speculated the committee will further clarify legislative intent with encumbrance language. They also questioned whether the interim committee will hear alternative funding proposals for MHDS services, such as a regional levy approach similar to how community colleges are funded.

Veeder thanked the task force for their report. Farmer, Sulzner and Johnson reported they will present similar information later in the day during the DHS Regional CEO meeting held in Des Moines.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.