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Management Team Report February, 2015

Director

- Director Harvey traveled to the University of Texas Arlington Research Institute with Jo Dorhout, Cedar Falls, developer of Virtual Interactive Families, to meet with a team of robotic engineers to discuss potential robotic interventions to be designed to assist elders and persons with disabilities to remain at home.
- Director Harvey continues to be part of a collaborative team to implement the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) in Iowa focusing primarily on “hard to employee” individuals.

Department Highlights

- The Elder Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program is up and running and protocols and processes have been developed and refined. Onsite technical assistance has been provided to the area agencies on aging to ensure that the program is consistent statewide.
- The Department continues to participate in the Iowa Aging Issues Mediation (AIM) committee and is working to finalize the forms, processes and screening mechanisms to begin rolling out the project. The mission of AIM is to create and support a culture where mediation is the first choice for resolving aging issue disputes.
- The Department was recognized as the first State in Region VII to submit their FFY14 NAPIS State Performance Report (SPR) to Administration for Community Living (ACL).
- Dick Harmon has been asked by ACL to take the lead on a series of Rural Input Committees that will examine the impact of the definitional change of “rural” across the U.S.
- The Department was asked to present information to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to show how we utilize NAPIS data for program evaluation and monitoring.
- The Department has taken significant steps toward development of an outcome-based area plan.
- The Department completed CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training conducted by HSEMD. The training provides basic emergency response to use at the site of an incident while waiting for the 1st responders to arrive.
- The Department has begun scheduling the community forums that will take place this spring.
- The Department continues to work on enhancing LifeLong Links to fulfill the “no wrong door” access to information and assistance, options counseling and support to assist individuals 18 and over to remain independent. Training and Technical assistance is provided to ensure compliance with a variety of funding sources the six AAAs with IDA are charged to administer.
- The Department continues to plan for the return of the Governor’s Conference on Aging in 2016.

- The new staffs to the Department are: Sherry McLerran, Sue McCall, DJ Swope, and Julie Bergeson. The Department has now filled all funded employee slots.
- The Department is among 13 stakeholders in the Lifelong Smiles Coalition, working to assess barriers to care and provide solutions. Delta Dental Foundation \$135,000; University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics \$102,000; IDPH \$360,000. The Coalition is taking a multi-faceted approach, including education, geriatric care coordination and policies and a pilot project “I-Smile Silver” in Scott and Lee Counties.
- The Department will be hosting OSDM Summits across the State of Iowa as well as SCSEP Motivational Interviewing trainings. Additional training and education the Department has provided includes:
 - ADRC / LifeLong Links
 - October 2, 2014 – AAA Overview of the BIP contract
 - October 28-30, 2014 – Options Counseling Boot Camp
 - November 4, 2014 – LLL Database Requirements
 - November 6, 2014 – BIP Cost Allocation Time Study training
- The IT team has taken on a number of roles since its inception:
 - Developed security policies and provided training for IDA staff on the proper use of technology devices;
 - Developed a process for software requests;
 - Reviewed and made recommendations on a department-wide collaboration platform; and
 - Researched HIPAA compliance, reduced waste and ensured IDA staff has the technology tools to perform their duties.
- The Contract Team has completed 57 contracts for the current fiscal year, not including contracts under \$1,000 and contracts where we are the contractor.

Grants and Programs

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)/LifeLong Links

Transforming Iowa's LTSS Access Programs and Functions into a No Wrong-Door System (a.k.a. "Sustainability Grant")

Summary: The goal of this project is to develop a three-year sustainability plan for Iowa's LifeLong Links system based on state, local and consumer stakeholder input. This project is funded by the Administration for Community Living (ACL).

Funding: 1 year = \$225,000

Progress/Outcomes: McGladrey is the consulting firm hired to complete this project.

Key Partnerships: This will require key State of Iowa stakeholders to participate, including the Iowa Department of Human Services/Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (DHS/IME), the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and others. Local stakeholders will include AAAs, Mental Health/Disability Services (MDHS) regions, Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and others. Consumers from the aging and disability communities will provide consumer feedback.

Building Iowa's LifeLong Links Enhancements

Summary: The goal of this contract is to enhance the infrastructure and technological support for a statewide communications system; provide funding for database integration and migration; and ensure that transportation services for veterans are easily accessible through the LifeLong Links website. This contract is funded by the Iowa Department of Transportation through funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Veteran Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI).

Funding: 1 year = \$1,619,000

Progress/Outcomes: The Office of the Chief Information Officer is engaged with this project due to overlap with the IME contract and due to its responsibility for the State's technology activities. RCC Consultants is the consulting vendor developing the communications network concept and will assist in procuring a vendor and testing the system. McGladrey, the consulting firm, is assisting in maintaining coordination activities associated with this contract and database activities and outcomes.

Key Partnerships: This will require key State of Iowa stakeholders to participate, including the Iowa Department of Human Services/Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (DHS/IME), the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and others. Local stakeholders will include the AAAs as the primary initial partners.

Creating a Dementia-Capable HCBS System in Iowa

Summary: The goal of this project is to test Iowa's LifeLong Links network to ensure persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their caregivers are able to access information and supports for dementia services via the LifeLong Links toll-free call center, website and in person at Local Coordination Centers. Additionally, the project will provide training to I/R&A staff and options

counselors about the lived experience of dementia and assessment of need. The project includes activities related to care transitions and 50% of the funds are to be used for direct services (e.g. respite). This project is funded by the Administration for Community Living (ACL).

Funding: 3 years = \$977,435

Progress/Outcomes: DJ Swope will be the primary IDA staff member assigned to this project. The IDA and its partners are in the final contract stages and have a planning meeting in early February to begin activities.

Key Partnerships: Alzheimer's Association of Greater Iowa (AAGI) is the primary vendor tasked with conducting tests of the LifeLong Links system, recruiting volunteers, implementing a care transition program and training options counselors at the AAAs. Iowa State University will provide project evaluation as well as assist in developing assessment tools for dementia-capable testing.

LifeLong Links/BIP Capacity Building

Summary: The goal of this project is to increase the capacity of LifeLong Links to serve as Iowa's No Wrong-Door model. This includes expanding the Local Coordination Centers' reach to persons aged 18 and older with disabilities and Iowa veterans – two populations not previously served through the aging network. Funds are being used to:

- Recruit, hire and train staff to meet increased volume
- Purchase equipment
- Establish minimum standards for options counselors and I/R&A staff
- Intensively market LifeLong Links statewide
- Build partnerships to grow the LifeLong Links network
- Develop robust standard operating procedures
- Develop a fee-for-service sliding scale reimbursement plan

This contract is funded by the Iowa Department of Human Services/Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (DHS/IME).

Funding: 1 year = up to \$2,786,250

Progress/Outcomes: The project just completed its first quarter and the IDA met all major deliverables. Consultants have been secured to assist the IDA with administrative duties.

Training: Intensive training has been provided to options counselors, both on an in-person basis ("boot camp" style) and via curriculum purchased through Boston University. Mandatory in-person and web-based training is ongoing.

Research/Analysis: The IDA is beginning to have unprecedented access to service data and is beginning to develop strategies around data analysis. The ability to gather and analyze data will be greatly enhanced throughout the project as client data software is streamlined and improved statewide.

Key Partnerships: This will require key State of Iowa stakeholders to participate, including the Iowa Department of Human Services/Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (DHS/IME), the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and others. Local stakeholders will include AAAs, Mental Health/Disability Services (MDHS) regions, Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and others. Consumers from the aging and disability communities will provide consumer feedback.

No Wrong-Door Information and Referral Database and LifeLong Links Website Integration

Summary: The goal this contract is to establish a single long-term supports and services (LTSS) database for the LifeLong Links network by migrating current databases from I4A and COMPASS. Additionally, the database must integrate with the LifeLong Links website and have the capacity to expand so that other state networks may eventually link to the database. This contract is funded by the Iowa Department of Human Services/Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (DHS/IME).

Funding: 1 year = \$1,000,000

Progress/Outcomes: The Office of the Chief Information Officer is the sub-contractor for this project. The I4A database has been secured on state servers and remains operational while contractual and licensing details are finalized with the proposed software vendor.

Training: Database and software training will occur when migration and database activities are complete.

Key Partnerships: State-level partners include DHS/IME, the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and the OCIO. Additional partners include I4A, AAAs and the University of Iowa Center for Disabilities and Development.

Veterans-Directed Home and Community-Based Services

Summary: The goal of this project is to increase the independence of Iowa veterans by providing options counseling to assist them in living in their community of choice rather than an institutional setting. Furthermore, it will allow veterans to be active decision-makers when it comes to identifying and selecting which home and community-based supports and services to receive. This is the first time a partnership has been developed between the IDA and Iowa's VA Medical Centers (VAMC).

Funding: 1 year = \$71,000

Progress/Outcomes: The IDA's local partner, Heritage Area Agency on Aging, is working with the VAMC in Iowa City to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to partner on this project. They are just beginning to explore their partnership with the Des Moines VAMC. Heritage was selected by the Administration of Community Living (ACL) as an exemplar state agency to receive intensive technical assistance to ensure that the project is successful.

Training: LifeLong Links I/R&A specialists and options counselors will receive training on receiving and making referrals to this project. Options counselors also will receive training on serving this population related to the services and supports available from the Veterans Administration specific to this project and for veterans, in general.

Research/Analysis: Data gathered from Iowa and other VD-HCBS participant states will be used to demonstrate the efficacy of this project on a national level.

Key Partnerships: The key partners for this project include the ACL, Veterans Administration, VAMC Des Moines, VAMC Iowa City and Heritage Area Agency on Aging.

Expanding and Sustaining Iowa's Lifespan Respite Program

Summary: The goal of the Lifespan Respite grant is to fully integrate a robust and sustainable Lifespan Respite program into Iowa's long-term supports and services (LTSS) system, so that all Iowans who are eligible for respite services receive them, regardless of age, disability or chronic condition. This ACL-funded project will also survey caregivers to identify service gaps, provide respite funds to Iowans in a caregiving crisis and promote advanced training for care providers.

Funding: 3 years = \$316,051

Progress/Outcomes: The IDA is in final contract stages and will begin activities mid-February. Julie Bergeson will be the project coordinator.

Key Partnerships: Staff will partner with both the Iowa Lifespan Respite Coalition and Lifespan Advisory Board to carry out grant activities. The Coalition is comprised of state and local provider organizations, state agencies and ADRC/LifeLong Links personnel from across the state. The Advisory Board consists of policymakers from governmental agencies that are implementing systemic changes to Iowa's LTSS systems (i.e., IME, VA, IDDC, IDPH, non-profit organizations, etc.).

Older American Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

Summary: Iowa OACSEP is a Title V grant under the Older Americans Act (OAA) that is administered by the Department of Labor (DoL). Iowa has a total of 550 training positions, 114 of which are administered by the IDA with AARP Foundation as the sub-grantee.

Progress/Outcomes:

- Currently servicing 96 older workers
- Have served 133 older workers YTD (7/1/2014)
- 43,000 hours of community service performed
- 28 placements into "real" jobs, averaging \$9.34 an hour for 27.5 hours per week

Training: On the near horizon is a Motivational Interview Series for all SCSEP providers in Iowa, as well as the Older Worker Vocational Rehab Program. Motivational interviewing is a form of collaborative conversation for strengthening a person's own motivation and commitment to change. It is based on person-centered counseling designed to strengthen an individual's motivation for and movement toward a specific goal by eliciting and exploring the person's own reasons for change within an atmosphere of acceptance and compassion.

Research/Analysis: Neuropsychological Assessment of Work-Related Injuries

Key Partnerships: The IDA is currently working with partners, including DMACC, IowaWORKS, DART, Goodwill and Aging Resources of Central Iowa to host a Career Fair on Feb. 24 at DMACC Southridge. Future plans include development of a tool kit and facilitation of an Untapped Potential Career Fair in each workforce region.

Older Worker Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Employment Program

Summary: Each AAA has an employment specialist on board. Employment specialists serve direct referrals from local Vocational Rehab offices. This is funded by \$160,000 of state money that is transferred to Vocational Rehab, which then uses those state dollars to draw down federal Vocational Rehab dollars that, in the past, were not being utilized in Iowa. Total draw-down based on the \$160,000 is \$751,000.

Progress/Outcomes: Referrals from VR have been slower than expected. A strategic meeting was held recently to assess the barriers to success. VR has more than 1,000 people who are active on their caseloads and the group was able to identify several barriers that will lead to next steps.

Training: Vocational Rehabilitation program managers will train employment specialists as they do VR counselors to help them better understand the VR process. Employment specialists will facilitate training of VR counselors in their regions on the services that are offered to older Iowans through the AAA. These wrap-around services are vital to the successful employment of some older Iowans.

Research/Analysis: Analysis of current active VR job candidates who could be served by the employment specialists. Upcoming survey of VR counselors related to the employment specialist services, with a goal of correcting information about when and to whom referrals should be sent.

Office of Substitute Decision Maker (OSDM)

Summary: The OSDM is working to advocate, educate and inform Iowans on all topics concerning substitute decision-making. OSDM is providing technical assistance to multiple inquiries and is traveling the state to re-introduce the office and provide the most up-to-date information on guardianship, conservatorship, powers of attorney and more.

Progress/Outcomes: OSDM has provided technical assistance in numerous cases that have moved individuals from \$3000/day hospital setting to \$1000-\$1500 day NF/RCF. Speaking engagements are as scheduled: 2/9-Coralville; 2/10-West Liberty; 2/11-Atlantic; 3/4-Council Bluffs; 3/5-Iowa City; 3/6-Des Moines; 4/16-NASW Annual Conference.

Research/Analysis: 50-state survey and analysis of results to determine Iowa's regional system.

Key Partnerships: Working with numerous state agencies (DHS, SHIPP, etc.), non-profits (Easter Seals) and other groups (IHCA, AAAs).

Health/Wellness and Nutrition

Summary: Currently, the IDA has a two-year grant for \$385,840 to implement evidence-based falls prevention programs throughout the state for those at-risk of falling, including older Iowans and Iowans with disabilities. Sub-contracts are in place with the Iowa Department of Public Health for \$7,475; Iowa Public Health Association for \$5,000; YMCA of Greater Iowa for \$24,520; and Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging for \$137,185.

Regarding nutrition, the IDA continues to work with local AAAs regarding sustainability issues of OAA congregate and home-delivered meals and work is in progress to implement a \$250,000 statewide program for food-insecure older adults.

Legislative Update

From a policy perspective, the last few weeks have demonstrated incredible movement at the state and federal levels.

State Legislative Update

Bill Tracking

A list of bills currently tracked by the Department can be found beginning on page 12 of this document. This list is updated as of February 3, 2015. There are some bills that were introduced on or before this date that the Department is still analyzing.

The highlighted bills have passed out of Committee and are awaiting floor debate.

Hot Topics

Office of Substitute Decision Maker

The Iowa Department on Aging is seeking funding consistent with the Governor's recommended appropriation. Last session, the Governor recommended funding for this Office in the amount of \$325,000. The Legislature funded the Office at \$288,000.

The \$36,000 difference is being offset by the elimination of the Guardianship and Conservatorship Monitoring Pilot Project. This initiative received \$20,000 last session - funding that could be used to move the Office towards the recommended funding level. In addition, the Department is asking for an increase of approximately \$16,000 to raise the total funding for the Office to \$325,000.

The Department has heard misinformation related to the Office of Substitute Decision Maker. This misinformation includes: 1. The Department is requesting a substantial increase for the Office; 2. The Department intends to build offices or "bricks and mortar" with the funding; and 3. The Office is not providing services. The Department continues to work with Legislators and legislative staff to provide correct information. The Department is hopeful that a series of public dialogues will help to provide correct information.

Dementia Training

Senate Study Bill 1001 outlines several requirements regarding dementia training, including the requirement that several state departments create a taskforce to develop dementia curricula and training models; review existing educational and training components; research and review evidence-based best practices; work with licensing boards to establish educational training partnerships to support certification; review financial incentives for individuals providing care; and make recommendations no later than Nov. 15, 2015. Senate Study Bill 1001 passed subcommittee on Jan. 21 and will now make its way to full committee. Amendment is anticipated.

Director Harvey testified at the Senate Human Resources Committee meeting on Monday regarding dementia training, the Department's grant related to testing the LifeLong Links system for dementia capability, and other related topics. Mike Isaacson of Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging and Carol Siple of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Iowa Chapter, were co-presenters.

Elder Abuse Prevention

House File 85 amends the current elder abuse Code chapter to remove exemptions from the confidential relationship requirement. Under current law, individuals working in certain industries or maintaining a certain relationship with a vulnerable elder are not deemed to be in a confidential relationship and cannot be subject to an allegation of financial exploitation under the elder abuse Code chapter. This legislation removes the exemptions and instead allows the court to determine a confidential relationship based upon the totality of the circumstances.

House File 87 creates the crime of financial exploitation of an older individual and establishes associated criminal penalties.

Senate File 21 is aimed at preventing individuals who are convicted of certain crimes from recovering proceeds or benefits from the estate of the individual against whom the crime was perpetrated.

Senate File 109 combines the provisions of House File 85 and House File 87. In addition, the legislation further defines the meaning of "substitute petitioner" and notice provisions.

Guardianship and Conservatorship Petitions

Companion bills House Study Bill 44 and Senate Study Bill 1024 amend current law to ease legal procedures in the filing of a combined petition for guardianship and conservatorship. This legislation will allow a combined guardianship and conservatorship to be treated as a single proceeding with one docket number. In both the House and the Senate, this legislation has already passed the Judiciary Committee.

Medicaid Managed Care

The introduction of Medicaid Managed Care in Iowa is a highly discussed topic this session. The Governor has shared that a plan will be released in the near future.

Budget

The Department presented its proposed budget to the Health and Human Services Joint Appropriations Committee this year under unusual circumstances. Traditionally, agency presentations are made to the full Committee, but the Department's presentation was made only to House members. The Department's budget request this year is status quo, with the exception of an approximately \$16,000 increase for the Office of Substitute Decision Maker.

Federal Legislative Update

Older Americans Act Reauthorization

The Department is pleased to report that there has been significant movement regarding reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. Recently, members of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee formally introduced the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2015, also known as S.192. Senators leading the charge on the bill include Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), Patty Murray (D - Wash.), Richard Burr (R - N.C.) and Bernie Sanders (I - Vt.). The bill passed out of the HELP Committee last week and now moves to the full Senate.

The proposed legislation provides for a three-year reauthorization with minor changes to the Older Americans Act, including the modernization of the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Program; strengthen the role of Long-Term Care Ombudsmen; and definitional changes related to Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

The Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2015 is similar to a bill introduced last session with one distinct exception: the bill addresses changes to the formula used to allocate Older Americans Act funding to the states. This controversial formula has been the reason past efforts for reauthorization have failed. The debate surrounding the funding formula stems from a provision often referred to as “hold harmless” – a mechanism that protects states with low population growth to maintain minimum funding levels. Iowa is a low-growth state and has benefited from the hold harmless provision, while states with larger population growth have argued the provision results in inadequate funding.

The bill contains a stop-loss compromise in lieu of removal of the hold harmless. The compromise mandates that no state will receive less than 99 percent of the funding allotted in the prior fiscal year in 2015, 2016 and 2017. After that, funding will be frozen at 2018 levels.

| IDA estimate stop loss compromise | Congressional Research Service estimate stop loss compromise | IDA estimate removal of hold harmless |
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| (\$295,000) | (\$282,000) | (\$940,000) |

The Department estimates that the total cumulative loss resulting from the compromise would result in a total loss of \$295,000. This estimate is validated by an estimate provided by the Congressional Research Service, which estimates the cumulative loss at \$282,000.

This compromise is a benefit to Iowa. If the hold harmless provision was removed, Iowa would lose nearly \$940,000 in federal funding.

Congressional Outreach

The Department is working with the Governor's Office of State-Federal Relations to develop outreach strategies for new Congressional Members. The Department assisted in the development of a template that will be used by all executive-branch agencies. A copy of the template can be found on page 16 of these materials.

The Department will be conducting visits with Congressional Members in April and will utilize this template as part of its outreach package.

President's Proposed Budget

The President's proposed budget for FY2016 was released on Monday. The Department has been briefed by the National Association of States United on Aging and Disability (NASUAD) regarding the full budget. A few highlights of the proposed budget are included below, but the general consensus is that the current political climate does not look favorable to garner support for many of the proposals.

- Elimination of caps on discretionary funding - sequestration
- Restore many of the funding cuts imposed on services and programs for seniors
- Increase of \$42.8 million for nutrition formula grants that allocate funding to congregate and home-delivered meals
- Increase of nearly \$14 million for Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- Increase of \$21 million to support the Elder Justice Act

2015 White House Conference on Aging

The White House is hosting a 2015 Conference on Aging later this year. The Conference will be different from conferences in the past as there is no appropriation, no delegates, and no official gathering in Washington D.C. Instead, the White House will hold regional forums in specified locations.

The White House will rely on Members of Congress and Governors to host events in their home states and to provide information from their respective states regarding issues and concerns from four categories: Retirement security, healthy aging, long-term services and supports, and elder justice. The Department is researching the feasibility of hosting an event or utilizing the community forums to provide Iowa-based information. More information will be shared in the future.

Senate Files:

SF 2 Veterans Home Eligibility. Provides additional eligibility to spouses of living veterans who are not members of the Iowa Veterans Home. To be eligible, such a spouse is required to have been married to the veteran for at least 10 years, be disabled, and meet the qualifications for nursing or residential level of care.

SF 3 Parking for Persons with Disabilities. Requires that an approved driver education course include classroom instruction relating to the rights, privileges, and penalties associated with parking for persons with disabilities.

SF 21 Insurance Proceeds. Provides that a person convicted of certain felonies perpetrated against a decedent in the six months immediately prior to the decedent's death is not entitled, as a named beneficiary, to any benefit under a bond, policy, or other contractual arrangement, and the benefits become payable as though the person causing death had predeceased the decedent. Exception by affidavit.

SF 34 Disabled Veteran Homestead Credit. Amends eligibility criteria for the disabled veteran homestead tax credit to include additional categories of veterans with disabilities to qualify for the credit.

SF 45 Disabled Veteran Homestead Credit. Amends eligibility criteria for the disabled veteran homestead tax credit to include additional categories of veterans with disabilities to qualify for the credit.

SF 52 Senior Property Tax and Assessment Freeze. Provides a property assessment adjustment and a property tax adjustment for certain property of persons who have attained the age of 65.

SF 83 Senior Property Tax and Assessment Freeze. Provides a property assessment adjustment and a property tax adjustment for certain property of persons who have attained the age of 70.

SF 93 Senior Property Assessment Freeze. Provides a property assessment adjustment for certain property of persons who have attained the age of 65.

SF 103 Disabled Veteran Homestead Tax Credit. Modifies eligibility criteria for the disabled veteran homestead tax credit by providing that the credit allowed on the homestead be a percentage of the tax levied on the homestead that is equivalent to the veteran's service-connected disability rating percentage.

SF 105 Inheritance Tax Repeal. Repeals the state inheritance tax and the state qualified use inheritance tax.

SF 106 Medicaid HCBS Reimbursement. Provides that reimbursement for providers of services and the individual monthly maximum cap under the Medicaid home and community-based services waiver for the elderly shall be increased by 3 percent over the amounts in effect on June 30, 2015.

SF109 Abuse and Financial Exploitation of Elders. This bill eliminates a listing of persons who were exempt from the confidential relationship requirements under the elder abuse Code chapter. Establishes the crime of financial exploitation of an older individual and provides penalties. Further defines "substitute petitioner" and notice provisions.

SF114 Administrative Rules. Requires the creation of a citizens' committee to advise the administrative rules coordinator; requires agencies to hold rulemaking hearings; requires a concise statement of reasons for and against adopted rules; requires detailed job impact statements in each individual filing and across all filings every five years; requires the use of negotiated rulemaking where applicable; requires a full review of all rules every five years; requires that implementation be limited in scope; requires review of projected financial effects of current and proposed U.S. EPA regulations.

Senate Study Bills

SSB 1001 Dementia Proficient Workforce Taskforce. Requires the Departments of Public Health, Aging, Human Services, and Inspections and Appeals to form a taskforce to review dementia curricula and training models. Report due in November of 2015.

SSB 1024 Guardianship and Conservatorship Petition. Amends the current law so that a combined petition for a conservatorship and a guardianship is treated as one proceeding, with one docket number. This bill is a companion to HSB 44. This bill passed out of the Judiciary Committee on February 3.

SSB 1076 Nonprofit Powers and Duties. This bill amends numerous provisions affecting nonprofit corporations. This bill is a companion to HSB 52.

SSB 1080 Protective and No-Contact Orders. Makes several changes related to the issuance of and violation of civil protective orders and criminal no-contact orders, and modifies penalties. This bill is a companion to HSB 85.

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SSB 1082 Disabled Parking Permit Fines. Under current law, improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit is a misdemeanor subject to separate fines. This bill provides that a local authority may charge and collect upon a simple notice of a \$100 fine in lieu of a scheduled fine.

SSB1102 Health Information Network. Provides for the administration and governance of an Iowa health information network by a nonprofit designated entity. Creates new code chapter and transitions current functions from the Department of Public Health to a nonprofit entity designated pursuant to RFP process. This bill is a companion to HSB 100.

House Files

HF 9 Insurance Premiums for Older Drivers. Requires the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, to establish a certified driver safety education course to be offered throughout the state. A person who successfully completes the course shall be issued a certificate. The Commissioner of Insurance shall require insurers to provide a ten percent automobile insurance premium reduction for persons 55 years of age or older who have obtained a certificate within the last three years.

HF 24 Camping Fees for Older Iowans. Directs the Natural Resources Commission to reduce fees for camping and other special privileges for residents who are 60 years of age or older.

HF 48 Absentee Voter Status. Allows an absentee voter to receive absentee ballots for all subsequent general elections without having to reapply.

HF 68 Veterans Courts. This Act establishes a veterans treatment court in each judicial district.

HF 85 Abuse of Elders. This bill eliminates a listing of persons who were exempt from the confidential relationship requirements under the elder abuse Code chapter.

HF 87 Elder Financial Exploitation. Establishes the crime of financial exploitation of an older individual and provides penalties.

HF 91 Mental Health Advocates. Amends current law to eliminate court appointments of mental health advocates and mandates that the county board of supervisors be responsible for the appointment of mental health advocates in a patient's county of residence. If a county of residence is not established, the county board of supervisors is mandated to appoint an advocate from the county where the patient's hospital or facility is located. Makes changes to payment provisions for services provided by the advocate.

HF 106 Health Workforce Center. Establishes the Iowa health workforce center in the Department of Public Health to coordinate public and private health and long-term care workforce efforts in the State.

HF 113 Electronic Absentee Ballot. Allows registered voters to make application for absentee ballots through electronic means.

House Study Bills

HSB 40 Disabled Veteran Homestead Credit. Amends eligibility criteria for the disabled veteran homestead tax credit to include additional categories of veterans with disabilities to qualify for the credit.

HSB 44 Guardianship and Conservatorship Petition. Amends the current law so that a combined petition for a conservatorship and a guardianship is treated as one proceeding, with

one docket number. This bill is a companion to SSB 1024. This bill passed out of the Judiciary Committee on January 28.

HSB 52 Nonprofit Powers and Duties. This bill amends numerous provisions affecting nonprofit corporations. This bill is a companion to SSB 1076.

HSB 62 Eligibility Verification Systems. This bill directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish a computerized income, asset, and identity eligibility verification system and directs DHS to issue a request for proposal to contract with a third-party vendor to establish the system.

HSB 65 Food Assistance Eligibility. Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to eliminate categorical eligibility for the food assistance program and to instead implement income eligibility for the program at 130 percent of the federal poverty level and an asset test for eligibility consistent with federal supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) requirements.

HSB 82 Medicaid HCBS Waiting Lists. Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop a prioritization policy for openings under each of the Medicaid home and community-based services waivers. The openings have historically been awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

HSB 85 Protective and No-Contact Orders. Makes several changes related to the issuance of and violation of civil protective orders and criminal no-contact orders, and modifies penalties. This bill is a companion to SSB 1080.

HSB 100 Health Information Network. Provides for the administration and governance of an Iowa health information network by a nonprofit designated entity. Creates new code chapter and transitions current functions from the Department of Public Health to a nonprofit entity designated pursuant to RFP process. This bill is a companion to SSB1102.

State of Iowa: Renewing the State-Federal Partnership

State of Iowa leaders believe the 114th Congress has a unique opportunity to **renew the state-federal partnership** and restore balance between the states and the federal government. Given greater flexibility and control of funds and regulatory control over a multitude of programs, states could **more efficiently work on behalf of hardworking taxpayers and better serve the needs of our citizens**. The principle of federalism ingrained in the Constitution should be restored, and state leaders ask federal leaders to **renew their commitment to cooperative federalism by returning powers back to the states to run programs, make decisions and develop innovative solutions**.

Iowa Department on Aging

Mission

The mission of the Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and cost-effective system of long-term living and community support services that helps individuals maintain health and independence in their homes and communities.

Contact Us

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Governing Federal Legislation

The IDA is established pursuant to the Older Americans Act, which was passed by Congress in 1965 and mandates the coordination of a service delivery system that assists older Americans to remain independent and within their homes and communities. A state must establish a designated state unit on aging to receive Older Americans Act funding.



Impact

The vision of the IDA is to work closely with Iowa's six Area Agencies on Aging and other partners to design a system of information, education, support and services for Iowans that assists them in maintaining their independence. The Older Americans Act provides funding to assist the Department achieve this vision by enabling older Iowans to access a variety of services, including:

- Home and community-based services, such as case management, medication management, homemaker and assisted transportation.
- Health and wellness services, such as congregate meals, home-delivered meals and nutrition education.
- Caregiver support that includes respite services and support groups.

The Older Americans Act mandates that all services be targeted and prioritized for individuals with the greatest economic and social need. Iowa's Older Americans Act programs have and continue to excel in fulfilling this mandate.



Upcoming Events

- The IDA will be hosting a series of Community Conversations beginning in April. These town hall-style events will be held in urban and rural locations throughout Iowa to provide a wide cross-section of residents and community businesses and leaders the opportunity to discuss ways to make Iowa a better place to live and retire. Additional details regarding these events will be provided.
- Iowa's Governor's Conference on Aging is being planned for May 23-26, 2016. The event's theme – Disruptive Innovations – speaks to the exciting new ideas and concepts being developed to address the new generation of aging adults, from breakthroughs in medical and social science research to cutting-edge advances in technology and the economics of longevity. This regional celebration of all things aging will attract more than 1,000 conference attendees and include a wide range of speakers and an Assistive Technology and Universal Design Hall. Registration details will be provided.

Issues of Concern/Legislative Focus

Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA) was due in 2011 and the OAA Reauthorization Act of 2015 (S.192) provides for a three-year reauthorization to modernize and improve programs offered through the OAA. Changes include modernizing the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Program, strengthening the role of Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, and enhancing language related to Aging and Disability Resource Centers. We would welcome a dialogue on reauthorization, including the Act's proposed formula, which provides for a 99% stop-loss compromise from a state's previous year funding.

Did You Know?

Today, **15.6%** of Iowa's population is 65 or older.

By 2030, an estimated **20%** of Iowa's population will be 65 or older.

Iowa is ranked **fourth** in the nation for the number of residents 75 or older.

Only **7.2%** of Iowans who are 65 or older live at or below poverty level.

In 2014, **43%** of Iowans served by the Iowa Department on Aging were living at or below the poverty level.

Nearly **one-third** of Iowans who are 65 or older live alone.

In 2014, **64%** of Iowans served by the Iowa Department on Aging were 75 or older.

The median income for Iowa households headed by an individual 65 or older is **\$34,731**.

Iowa is ranked **13th** in the nation for the overall health and well-being of older adults.

In Iowa, **36%** of residents 65 or older participate in some type of volunteer work.

Approximately **90%** of Iowans who are 65 or older were registered to vote in the 2012 election, the highest rate of any age group in the state.