

GOVERNOR ITEM VETOES HEALTHY IOWANS TOBACCO TRUST APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Legislation Enacted

The Governor item vetoed and signed HF 907 (FY 2008 Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust Appropriations Act) on May 23. The Act appropriates a total of \$70.1 million and 12.0 FTE positions from the Trust, a decrease of \$440,000 and no change in FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2007.

Item Vetoes



The Governor vetoed the following provisions:

- Language relating to tobacco use prevention and control expenditures for community partnerships, stating the language is not needed because the directives are already in place.
- Directives relating to substance abuse treatment expenditures, including an annual report on the success rates of substance abuse programs that receive funding from the Trust, stating the language and annual report are not needed because the directives are already in place.

More Information

Additional information is available from the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) upon request.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFER

Appropriations Transfer



The Fiscal Services Division of the LSA received notification of a request to transfer funds pursuant to Section 8.39, Code of Iowa. The notice requests a transfer of FY 2007 appropriations totaling \$15,000 to the Department of Human Rights, Division of Persons with Disabilities, from the Department of Human Rights, Division of Criminal Juvenile Justice Planning.

Transfer Purpose

The purpose of the transfer was to cover estimated personnel and support costs in the Division of Persons with Disabilities for FY 2007. The savings in the Division of Criminal Juvenile Justice Planning is due to personnel vacancies.

More Information

Additional information is available from LSA upon request.

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INTERIM MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM MEETINGS

Mental Health Workgroups



Dr. Allen Parks, Department of Human Services (DHS), announced the formation of six workgroups and a Steering Committee for the study and development of recommendations to the Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities, and Brain Injury (MH/MR/DD/BI) Commission, the DHS Director, the General Assembly, and the Governor.

House File 909 (FY 2008 Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill) requires recommendations regarding certain mental health issues and specifies timeframes. In accordance with those requirements, Dr. Parks established the six workgroups outlined below; meeting dates for June, July, and August; memberships; consultants; and expected timeframes. The draft documents will be reviewed by the Steering Committee, beginning in September.

Alt. Distribution Formulas

The Alternative Distribution Formula Workgroup is to review current funding distribution formulas and methods for mental health and disability services to counties. The Workgroup is scheduled to start June 4 and meet on the first and third Mondays every month, with a report to the Commission by November 1.

Core Services

The Core Services Workgroup is to review current statutory standards for Community Mental Health Centers and core services. The Workgroup is scheduled to start June 26, meeting on the second and fourth Mondays every month, with a report to the Commission by October 1.

Core Services Standards

The Core Services Standards Workgroup is to develop accreditation standards for core service agencies and emergency mental health services. The Workgroup is scheduled to start June 7, meeting the first and third Thursdays every month, with a report to the Commission by December 1.

Evidence-Based Practices

The Evidence-Based Practices Workgroup is to provide a three-year plan to implement evidence-based practices. The Workgroup is scheduled to start June 13, meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays every month, with a report to the Department by September 1.

Comm. MH Center Plan

The Community Mental Health Center Plan Workgroup is to prepare a phased plan for increasing State responsibility for services provided by community mental health centers and providers approved to fill the role of a center. The Workgroup is scheduled to start June 14, meeting the second and fourth Thursdays every month, with a report to the Commission by October 1.

Co-Occurring Disorders

The Co-Occurring Disorders Workgroup is to develop an implementation plan for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders and an integrated system of care. The Workgroup is scheduled to start June 20, meeting the first and third Wednesdays every month, with a report to the Commission by April 1.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is mainly comprised of representatives from the six Workgroups. The Committee is scheduled to meet June 29 and the last Friday of every month.

Comprehensive Plan The Comprehensive Plan is due to the Commission by November 15, 2008, and to the General Assembly by December 15, 2008.

More Information Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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MAY COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES MEETING

Council Meeting The Council on Human Services met on May 9.

Administrative Rules The Council approved the following Administrative Rules for adoption:



- Permits students to average work hours for eligibility for Food Assistance.
- Implements the annual issuance of Medicaid eligibility cards in lieu of monthly ones.
- Implements new family-centered child welfare services and purchasing methods.

Noticed Rules The Council approved the following Rules for adoption at a future meeting:

- Citizen requirements for child care subsidy.
- Changes to assessment of child abuse investigations.

Legislative Update



Alisa O'Brien provided a summary of the legislation and funding passed during the 2007 Legislative Session that impacted the Department, including:

- An expected \$100,000 from the General Assembly's standing unlimited appropriation for a study of the Child Care Assistance Program.
- Tobacco tax increase that provided additional funding for health and human services programs.
- Expansion of Medicaid and workgroups for a State Mental Health Plan.
- Increase in the minimum wage.

Budget Update Jan Clausen reviewed the FY 2008 budget. She indicated a FY 2007 transfer will be required from the Woodward State Resource Center to the Sexual Predator Commitment Program.

Mental Health Update Dr. Allen Parks provided information regarding 2007 legislation and the Mental Health System Initiatives, including:

- Establishment of multiple workgroups for studies of specific areas.
- Development of a State Mental Health Plan by December 2008.
- Use of advisors with public member workgroups.

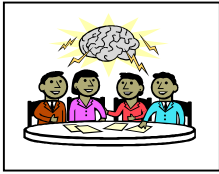
Child and Family Services Mary Nelson provided an update regarding the Child and Family Services Review, which is a partnership between the federal government and the State to review outcomes and systemic factors and provide for improvements in child welfare.

Director's Report

Director Kevin Concannon provided the following information:

- Harry Rossander has been hired to coordinate casework appeals and administrative rules.
- Appreciation to the General Assembly and the Governor for budget and statutory changes, including funding for the Money Follows the Person Grant and the Demonstration to Maintain Independence and Employment (DMIE) Grant, if received.
- Upcoming media release to assure parents that the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (*hawk-i*) Program will continue without immediate federal funding.

Members Comments



The following concerns or comments from Council members were discussed:

- Provider negotiations with counties and the Iowa State Association of Counties.
- Drug testing Request for Proposal for provider accreditation.
- The Eldora/Toledo Workgroup for placement plans of young men.
- Payments to juvenile detention centers and impact of recent legislation.

More Information

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Board Meeting

The State Board of Health met on May 9.

Director's Report



Director Tom Newton provided the following information:

- Board members were encouraged to review and provide recommendations regarding the statewide standards that have been developed for the redesign of local public health.
- The federal Public Health and Human Services Block Grant has been decreasing over the last few years. The funds assist in providing and regulating services including, but not limited to, swimming pools and spas, HIV and AIDS, and heart disease and stroke. The Board plans to send a letter to Iowa's congressional delegation requesting that further reduction to these funds not occur.
- The position for the Behavioral Health and Professional Licensure Director was vacated in February 2007 due to retirement. The Department is in the process of posting for the position.
- Dr. Ann Peters-Garvey has been hired as the new State Veterinarian.

Legislative Report

Lynh Patterson, Department of Public Health (DPH), provided a summary of the legislation and funding passed during the 2007 Legislative Session that impacted the Department.

Co-Occurring Conditions

Dean Austin, DPH, provided information on co-occurring conditions relating to mental health and substance abuse. Eleven State officials attended the

National Co-Occuring Academy in Washington, DC. A strategic plan for Iowa is being developed with input from Magellan.

Health Issues



Dr. Patricia Quinlisk, DPH, reported that the State had a typical flu season. There were some counties that used the administration of seasonal flu vaccine as practice for a pandemic event. It is anticipated that next year there will be four licensed flu vaccine manufacturers and 120-130 million doses available compared to the 90 million available this year.

Dr. Quinlisk also reported that the Department is continuing surveillance on the West Nile Virus, although the numbers of those infected is decreasing, which is typical as immunity to the disease develops.

The DPH is also working with counties recently impacted by flooding on the distribution of tetanus shots. The Department is also working on the development of State guidelines for mask use during a pandemic event, and has developed a new manual for how to follow-up on food-borne diseases.

I-Smile Program

Dr. Bob Russell, DPH, provided information on the review of the Medicaid Program to increase early childhood access to dental services through the development of a dental home plan, as well as initiatives that were passed during the Legislative Session to assist in the process.

Adm. Rules

The Board approved the adoption of an administrative rule for the DPH on the Brain Injury Services Program. The Board also approved several rules for the DPH that will be adopted at a future meeting that relate to radiation machines and materials; brain injury services; the Abuse Education Review Panel; and Emergency Medical Services providers' education, training, and certification.

More Information

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION MEETING

Commission Meeting

The College Student Aid Commission met on May 17.

Administrative Rules

The Commission approved Administrative Rules for the following:

- All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program – Establishes and implements the Program, which was established and funded in SF 588 (FY 2008 Education Appropriations Bill) during the 2007 Legislative Session.
- All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant Program – Establishes and implements the Program, which was established and funded in SF 588 during the 2007 Legislative Session.
- Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program – Adds cosmetology and barber schools as required in SF 588.
- Iowa Registered Nurse and Nurse Education Loan Forgiveness Program – Reflects the legislative change from forgivable loans to loan forgiveness. Gives priority to Nurse Educators. This statutory change was made in SF 588.



- Teacher Shortage Forgivable Loan Program - Reflects the legislative change from forgivable loans to loan forgiveness. This statutory change was made in SF 588.

Business Standards

Carolyn Small, a member of the Commission staff, reviewed the Standards for the *Doing Business* document that was recently forwarded to all Iowa colleges and universities. This document is in response to national concerns about student loan practices.

State of Iowa Scholars



The Commission will again be honoring State of Iowa Scholars. Although the standing General Fund appropriation to provide monetary scholarship awards (approximately \$500 per recipient) was eliminated for FY 2006, scholars are still chosen and participate in a recognition ceremony with the Governor. For 2007, there were 1,120 scholars chosen. Eligibility required ranking in the top 3.0% of the graduating class and a minimum ACT score of 29.

More Information

The next meeting is scheduled for July 19. Additional information, including agenda item detail, can be obtained from the Commission's web site at: <http://www.iowacollegeaid.org/meetingminutes/May2007Book.pdf>.

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**IOWA TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION MEETING**

ITTC Meeting

The Iowa Technology and Telecommunications Commission met on May 17.

Intern Program



In fall 2006, the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) started an internship program that hosted three interns from the University of Iowa. This was an experimental program through the University of Iowa's Des Moines campus at the Pappajohn Learning Center. This summer, there will be three interns chosen from 41 applications. For fall 2007, two people have been selected out of eight applications. Costs for the program are negotiated with the University of Iowa in collaboration with Iowa Public Television.

Usage

Higher education usage has decreased and K-12 usage has dropped as well this year. This is due in part to large increases last year of teachers taking continuing education credit courses over the ICN to offset high gas prices. Increased gas prices have not yet increased ICN usage this year. Video services billings through March 2007 decreased \$540,000 compared to March 2006; voice services billings decreased \$216,000 compared to March 2006; data services billings decreased \$301,000 compared to March 2006; and installation revenues decreased \$5,000 compared to March 2006.

More Information

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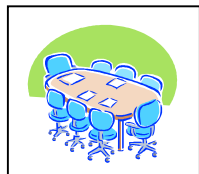
IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM – BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

BAC Meeting	The Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC) met on May 7.
Member Election	The Committee elected three employee member organizations to have voting seats on the BAC, including the School Administrators of Iowa, AFSCME, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.
Special Services Request	A request from the Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association (IEMSA) to be added to the Special Services Class of IPERS was considered. The BAC took no action on the request. The IEMSA will make a presentation at the August 13 meeting.
FED Rate	The BAC voted to keep the Favorable Experience Dividend (FED) rate at 1.07% until the reserve account is exhausted. The actuary estimates the last year of a partial FED payment to be 2015.
Other Retirement Systems	The IPERS has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Judicial Retirement and the Peace Officers Retirement Systems to allow replication of the IPERS payroll system. The IPERS will charge a fee to the other systems and will report to the BAC in August.
IPERS Web Site	A new IPERS web site has been established at a cost of \$100,000 for a contractor and using internal IPERS technology staff. The new web site is expected to provide more functionality for retirees, State employees, and employers, as well as links to other pertinent web sites.
SF 361	SF 361 (Sudan Divestment Act) – The IPERS had stock with an estimated value of \$34.0 million as of December 31, 2006, that could be affected by action of the 2007 General Assembly. A complete list of the stock affected by the legislation is required to be provided by July 1, 2007. Letters will go out requiring the sale of the stock within 90 days of the date on the letters.
IPERS Fund Balance	The current IPERS Fund balance is approximately \$23.0 billion.
More Information	Additional information is available from LSA upon request.

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GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Meeting	The Government Oversight Committee met on May 14-15.
May 14	On May 14, the Committee heard presentations on and discussed the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Gambler's Treatment Program. Presenters included providers of services, Lisa Pierce and Jan Meisenbach, and Mark VanderLinde, Department of Public Health. • Update on the Integrated Information for Iowa (I/3) System. Presenters included Mark Johnson, Lori McClannahan, Sharon Sperry, and Calvin McKelvogue, Department of Administrative Services and the I/3 Project.



- Update on computer services at the Capitol. Presenter was Glen Dickinson, LSA, Computer Services Division.

May 15

On May 15, the Committee heard presentations on and discussed the following topics:

- Update on E-911 Program and review of January – March 2007 quarterly report on E-911 wireless surcharge. Presenters included John Benson, Iowa 911 Program Manager, and Jennifer Acton, LSA.
- Update by the Board of Regents on specialty schools such as the Iowa Braille Sight Saving School (IBSSS). Presenter was Jeananne Schild, Superintendent of IBSSS.

More Information

Additional information, including agendas, minutes, and handouts are available on the LSA web site at:

<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/ga/committee.do?id=41>.

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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

RISE Projects Approved

The Transportation Commission met on May 8 and approved Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) grants for the following Iowa cities:



- Arthur – Up to \$246,000 from the City's share of the RISE Fund. The Project includes reconstruction of Quail Avenue (Ida County Road M-31) to provide access to Platinum Ethanol, LLC's proposed facility. The Project will support the creation of 41 new jobs at the facility and \$176.4 million in associated capital investment.
- Ottumwa – Up to \$135,000 from the City's share of the RISE Fund. The Project includes reconstruction of 10th Street to provide access to Winbco Tank Company's proposed new facility at the Ottumwa Industrial Airport. The Project will support the retention of 12 existing jobs and the creation of 15 new jobs at the facility and \$3.5 million in associated capital investment.
- Washington – Up to \$580,000 from the City's share of the RISE Fund. The Project includes road improvements on Fillmore Street to provide access to Whitesell Corporation's relocation and expansion. The Project will support the retention of 105 existing jobs, the creation of 40 new jobs at the facility, and \$7.5 million in associated capital investment.
- West Branch – Up to \$484,800 from the City's share of the RISE Fund. The Project includes road improvements on Cedar County Road to provide access to Acciona Energy North America Corporation. The Project will support the creation of 102 new jobs at the facility and \$22.0 million in associated capital investment.
- City of Durant – Up to \$558,340 from the City's share of the RISE Fund. The Project includes road improvements on West 2nd Avenue to provide access to the proposed Norfolk Iron & Metal site. The Project will support the creation of 117 new jobs at the facility and \$32.5 million in associated capital investment.

Five-Year Program

The DOT presented a draft of the FY 2008 – FY 2012 Transportation Improvement Program to the Commission. All projects previously included in the FY 2007 – FY 2011 Program are included. As drafted, the new Program includes the following highway projects:



- Completion of the Des Moines to Burlington corridor in southeast Iowa in 2008.

- Investment of an average of \$310.0 million annually for maintenance and preservation of highways.
- Completion of previously programmed projects that result in the completion of a needed highway improvement or a segment of a larger project, and maximize the use of special federal appropriations. Projects include:
 - \$99.7 million for the Fort Madison bypass along U.S. Highway 61.
 - \$73.9 million for the four-lane project from Moorland to Iowa Highway 4 along U.S. Highway 20.
 - \$65.8 million for the Tama/Toledo bypass along U.S. Highway 30.
 - \$64.5 million for a new bridge along U.S. Highway 34 crossing the Missouri River in Mills County.

Commission Approval The Commission is scheduled to approve the Transportation Improvement Program at the June 12 meeting in Pella.

More Information Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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IOWA COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEETING

Veterans Affairs Meeting The Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs met on May 17 at Camp Dodge. The members and legislative staff discussed legislation that passed during the 2007 Legislative Session and answered funding and FTE-related questions.

Cemetery Project Steve Young is the new Cemetery Director. He provided a construction update, which is anticipated to begin around the end of July with completion between April and August of 2008. Approximately \$7.6 million in federal funds will be used to construct the Veterans Cemetery near Van Meter. An additional land transfer has taken place to permit well drilling.

Accreditation Update Director Palmersheim is still attempting to receive accreditation for the Department. He explained that Iowa is only one of four States that are not accredited. The Department of Veterans Affairs will be required to have its own training program in order to become accredited and the curriculum is being developed.

County Grant Program House File 2734 (FY 2007 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act) authorized up to \$10,000 in matching funds for a County Grant Program to provide services to veterans. Currently, 44 applications have been processed for a total of \$403,000. Four additional applications are pending. Counties have until June 30 to submit an application to qualify for funding in FY 2007.

Required Reports Members discussed the various required reports in recent legislation. Mr. Young suggested a contract with an outside entity to perform the survey and develop recommendations. The License Plate Fund was suggested as a funding source for the cost of the outside entity.

More Information

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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AUDIT REPORT ON THE IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Highlights



The Iowa Communications Network (ICN) provides video, voice, and data services to authorized educational, judicial, medical, and governmental authorized users. Fiscal Year 2006 highlights include:

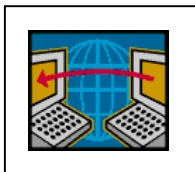
- ICN operating revenues were \$33.9 million.
- During FY 2006, the ICN received \$1.7 million in State appropriations for network equipment upgrades.
- In FY 2006, the ICN delivered 252,891 hours of full-motion, interactive video to its authorized users. Since the ICN's inception in 1993, it has delivered approximately 2.7 million hours of video to its users.

Finances

The ICN was designed to provide full-motion interactive video to enhance educational and medical opportunities in rural Iowa. The capital investment in the Network was funded with Certificates of Participation (COPs). The investment is not completely recovered through the ICN's rates. As the value of the Network is depreciated, the ICN does not fully recover the depreciation associated with the State's investment.

Assets

At the end of 2006, the ICN's assets totaled \$56.0 million compared to \$60.8 million at the end of the previous year. The decrease is due to the aging of the ICN's fixed assets and the resulting increase in the related accumulated depreciation. Net assets invested in capital assets decreased by \$5.7 million from FY 2005, which is also due to accumulated depreciation. The ICN's investment in capital assets on June 30, 2006, was \$135.4 million, with accumulated depreciation of \$95.3 million, leaving a net book value of \$40.1 million. This includes equipment and fiber optic cable, with 46.7% of the depreciable assets invested in cable.



The ICN's sales for FY 2006 were down \$2.2 million (6.1%) for FY 2005. The decrease in sales is primarily due to the decrease in installation revenues, which were down \$1.9 million compared to FY 2005. The ICN's largest individual expense is depreciation expense, which accounts for 20.8% of all operating expenses. Capital appropriations from the State to the ICN decreased by \$11.4 million from FY 2005. This was due to the early retirement of the COPs, resulting in a savings of \$1.3 million in future interest payments.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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AUDIT REPORT FOR THE IOWA JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Judicial Retirement System



The Judicial Retirement System provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to judges serving on the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the District Courts. The System covered 342 active and retired judges, spouses, and beneficiaries in FY 2006. For FY 2006, the judges contributed 5.0% of their basic salary and the State contributed an amount equal to 9.7% of the basic salary of all covered judges.

The System's net assets held in trust for pension benefits totaled \$86.1 million on June 30, 2006. The System's unfunded actuarial liability increased approximately \$13.7 million during FY 2006. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability as a percentage of covered payroll increased from 115.0% for FY 2005 to 156.0% for FY 2006. This was primarily due to a change in the qualifications for retirement.

FY 2006 Highlights



An overview of the Judicial Branch Retirement System's financial activities is provided below:

- Covered payroll increased by \$3.4 million from FY 2005 for a total of \$24.1 million. Employer contributions remained unchanged. Member contributions increased by 5.9%, or \$61,645.
- Net investment income, after all investment-related expenses, was \$6.4 million in FY 2006 compared to \$5.5 million in FY 2005. Investment management expenses decreased from \$385,569 for FY 2005 to \$368,650 for FY 2006.
- Plan net assets held in trust for pension benefits increased by \$4.5 million during FY 2006. On June 30, 2006, total plan assets were approximately \$90.2 million and total liabilities were approximately \$4.1 million, resulting in plan net assets held in trust for pension benefits of \$86.1 million.
- Pension benefits to members increased \$90,791. Payments to members totaled approximately \$5.1 million in FY 2006.
- Total additions for the year resulted in a positive impact to the Fund of \$9.6 million, an increase of \$1.1 million compared to FY 2005.
- Administrative expenses totaled \$5,275 for FY 2006, a decrease of \$2,425 compared to FY 2005.
- As of July 1, 2006, the funded ratio of the Fund was 70.0%, a decrease of 7.0% compared to July 1, 2005.

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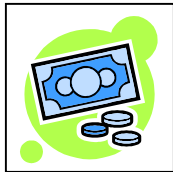
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E911 WIRELESS SURCHARGE REPORT FOR FIRST CALENDAR QUARTER 2007

Quarterly Report



The LSA received the first calendar quarter report (January – March) for 2007 from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. The Division received \$3.6 million in revenue from the E911 wireless surcharge, which is an increase of \$63,000 compared to the previous quarter. The amounts expended are as follows:



- \$50,000 for administration, which includes 2.5 FTE positions and program operating costs.
- \$698,000 for wireless service provider cost recovery, an increase of \$21,000 compared to the previous quarter.
- \$248,000 for wire-line transport costs for local carriers, a decrease of \$19,000 compared to the previous quarter.
- \$1.2 million for automated location information costs for local carriers, a decrease of \$48,000 compared to the previous quarter.
- \$861,000 for the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS), an increase of \$17,000 compared to the previous quarter. The PSAPS receive 24.0% of the surcharge generated. The funds are distributed by a formula, including 65.0% of the total based on the square mileage of the local 911 service area and 35.0% based on the volume of the wireless E911 calls that the PSAPS receive. Senate File 575 (FY 2008 Justice System Appropriations Act) increased the PSAP percentage to 25.0%, which will take effect on July 1, 2007.
- \$638,000 in carryover for future Phase 2 network and PSAPS upgrades and improvements. The overall carryover available is \$2.0 million. Of this, \$525,000 is obligated for interstate connections to Illinois and Wisconsin through Qwest, \$200,000 is obligated for a project with Qwest and the PSAPS to identify which PSAPS need to increase inbound trunk capacity to address increasing volumes of wireless 911 calls, and \$496,000 is obligated for SF 575, which requires \$4,000 per PSAP to be allocated for Phase 2 project expenditures. Senate File 575 also requires a report due to the Justice System Subcommittee members and the LSA by January 15, 2008. There was an additional \$1.4 million in carryover expended to the PSAPS as reimbursement for the mapping system purchased by the PSAPS when the wireless fund was not able to provide any funds. The remaining unencumbered amount in the carryover fund is \$740,000.

More Information

Copies of the report or additional information are available from the LSA upon request.

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EMPOWERMENT AREAS' ANNUAL REPORTS AND TEAM REVIEWS AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE

Annual Reports Available



The 2006 annual reports from local Empowerment Boards are now available on the Community Empowerment web site at: <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/webmap/default.asp?map=empowerment>. The reviews of the annual reports written by the Technical Assistance Team are also available.

The annual reports contain detailed information on the local areas' services, goals, indicators, and results. The review by the Team highlights strengths and areas needing improvement, as well as areas where future technical assistance might be helpful.

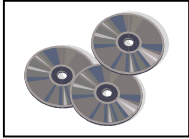
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**JUDICIAL BRANCH REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE
ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM****EDMS**

The Judicial Branch announced on May 30 that Story and Plymouth counties will be the two pilot counties for the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS). The State Court Administrator will select the project vendor on July 18, 2007. The estimated cost is \$19.0 million.



The EDMS will enable attorneys to file court documents electronically and access court records on the Internet. The System will allow immediate access to court documents, enable a person to use a simple work search to find documents, and allow multiple users to view documents simultaneously. The intent is to increase court efficiency and reduce file storage space.

Judicial Branch Rules

The Judicial Branch will establish rules to govern procedures for electronic filing and access. Public comment on the rules was due by May 1.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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This document can be found on the LSA web site:
<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Fiscal/fiscupdt/>