

### SEPTEMBER COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES MEETING

#### Council Meeting

The Council on Human Services met on September 11-12 and approved the Department of Human Services budget request for FY 2009. A total of \$1.2 billion was requested from the General Fund, an increase of \$92.9 million compared to estimated FY 2008.

#### Reprioritization



The Department request includes proposals to reprioritize \$10.5 million under the Family Investment Program, Child Support Recoveries, Medicaid, and Child Welfare to manage increases needed to maintain or expand services in these areas. Reprioritization involves generating revenue or savings through various methods, which may include eliminating funding for existing initiatives and shifting them to other new or existing services.

Several of the reprioritization proposals would require legislative action. If the Legislature accepted all reprioritization proposals, the overall Department request would be decreased to \$82.4 million for FY 2009. If the Department plans to manage a request through reprioritization, it is noted below.

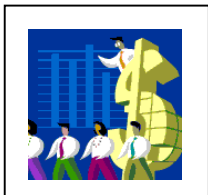
#### Gen. Fund Requests

The General Fund budget request includes the following changes for FY 2009.

#### Economic Assistance

Economic Assistance – An increase of \$5.9 million, including:

- Family Investment Program – An increase of \$164,000 for computer software upgrades.
- Child Support Recoveries – An increase of \$5.7 million, including:
  - An increase of \$5.3 million for federal Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) review and adjustment.
  - An increase of \$205,000 for service costs.
  - An increase of \$160,000 for caseload growth.
  - An increase \$82,000 for computer software upgrades.



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- The Department proposes reprioritization to cover a portion (\$1.3 million) of the increase through various savings initiatives, including eliminating the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) retailer fee and through technology and postage savings.

**Medicaid**

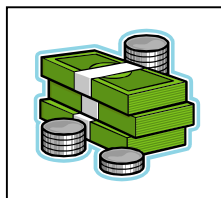
Medical Assistance (Medicaid) – A net increase of \$57.2 million, including:

- An increase of \$10.4 million for nursing facilities to replace the FY 2007 carryforward.
- An increase of \$1.3 million due to changes in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate.
- An increase of \$18.9 million for enrollment and utilization increases.
- An increase of \$10.0 million for payments to the federal government for Medicare dual eligibles.
- An increase of \$1.2 million for caseload growth in the Money Follows the Person Program, HMOs, Targeted Case Management, and ICF/MR State Cases.
- An increase of \$16.0 million to fully fund the MHIs due to an expected loss in federal matching funds from the IowaCare agreement.
- An increase of \$3.2 million to expand Medicaid coverage to additional uninsured children.
- A decrease of \$3.8 million to recalculate State Maximum Allowable Costs (SMAC) for pharmaceuticals.
- A decrease \$100,000 due to the elimination of a one-time payment to the Department of Human Rights.
- The Department proposes reprioritization to cover a portion (\$4.3 million) of the increase through various savings initiatives, including adding a surcharge for paper filing, including behavioral health drugs on the preferred drug list, reducing physician dispensing fees, reimbursing anesthesiologists at 100% of Medicare, and creating two levels of targeted case management.
- Medical Contracts – An increase of \$2.1 million, including:
  - An increase of \$121,000 for computer software upgrades.
  - An increase of \$1.3 million to restore funds from the Pharmaceutical Settlement Account.
  - An increase of \$625,000 for increased contract costs with the Department of Inspections and Appeals.
- State Children’s Health Insurance Program (*hawk-i*) – A net decrease of \$1.4 million, including:
  - A decrease of \$5.5 million due to the availability of carryforward funds from FY 2008.
  - An increase of \$3.6 million due to enrollment growth and utilization.
  - An increase of \$400,000 for additional outreach efforts.



- State Supplementary Assistance Program – An increase of \$1.4 million, including:
  - An increase of \$302,000 due to increased costs and growth.
  - An increase of \$1.1 million to restore carryforward funds from FY 2007.
- Toledo Juvenile Home – An increase of \$194,000 for operational inflation, a Registered Nurse Practitioner, and computer software upgrades.
- Eldora Training School – An increase of \$146,000 for operational inflation and computer software upgrades.

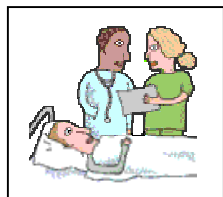
### Child/Family Services



Child and Family Services – A net increase of \$4.7 million, including:

- An increase of \$1.5 million due to a transfer of funds from Adoption Subsidy.
- An increase of \$1.3 million for caseload growth in the Preparation for Adult Living Services (PALS) Program.
- An increase of \$1.2 million to maintain the family foster care caseload.
- An increase of \$325,000 for foster care maintenance rates.
- An increase of \$283,000 for changes in the FMAP rate.
- An increase of \$200,000 to restore carryforward funds from FY 2007 for juvenile drug courts.
- A decrease of \$210,000 to eliminate the transfer of funds to the mental health risk pool.
- An increase of \$109,000 for child abuse medical exams.
- An increase of \$41,000 for PALS maintenance rates.
- The Department proposes reprioritization to cover the total amount in increases (\$4.7 million) by redirecting funds currently used for highly structured juvenile programs (boot camps); a nine-county family treatment and community education grant; Multidimensional Foster Care Treatment Pilot Projects; Diversion and Mediation Programs; and allowing unspent decategorization funds to carryforward and be used to maintain service levels.

### Adoption Subsidy



Adoption Subsidy – An increase of \$3.5 million, including:

- An increase of \$2.5 million for caseload growth.
- An increase of \$2.0 million to restore carryforward funds from FY 2007.
- A decrease of \$1.5 million to transfer funds to Child and Family Services.
- An increase of \$378,000 for maintenance rates.
- An increase of \$38,000 for changes in the FMAP rate.
- An increase of \$13,000 for computer software upgrades.

**MH/MR/DD/BI**

Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities/Brain Injury – A net increase of \$18.1 million, including:

- An increase of \$612,000 for the four mental health institutes for inflation, software upgrades and changes to the FMAP rate.
- A net decrease of \$1.9 million primarily due to salary adjustment at Woodward and Glenwood.
- An increase of \$2.0 million for the State Cases Program to restore the FY 2007 carryforward.
- An increase of \$291,000 for the Sexual Predator Commitment Program.
- An increase of \$9.0 million for a statewide mental health crisis system and school-based mental health assessments.
- An increase of \$8.1 million for Mental Health Allowed Growth.

**Administration**

Administration – An increase of \$5.5 million, including:

- An increase of \$5.3 million for Field Operations. Over half the increase is for 30.0 FTE positions for additional Child Welfare Caseworkers and Clinical Consultants/Supervisors and 25.5 FTE positions for additional Medicaid staff to cover enrollment growth.
- An increase of \$151,000 for General Administration.

**FY 09 Other Funds**

The budget request for Other Funds for FY 2009 includes the following:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - \$141.9 million.
- Senior Living Trust Fund - \$65.0 million.
- Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust - \$39.9 million.
- Health Care Trust Fund - \$115.4 million.

**Adm. Rules**

The Council approved several Administrative Rules for adoption relating to the Family Investment Program, Medicaid, child welfare services, and the Child Care Assistance Program.

**More Information**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10. Copies of the Council's budget recommendations may be accessed on the Department's web site at: [www.dhs.state.ia.us/Partners/Reports/BudgetReports/Budgets.html](http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Partners/Reports/BudgetReports/Budgets.html). Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**MEDICAID FORECAST FOR FY 2007 AND FY 2008**

**Medicaid Forecast**

Staff members from the Department of Management, the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Fiscal Services Division of the LSA met on August 24 to discuss estimated Medical Assistance (Medicaid) expenditures for FY 2007 and FY 2008. The three staffs meet monthly to discuss estimated expenditures and to agree on a range for expenditures for the current and upcoming fiscal years.

**FY 2007**



The total appropriation for FY 2007 is \$771.2 million. This includes an appropriation of \$759.2 million from HF 2734 (FY 2007 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act) and a \$12.0 million supplemental appropriation from HF 909 (FY 2008 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act). For FY 2007, the three staffs agreed to a range of a surplus of \$8.0 million to a surplus of \$15.0 million, with a midpoint of an \$11.5 million surplus. The increased expenditures over FY 2006 include the following costs and assumptions:

- An estimated \$1.3 million to fund an estimated 0.2% in enrollment growth.
- An estimated \$5.1 million to fund an estimated 0.7% increase for medical inflation.
- \$4.8 million to annualize the increased cost of Medicare buy-in due to increased Medicare premiums.
- \$12.2 million to fund additional costs due to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) decreasing from 63.61% to 61.98%.
- \$12.7 million to fund a 3.0% provider rate increase.
- \$1.4 million to fund an increase in the personal needs allowance from \$30 to \$50 per month for residents of nursing facilities.
- \$1.0 million to fund Medicaid for children aging out of the foster care system up to age 21.
- \$250,000 to fund a matching grant for the Iowa Health Care Collaborative.
- \$15.7 million in various savings related to the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, the Medicaid Family Planning Waiver, and the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.
- \$3.9 million to increase nursing facility rates to the FY 2007 cap.
- \$3.3 million to fund increased costs associated with the change from the Adult Rehabilitation Option (ARO) and Rehabilitative Treatment Services (RTS) to the Remedial Services Program (RSP) and the new Habilitation Services Program.



**FY 2008**

House File 909 (FY 2008 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act) included total State funding of \$833.9 million. For FY 2008, the three staffs agreed to an estimated supplemental need of \$7.0 million to a surplus of \$14.0 million, with a midpoint of a \$3.5 million surplus. This includes the following costs and assumptions:

- \$12.0 million to adjust FY 2008 for the FY 2007 supplemental need.
- \$9.3 million to increase parental income disregard from 50% to 58%.
- \$2.2 million to reduce the waiting list for the Children's Mental Health Waiver.
- \$132,000 for the Medical Income Trust.
- \$1.1 million to fund the new Money Follows the Person Program.
- \$250,000 for the Iowa Health Collaborative.
- \$14.0 million for a 1.6% enrollment increase.



- \$7.7 million for 1.0% medical inflation.
- \$11.4 million to fund additional costs due to the FMAP decreasing from 61.98% to a projected 61.79%.
- \$10.6 million to complete the transition to the RSP.
- \$500,000 to replace funds carried forward for Field Operations in FY 2007.
- \$860,000 to fund increased enrollment in the Medicaid for Independent Young Adults (MIYA) Program.
- \$4.4 million to expand enrollment for Medicaid-eligible children.
- \$1.0 million to fund the new Habilitation Services Program.
- \$10.4 million to rebase nursing facilities.
- \$6.8 million for increased Medicaid buy-in premiums.
- \$6.0 million in savings related to the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise.
- \$650,000 for federally-required Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) audits.

**More Information**

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION AND STATE  
SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS  
TRANSFER**

**Transfer Notice**

The LSA received notice of a FY 2007 appropriations transfer of \$238,000 from the Department of Human Services' State Supplementary Assistance Program to the Civil Rights Commission.

**Transfer Purpose**

Funds are available within the State Supplementary Assistance Program because the number of eligible individuals and the payments for them was less than budgeted. The Civil Rights Commission is projecting a deficit due to delayed payments from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. If the federal funds are received before September 12, the proposed transfer will not occur.

**More Information**

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FY 2007  
REALLOCATION**

**Reallocation**

The LSA was notified August 28 that \$64,000 is being reallocated from the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility to the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville for FY 2007.



The funds are needed at Mitchellville because it erroneously paid one utility invoice in the wrong fiscal year, expending 13 months not 12. The Fort Dodge Correctional Facility had funds available to transfer due to savings in supplies.

#### More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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## ANIMAL FEEDING OF DISTILLERS DRIED GRAINS INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

#### Committee Meeting

The Animal Feeding of Distillers Dried Grains Interim Study Committee met on September 13 in Des Moines.

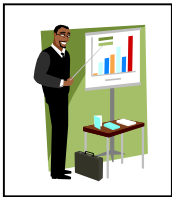
#### Background

In 2006, 1.6 billion gallons of ethanol was produced in Iowa. The majority of the ethanol plants in Iowa use the dry mill production method. A co-product that results from the production of ethanol using the dry mill method is the distillers dried grain that is purchased by livestock producers as feed rations.

#### Speakers

The following speakers provided information to the Committee:

- A panel from Iowa State University (ISU) discussed the use of distiller dried grain as feedstock in cattle, dairy cow, and swine production. This included professors Daniel Loy, Lee Kilmer, and Mark Honeyman.
- Mark Hulsebus, Renessen Technology, explained the current pilot project being conducted by Monsanto and Cargill at a plant located in Eddyville. The project uses a system that extracts approximately 70.0% of the corn oil from the starch prior to processing ethanol. The starch is used to produce ethanol and the oil is converted into value-added products. One product being tested is the use of the corn oil in swine rations. The oil can also be refined for human consumption or for the production of biodiesel fuel.
- Terry Jensen, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, explained that there are 26 licensed dry mill facilities in Iowa. He also explained that concerns regarding the distillers dried grain include product consistency, as well as the levels of antibiotics, aflatoxin, and sulfur in the grain.
- A panel of livestock producers discussed the challenges of using dried distillers grain as feedstock. This included Dick Cochran, John Hall, and Mark Friedow.
- A panel discussed the processing methods used by ethanol plants and the economic value of the distillers dried grain as a co-product. This included Ryan Sauer and Michael Lash.



#### Recommendations

The Committee voted to make the following recommendations to the General Assembly:

- To create and require standardized testing procedures of distillers dried grain.
- To increase funding to ISU to research the affects of using distillers dried grain for animal feedstock.

**More Information**

For more information, access the following web site at:  
<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/Committees/Committee.aspx?id=220>.  
Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING**

**BAC Meeting**

The Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC) met on September 10. The Board heard presentations on the IPERS Strategic Plan, the 2008 proposed legislative package, and the FY 2009 IPERS budget request.

**Protected Occupation**



The Committee also heard presentations on requests for protected occupation membership from the Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association, the Iowa County Attorneys and Assistant County Attorneys, the Polk County Special Investigators, and the Iowa Emergency Managers Association. Cost studies were authorized for all groups but the Iowa Emergency Managers Association.

Of the three groups with approved cost studies, the County Attorneys do not meet the criteria for a protection occupation membership. Therefore, the Committee authorized a cost study to be completed to examine establishing the County Attorneys as a separate group under IPERS with benefits that mirror the protection occupation group with retroactivation, and another study that will mirror the protection occupation group without retroactivation.

**More Information**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETINGS**

**September 7 Meeting**

The Board of Corrections met on September 7 at the Newton Correctional Facility. Director John Baldwin updated the Board on recent Department activities, including a proposed central warehouse at Newton to serve the Department of Corrections (DOC), Iowa Veterans Home, and Department of Human Services' facilities.

**Staff Recognition**

Director Baldwin and Wardens introduced the Governor's Golden Dome Award recipients. Staff from the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville and the Newton and Mount Pleasant Correctional Facilities were recognized.

**FY 2009 Budget**

Wardens and Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Directors presented the FY 2009 budget request. While the formal request is the same as the current level, there are increased costs associated with the operating budgets.

**September 17 Meeting**

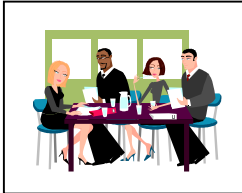
The Board met on September 17 at the Fort Des Moines Residential Correctional Facility. Director Baldwin informed the Board that the prison system reached a record high on September 12, with 8,930 inmates. The DOC is working with the Board of Parole to carefully select inmates for release.



**Staff Recognition**

Superintendent Mark Lund and First CBC District Director Karen Herkelman introduced staff and explained programs. Staff from the Clarinda Correctional Facility and the First CBC District Department were recognized for receiving the Governor's Golden Dome Award.

**Board Action**



The Board approved the FY 2009 General Fund budget request of \$357.2 million, which is \$200,000 less than FY 2008. The reduction eliminates the FY 2008 one-time costs associated with the new residential facility in Cedar Rapids. The Board approved the FY 2009 request of \$4.0 million from the Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust (HITT), which is the current funding level. The Board also approved the FY 2009 capital and major maintenance request of \$290.7 million. This request includes:

- \$51.4 million to replace and add beds at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women.
- \$121.2 million to replace and add maximum security beds at the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison.
- \$41.5 million to add residential beds in Des Moines, Ottumwa, Sioux City, and Waterloo.
- \$25.3 million to add beds at the Newton Correctional Facility.
- \$8.5 million for kitchen renovation and warehouse replacement at the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility.
- \$4.0 million for kitchen renovation at the North Central Correctional Facility in Rockwell City.
- \$2.0 million for perimeter security upgrades.
- \$36.4 million for major maintenance items for the Institutions and CBC District Departments.
- \$333,000 for the lease-purchase payment for the electrical system upgrade at the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison.



**More Information**

The next meetings are scheduled for October 5 at Fort Madison and November 2 at Fort Dodge. For review of Board agendas, minutes, and other related information, access the DOC web site at: <http://www.doc.state.ia.us/default.asp>. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

**Board Meeting**

The Board of Regents met at the Iowa School for the Deaf on September 18. Highlights include:

- Review of the Board's policy for naming buildings and programs at the State's universities. Bond counsel provided comments about how a for-profit business receiving benefit from the use of its name can impact tax-exempt bonds.
- Review of campus security protocols. The Board voted to have a comprehensive security evaluation and recommendations prepared, specifically including a recommendation on whether to arm campus police.



- Approval of the FY 2009 operating budget requests totaling \$770.6 million, an increase of \$96.5 million (14.3%) compared to estimated FY 2008 appropriations. This includes:
  - \$603.3 million for general education operations of the three universities.
  - \$116.3 million for special purpose appropriations, such as the Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa, the Cooperative Extension Service and Agriculture Experiment Station at Iowa State University, and the Recycling and Reuse Program at the University of Northern Iowa.
  - \$15.8 million for the Iowa School for the Deaf and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School.
  - \$8.0 million for Economic Development programs at the three universities.
  - \$27.3 million for the IowaCare Program at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.
- Approval of resolutions for sale and issuance of a \$25.0 million hospital revenue bond for three University of Iowa Hospital projects and a \$12.2 million athletic facilities revenue bond for a portion of the Jack Trice Stadium Project at Iowa State University.
- Approval of purchases of residential and commercial property near the University of Iowa campus.
- Approval of various capital projects at the three universities.

**More Information**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 30–31 at the University of Iowa. For a complete listing of topics discussed and supporting information, access the Board’s web site at:  
<http://www2.state.ia.us/regents/Meetings/DocketMemos/07Memos/sep07/september2007docket.htm>.

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, OPEN MEETINGS, AND PUBLIC RECORDS STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Sunshine Laws**

The Freedom of Information, Open Meetings, and Public Records Study Committee met on September 6. The Committee is charged with reviewing and recommending changes to Iowa’s open meetings and public records laws, also known as freedom of information or “sunshine” laws. The Committee expects to have legislation ready for the 2008 Legislative Session that will address problems in the existing statutes.

**Presentations**



The Committee heard presentations from Arthur Bonfield, University of Iowa Law School; Bill Angrick, Citizens’ Aide/Ombudsman; Attorney General Tom Miller; Gordon Hendrickson, State Archivist; Robert Hutchinson, Fifth Judicial District Judge; Rebecca Colton, representing the Iowa Supreme Court; and several interest groups.

**More Information**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19. Handouts from the September meeting are available on the web site at: [http://www.legis.state.ia.us/scripts/docmgr/docmgr\\_comdocs.dll/showtypeinterim?idt=true&type=ih&fy=2005&com=216](http://www.legis.state.ia.us/scripts/docmgr/docmgr_comdocs.dll/showtypeinterim?idt=true&type=ih&fy=2005&com=216). Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING****Oversight Meeting**

The Government Oversight Committee met on September 17. The meeting covered a wide range of topics, including updates on E-911, the Iowa Lottery, motor fuel quality, and the Honey Creek Premier Destination State Park.

**Presentations**

The Committee heard presentations from John Benson, Iowa 911 Program Manager; Jennifer Acton, Legislative Services Agency; Mary Neubauer, Iowa Lottery; Darryl Brown, Weights and Measures Bureau, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship; and Terry Montgomery, Honey Creek Project, Department of Natural Resources (DNR). In addition, Director Richard Leopold, DNR, answered questions relating to waste management.

**Budget Impact**

During the Honey Creek presentation, Terry Montgomery indicated that the DNR will request \$8.0 million for FY 2009 to cover cost overruns in the Honey Creek Project. In order to meet requirements of their bond obligations, the DNR must complete building the lodge and cabins as originally planned. According to the DNR, current estimates project construction costs to be almost \$9.0 million over budget.

**More Information**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 29 and 30. Handouts from the meeting are available on the web site at: [http://www.legis.state.ia.us/scripts/docmgr/docmgr\\_comdocs.dll/showtypeFC?idt=true&type=ih&com=41](http://www.legis.state.ia.us/scripts/docmgr/docmgr_comdocs.dll/showtypeFC?idt=true&type=ih&com=41). A briefing of the presentations may be found in the next issue of the 2007 Calendar and Briefing Report at: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Current/Interim/>.

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**IOWA EMPOWERMENT BOARD MEETING****Board Meeting**

The Iowa Empowerment Board met on September 7 in Okoboji at the invitation of the Community Empowerment Board for Clay, Dickinson, O'Brien, and Osceola Counties. The previous evening, Board members had an opportunity to meet with local child care providers who receive assistance from Empowerment-funded programs. Prior to the meeting, representatives of those programs highlighted their activities.

**Admin. Update**

The Board received an administrative update from Shanell Wagler, Empowerment Facilitator, including dates of upcoming meetings and events, as well as a schedule of redesignation visits planned for the Empowerment Team. Later in the meeting, the Board reviewed changes to its bylaws and plans to celebrate the ten-year anniversary of Community Empowerment.

**Admin. Rules**

Deb Scrowther presented proposed revisions to the administrative rules for Community Empowerment. The revisions reflect statutory changes from the

last legislative session. The Board suggested several alterations and approved the rules to be noticed as altered by the Board.

**Professional Development**

The Board received an update on professional development programs approved for funding. Ms. Wagler noted that a committee is trying to develop a more formal process for selecting these programs in the future.

**Fiscal Accountability**



The Board discussed a recommendation from the Fiscal Accountability Work Group (FAWG) that a system of regional fiscal agents be established for local Empowerment boards. Currently, each area is responsible for designating a fiscal agent that must be a public agency of the State, a community action agency, an area education agency, or a nonprofit corporation.

Board members agreed that many local areas need help with fiscal accountability and, specifically, with finding a suitable fiscal agent. Specific concerns were mentioned about a few local boards that are structured as nonprofit corporations and are serving as their own fiscal agents. It was noted, however, that some areas have excellent fiscal agents who are providing assistance well beyond the minimum required. Board members asked that more research be done and input gathered from local boards before proceeding with possible legislative proposals regarding a regional system.

**More Information**

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Committee Meeting**

The State Soil Conservation Committee met on September 6 in Des Moines.

**Priority Watershed**



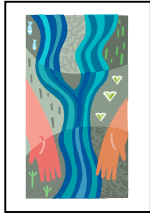
The Committee approved the following projects and plans:

- Upper Mosquito Creek priority watershed project plan submitted by the Shelby County Conservation Board.
- West Platte River priority watershed project plan submitted by the Union County Conservation Board.
- Bremer County Conservation Board Resource Conservation Plan.

**Hypoxia Update**

Dean Lemke, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs), provided an update on the Hypoxia problem in the Gulf of Mexico:

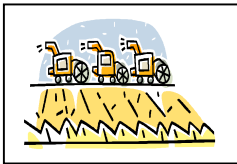
- Hypoxia refers to oxygen depletion in a waterbody that leads to the death of aquatic organisms. Nutrients applied for agriculture production can make their way into the tributaries leading to the Mississippi River that flow into the Gulf. The high nutrient loads can cause hypoxic conditions.
- The Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force was established in 1997 to develop strategies for decreasing the hypoxia to the Gulf of Mexico.
- The Hypoxia Science Advisory Panel that consists of 23 scientists have been reviewing data since September 2006. Their final report with recommendations



will be published in October 2007. A draft copy is available on the web site at: [http://epa.gov/sab/pdf/8-30-07\\_hap\\_draft.pdf](http://epa.gov/sab/pdf/8-30-07_hap_draft.pdf).

- Iowa is also a member of the Upper Mississippi River Sub-Basin Hypoxia Nutrient Committee (UMRSHNC) that includes members from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.
- The Iowa Action Plan to Reduce Hypoxia includes:
  - Continue conservation programs.
  - Continue leading the UMRSHNC.
  - Continue the Cedar River Water Quality and Cost Assessment Watershed Case Study.
  - Development of an Iowa hypoxia reduction strategy pilot program that could be implemented by other states.
  - Continue and expand the Iowa Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.
  - Distribute the \$1.0 million federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for integrated drainage projects, wetland systems, and other projects that will reduce the use of nitrogen.
  - Implement the Iowa Plan of Wetland & Drainage Integrated Landscape Systems for Environmental and Bioenergy Stewardship.

### NRCS Update



Rick Van Klaveren, federal Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), provided the following information:

- The programs in the current federal Farm Bill will expire on October 1, 2007, and the new Farm Bill has not been approved. Debate is scheduled for late October or early November.
- There will be a management consolidation of NRCS field staff in Iowa. Some District Conservationists will be assigned to two district offices.

### More Information

The next meeting is scheduled for October 4 and will be a teleconference. For more information about the State Soil Conservation Committee, access the web site at: <http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/scccommittee.htm>. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEETING

### Commission Meeting

The Environmental Protection Commission met on September 4 in Des Moines.

### Budget Discussion

The Commission approved the Department's budget request for FY 2009 as follows:

- A General Fund request of \$20.2 million, which is no change compared to estimated FY 2008.
- An Environment First Fund request of \$23.5 million, which is no change compared to estimated FY 2008. Changes to program funding include:



- A decrease of \$235,000 for Livestock Air Quality Monitoring and an increase of \$235,000 for Ambient Air Quality Monitoring.
- A decrease of \$300,000 for the Resource Conservation and Development natural resource projects, and an increase of \$300,000 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), with \$150,000 for Floodplain Permits and \$150,000 for a State Forester and a State Ecologist.
- A Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) request of \$22.9 million. This is an increase of \$10.3 million for the following:
  - An increase of \$8.0 million for funding to complete the cabins at the Honey Creek Destination Park.
  - An increase of \$2.0 million to complete the Lewis and Clark Park Visitor's Center.
  - An increase of \$300,000 for a feasibility study to determine the costs and benefits of expanding the DNR's location at the Iowa State Fair and to build three regional offices.

**Administrative Rules**

The Commission approved the following Administrative Rules:

- The Final Rule on ambient air quality standards.
- The Final Rule on financial assurance requirements for sanitary landfills.
- The Notice of Intended Action related to the Regulatory Analysis completed for applying manure and/or settled open feedlot effluent to soybeans.
- The Notice of Intended Action related to the adoption of recreational Use Assessment and Attainability (UAA) analysis protocol for water quality designations. The rules establish the procedures and criteria used for the development of the UAA.

**Referrals To AG Office**



The following referrals were made to the Office of the Attorney General for air quality violations:

- Creston Bean Processing in Creston, Iowa.
- Matrix Metals in Keokuk, Iowa.
- Siouxland Energy and Livestock Cooperative in Sioux Center, Iowa.

**More Information**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 2 in Des Moines. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request. For review of Commission agendas, minutes, and other related information, please review the DNR web site at: <http://www.iowadnr.com/>.

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**LOESS HILLS SUMMIT MEETING**

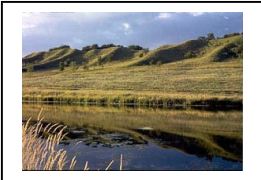
**Loess Hills Meeting**

The Loess Hills Summit meeting was held on August 31 at the DeSoto Wildlife Refuge and Visitor Center near Missouri Valley.

**Speakers & Topics**

Shirley Frederiksen, Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC & D), introduced the following speakers:

- Nancy Landess, Department of Economic Development (DED), discussed Iowa tourism. This industry has an estimated economic value of \$5.4 billion and provides over 62,000 jobs in Iowa. During 2005, tourism in Western Iowa grew by 6.6%, with an estimated economic value of \$507.3 million.
- Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge discussed the cultural and tourism centers in Western Iowa as unique places to visit and that the area should promote the Loess Hills. This would include a multi-media campaign and expansion of hours of operation in Loess Hills visitor centers.
- Shirley Frederiksen discussed the history of the Loess Hills Scenic Byway. The Byway has a federal designation as a National Scenic Byway that is a road recognized by the federal Department of Transportation for its archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and/or scenic qualities. The Byway is attempting to receive the federal designation of an All-American Road. This designation means the Byway has features that do not exist elsewhere in the United States. Currently, there are 27 All-American Roads in the United States.
- Michelle Walker, Western Iowa Tourism Region, discussed the importance of getting travelers to come to Iowa. Attractions to develop include hiking trails, wildlife viewing, and bike trails. Other suggestions included improving the signage in the area.
- Darrell Morse, Breezy Hills Winery, discussed the development of the wine industry in Western Iowa. Currently, there are 66 wineries in Iowa and seven are located in Western Iowa. It is estimated there are 14,000 cars that drive on Iowa's interstate everyday, and the challenge is to attract more drivers to stop in Western Iowa to make purchases from local businesses.
- Jim Mallan, Watchable Wildlife, provided information on the growth of wildlife viewing in the country and related outdoor activities. It is estimated that wildlife viewing has increased 19.0% over the past year and encouraged the Loess Hills area to increase the number of places for visitors to watch wildlife.



### More Information

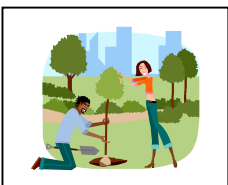
Additional information is available from the LSA upon request. For more information on projects related to the Loess Hills, access the web site at: <http://www.goldenhillsrscd.org/projects/byway/>.

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## SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

### Advisory Committee

The Sustainable Natural Resources Advisory Committee met on September 10 in Urbandale.



The Advisory Committee was informed that the Sustainable Funding for Natural Resources Funding Study Committee will meet on November 1-2.

Dan Otto, Iowa State University, provided an update on the study that will be completed by the Center of Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD). A draft report will be compiled by the end of October for review by the Advisory Committee and a presentation will be made to the Interim Committee at the November meeting.

**Funding Sources**

Rich Leopold, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), discussed possible funding sources that would provide \$150.0 million for sustainable natural resources. Ideas discussed included:

- A fractional sales tax of 3/8%.
- A gambling admission charge of \$7.00.
- A severance tax of \$0.15 per gallon on ethanol that is exported out of State.
- Other information that will be discussed at the next meeting included:
  - A real estate transfer tax fee.
  - A fee charged on bottled water.
  - An overview of the water utility tax.
  - A portion of property tax.
  - A State energy tax fee.
  - Recreational vehicle use tax.
  - Sales tax on outdoor or recreational equipment.
  - A tax on lottery tickets.



**More Information**

The next meeting for the Study Committee is scheduled for November 1 in Des Moines, and the next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 17 in Ames. For more information, access the following web site at: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Current/Interim/>. 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 September 5.

**Director's Report**

Director Tom Newton reported that Kathy Stone is the new director for the Division of Behavioral Health. Ms. Stone worked for Magellan and replaces Janet Zwick, who retired last February. Ken Sharp is the new director for Division of Environmental Health. He has been with the Department of Public Health (DPH) since 1993.

**Health Issues**



Dr. Patricia Quinlisk reported that 130 million doses of flu vaccine are expected to be available this season compared to 90 million doses two years ago. There are now five licensed vaccine manufacturers and they are not all based in the U.S. An emphasis will be placed on vaccinations for school-age children, which is the most effective measure for protecting communities.

Dr. Quinlisk also reported that bills at both the national and State level are expected to be filed that restrict flu vaccine for children from containing mercury. The Department does not plan to support this legislation because mercury levels in flu vaccine are considered safe and it could cause a shortage of available vaccine.



**Medical Examiner**

Dr. Michele Catellier, State Medical Examiner's Office, provided information on the Office's activities and the new lab facility located in Ankeny. During the 2008 Legislative Session, the Department plans to request that an estimated \$25,000 in cremation permit fees be retained by the Office. The fees are currently deposited into the General Fund.

**Suicide Prevention**

Binnie LeHew, DPH, provided information regarding suicide prevention, reporting that for individuals in Iowa between the ages of 15-40, suicide is the second leading cause of death. The Department has received a three-year federal grant of \$1.2 million, which will be used to target youth ages 15-24. Activities will include screening models to be used in high schools to identify depression so treatment referrals can be made.

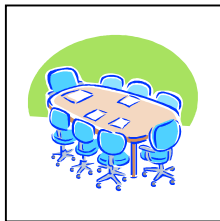
**Public Health Redesign**

Jerilyn Quigley reported the Department continues to work on State standards for public health redesign. Another public comment period regarding State standards is scheduled for mid-September to mid-October.

The Department received \$75,000 for FY 2008, which will be distributed to local boards of health to conduct demonstration projects using the local standards. The applications for the Request for Proposal (RFP) were due September 14.

**Adm. Rules**

The Board approved three administrative rules for adoption relating to the Center for Congenital and Inherited Disorders, the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and the Trauma Registry for the DPH.



In addition, the Board approved two administrative rules for adoption at a future meeting relating to Reportable Communicable and Infectious Diseases, Poisonings, and Conditions, and Hepatitis Programs.

The Board approved two administrative rules for adoption relating to hospitals for the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA). The Board also approved an administrative rule for adoption at a future meeting relating to Residential Care Facilities.

**Sub. Abuse Licensure**

The Board approved licensure recommendations for several substance abuse treatment providers for various lengths of time. The Board also denied licensure to Genesis Substance Abuse Agency in Independence and New Horizons Recovery in Sioux City.

Jeff Gronstal and Cynthia Kelly, DIA, provided information on an investigation conducted at Youth and Shelter Services, Inc., in Ames that resulted in no founded complaints.

**More Information**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**INJURED VETERANS GRANT PROGRAM REPORT**

**August Report**

The Injured Veterans Grant Program Monthly Report has been received from the Department of Veterans Affairs. As of August 31, 2007, additional payments since the July report include:



- Two \$2,500 payments for two veterans injured and evacuated in FY 2005.
- One \$10,000 payment to one veteran injured and evacuated in FY 2007.
- An additional \$2,500 payment to one veteran injured and evacuated in FY 2007. This veteran had been eligible and received an initial \$2,500 payment earlier.

The remaining Program balance is an estimated \$1.9 million, which includes cancelled warrants and all appropriations for FY 2007 and FY 2008.

**More Information**

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**VETERAN'S HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Home Ownership Program**

As of August 2007, the Veteran's Home Ownership Assistance Program has provided 917 veterans with funds to use toward the purchase of a home. With the maximum assistance of \$5,000, the average amount received was \$4,532 since the inception of the Program in April 2005.

**Program Appropriations**

The Program's appropriations have totaled \$6.0 million, with a remaining balance of \$1.9 million. The balance does not include contingent appropriations of an estimated \$550,000 dependent on the need for funding for the Program, or the transfers of \$70,000 for administrative costs and the Enduring Families Program.

**More Information**

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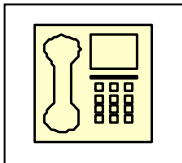
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**E911 WIRELESS SURCHARGE SECOND CALENDAR QUARTER REPORT RECEIVED**

**Quarterly Report**

The LSA received the second calendar quarter report (April – June) for 2007 from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. The Division received \$3.7 million in revenue from the E911 wireless surcharge, an increase of \$87,000 compared to the previous quarter and an increase of \$800,000 when compared to the previous calendar year. The amounts expended are as follows:

- \$50,000 for administration, which includes 2.5 FTE positions and program operating costs.
- \$714,000 for wireless service provider cost recovery, an increase of \$16,000 compared to the previous quarter.
- \$259,000 for wire-line transport costs for local carriers, an increase of \$11,000 compared to the previous quarter.
- \$1.2 million for automated location information costs for local carriers, an increase of \$45,000 compared to the previous quarter.
- \$880,000 for the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS), an increase of \$19,000 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.

- \$625,000 in carryover for future Phase 2 network and PSAPS upgrades and improvements. The overall carryover is \$2.6 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 \$295,000 is obligated for network upgrade projects in 12 PSAPS. The remaining unencumbered amount in the carryover fund is \$935,000.

### More Information

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

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## AUDIT REPORT – COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS

### Audit Report

The LSA received the FY 2006 combined audit report for the eight Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Departments. Pursuant to Chapter 905, Code of Iowa, the Department of Corrections (DOC) provides assistance and support to each of the eight CBC District Departments. Each District Department is responsible for establishing services necessary to provide a community-based correctional program that meets the needs of that judicial district. Each District Department is under the direction of a board and is administered by a director employed by the Board.

### Recommendations

The Second, Third, and Seventh CBC District Departments received no recommendations for improvements. The State Auditor's recommendations for improvements and the agency responses for the remaining District Departments are listed below.

### First CBC District

#### First CBC District Department

- Internal Control Procedures – The District Department reported receivables for supervision fees in its Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures (GAAP) package. Monthly reconciliations of supervision fees receivable were not performed. The District Department responded that a new statewide automated system is being developed to improve reporting and reconciliation capabilities.
- An existing capital asset was deleted from the capital asset listing. The District Department responded that capital assets would be verified in the future.
- The District Department maintains an agency fund where offender paychecks, miscellaneous receipts, and personal disbursements are managed by the District Department on behalf of the offender. The agency fund activity is annually reported to the State. Certain transactions were counted twice by inadvertently including adjustments. The beginning and ending balances were properly reported. The District Department responded that agency fund reports will not include any reverse entries that inflate actual transaction activity.



**Fourth CBC District**

Fourth CBC District Department: Statutory Requirements – The District Department is not in compliance with Section 556.11, Code of Iowa, which requires all unclaimed property be reported to the Treasurer of State by November 1 following the end of a fiscal year. The District Department responded that all appropriate unclaimed property will be remitted to the State Treasurer.

**Fifth CBC District**

Fifth CBC District Department: Internal Control Procedures – Responsibilities for collection, deposit preparation, and reconciliation functions should be separated from those of recording and accounting for receipts. The District Department responded that new internal control procedures were enacted in FY 2007.

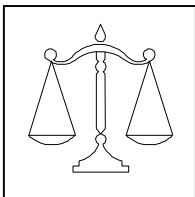
**Sixth CBC District**



Sixth CBC District Department

- Internal Control – The District Department reported receivables for supervision fees and client rent in its GAAP package. Monthly reconciliations were not performed. Additionally, doubtful accounts were not properly calculated for receipts receivable. The District Department responded that it will perform monthly reconciliations of supervision fees receivable. It will also incorporate a plan to determine what is doubtful to be collected and write it off.
- Segregation of Duties – Offenders housed at the residential facilities are required to submit paychecks and miscellaneous income to staff for deposit. Generally, one person has control over client receipts and client disbursements. The District Department responded that reconciliations for the residential banking account and loan fund will be performed by someone other than the residential banking accountant.
- Bank Reconciliations – Monthly bank reconciliations for the Client Banking Account indicated adjustments had not been posted to the general ledger in a timely manner. The District Department indicated adjustments will be made in a timely manner.

**Eighth CBC District**



Eighth CBC District Department

- Internal Control – The responsibilities for collection, deposit preparation, and reconciliation functions should be separated from the duties of recording and accounting of receipts. The District Department responded that due to budget constraints, staff size is limited. The District Department will continue to segregate duties as much as possible.
- Supervision Fees – The District Department reported receivables for supervision fees in its GAAP package. A detailed listing of year-end receivables was not generated to support the GAAP package information. The District Department responded that a new statewide automated system is being developed to improve reporting and reconciliation capabilities.
- Contract Renewal – Contracts need to be renewed when they expire if services are being continued. Contracts also should contain a fixed date for the agreement. All appropriate clauses need to be included in all contracts issued. The District Department responded that, starting in FY 2007, most contracts were renewed as they expired, certain standard clauses were included, and the contracts had a specific date of the agreement. Remaining contracts will be reviewed as staffing allows.
- Statutory Requirements – The contract between the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the District Department requires an annual report from the District Department by December 1 for the previous fiscal year. The FY 2006 annual

report was not filed on time. The District Department will provide the annual report to the DOC in a timely manner in the future.

**More Information**

A copy of the Audit Report is available from the LSA upon request. For review of audit reports and other related information, access the State Auditor's web site at: <http://auditor.iowa.gov/>.

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## AUDIT REPORT – IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INSTITUTIONS

**Audit Report**

The LSA received the FY 2006 combined audit report for the nine Institutions controlled by the Department of Corrections (DOC).

**General Fund**

Total General Fund expenditures for FY 2006 were \$226.7 million, an increase of \$17.5 million (8.4%) compared to FY 2005. The average daily cost per inmate was \$71.25 in FY 2006, an increase of 6.3% compared to one year ago. The average number of inmates increased by 2.0% over the same period.

**Recommendations**

The following Institutions received no recommendations for improvements: Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison, Anamosa State Penitentiary, Iowa Medical and Classification Center at Oakdale, Clarinda Correctional Facility, North Central Correctional Facility at Rockwell City, and the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. The State Auditor's recommendations for improvements and the agency responses for the remaining Institutions are listed below.

**Mt. Pleasant**

Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility: Statutory requirements – All fees, commissions, and moneys received need to be deposited within 10 days of the collection, as required by Section 12.10, Code of Iowa. The Agency responded that procedures have been reviewed and the Institution will be in compliance.

**Mitchellville**

Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville: Statutory requirements – Section 7A.30, Code of Iowa, requires a detailed, current inventory of all real and personal property. Assets should be added at the actual cost of purchase and depreciated using a schedule. The Agency responded that mistakes have been addressed and corrections will be made.

**Newton**

Newton Correctional Facility: Internal control – Section 7A.30, Code of Iowa, requires a detailed, current inventory of all real and personal property. The Institution needs to review its capital assets procedures to ensure State tags are affixed timely. The Agency responded that it will review procedure for assets that are delivered to its warehouse but shipped elsewhere to identify the responsible party for tagging the asset.

**More Information**

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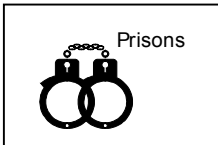
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## AUDIT REPORT – IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

### Audit Report

The LSA received a copy of the State Auditor's FY 2006 report on the Department of Corrections' (DOC) Central Office, which oversees the financial administration of all correctional institutions and Community-Based Corrections (CBC).

### Internal Control



The report cited two findings related to internal control and two findings related to statutory requirements. The Auditor recommended the following:

- Ensure the initial listing of receipts is reconciled with the cash receipts records on a timely basis.
- Ensure management review of the Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures (GAAP) package before it is submitted to the Department of Administrative Services.

### Statutory Requirements

Section 8D.10, Code of Iowa, requires the Agency to submit an annual written report certifying identified savings from using the Iowa Communications Network. Section 8.44, Code of Iowa, requires the Department to submit a written report to the Department of Management within 30 days of receipt of federal funds, or any other funds from public or private sources.

### Acceptance of Action

In all cases, the Auditor accepted the Department's response and planned corrective action for each of the recommendations.

### More Information

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## AUDIT REPORT – IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Audit Report

The LSA received a copy of the State Auditor's FY 2006 Report on the Iowa Department of Justice. The Report cites several findings related to internal control and statutory requirements.

### Internal Control



The Auditor recommended that the Department modify its segregation of duties in the Attorney General's Office so that an independent person periodically compares the initial receipt listing to the amounts recorded in the I/3 system. Also, the Prosecuting Attorneys Office and the Office of the Consumer Advocate need to review operating procedures to maximize internal control with a limited number of employees. The Auditor accepted the Agency's response that policy will be developed for independent review of the receipt process.

### Statutory Compliance

Section 537.6104(5), Code of Iowa, requires the administrator of the Iowa Consumer Credit Code to file a report annually with the General Assembly on the operation of the Consumer Credit Protection Bureau. The report has not been filed for the last several years. The Auditor accepted the agency's response that it is the intent of the Attorney General's Office to amend the law to eliminate the required report.

Section 7A.6, Code of Iowa, requires the Attorney General to file a biennial report by March 1. As of June 1, 2007, the report had not been filed. The Auditor accepted the agency's response that the report would be filed with the Governor by September 1, 2007.

#### More Information

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### ISSUE REVIEW – PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT AID

#### Issue Review

The Fiscal Services Division of the LSA recently published an *Issue Review* examining property tax adjustment aid and the impact on property tax rates to Iowa school districts.

#### Background Summary



Property tax adjustment aid was approved during the 2006 Legislative Session with the passage of HF 2792 (Government Operations, Education Program and School Finance and Taxation Act). The Act provided the following appropriations to be used to provide property tax relief for school districts with the highest property tax rates:

- \$6.0 million in FY 2007
- \$12.0 million in FY 2008
- \$18.0 million in FY 2009
- \$24.0 million for FY 2010 and beyond

Twenty-nine school districts received property tax adjustment aid in FY 2007 and 50 received aid in FY 2008.

#### More Information

Copies of the *Issue Review* may be accessed on the LSA web site at: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/lsadocs/IssReview/2008/IRSL000.PDF>. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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### FISCAL SERVICES DIVISION STAFFING CHANGES

#### New Staff

The Fiscal Services Division has recently completed filling two vacancies on our staff. These vacancies occurred as the result of Kerri Johannsen's resignation in February and Sam Leto's retirement in May 2007. We are excited to introduce you to:



Marcia Tannian. Marcia (pronounced "mar see ah") will be staffing the Infrastructure portion of the Infrastructure and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee with Mary Beth Mellick. Marcia will also be the primary Fiscal Services Division staff contact for the Oversight Committee during the Interim, and secondary staff contact during Session. Marcia has previous legislative experience with the Maryland General Assembly and several other public sector entities. Marcia has a law degree and a Master's degree in Public Management from the University of Maryland.

Deborah Helsen. Deborah is a Texas native and has lived in Iowa for the past seven years while completing her education at Drake University. Deborah will be staffing the Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee with Dave Reynolds. Deborah has a Master's degree with emphases in Public Policy and Executive Development. Deborah has previous legislative experience as a public policy and research intern for the United Way of Central Iowa and as a legislative clerk during the 2005 and 2006 legislative sessions.

### Other Staff Changes

In addition to the two new staff, several other staffing assignments have changed. These include:

- Jess Benson assumed the Medicaid portion of the Health and Human Services Subcommittee in February when Kerri Johannsen resigned.
- Shawn Snyder will replace Dwayne Ferguson as the primary staff for K-12 funding formula calculations. Shawn will continue to provide secondary duties related to the Ways and Means Standing Committees, specifically property tax.
- Dwayne Ferguson will replace Mary Shipman as staff for the College Student Aid Commission and the Board of Regents on the Education Appropriations Subcommittee. Dwayne will continue to provide secondary support for K-12 formula issues and as needed for issues related to the Ways and Means Standing Committees.
- Dave Reynolds' duties related to the Administration and Regulation Subcommittee will be limited to elected officials. Dave will have expanded duties related to preparation of statewide financial statements (balance sheets), appropriations tracking documents, and staffing the full Appropriations Committees and Fiscal Committee.
- Sue Lerdal's duties related to the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee will be limited to veterans issues and secondary support for mental health issues. Sue will have expanded duties related to staffing the full Appropriations Committees, Fiscal Committee, and Administrative Rules Committee. In addition, Sue will be the primary contact for the Block Grant Bill, lease purchases, appropriations transfers, and provide overall support in coordinating subcommittee staffing and training.
- Mary Shipman will assume a new role that will include editing and coordination of Fiscal Services publications, including fiscal notes, NOBAs (Notes on Bills and Amendments), Summary of Department Budget Requests, Summary of Governor's Recommendations, **Issue Reviews**, and the Fiscal Report (Graybook). In addition, Mary will coordinate special projects and be the primary contact for non-subcommittee appropriations bills, such as the standings and supplemental appropriations bills.



### More Information

Attached is a complete listing of the Fiscal Services Division staffing assignments. Additional information is available on request.

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Children's Health Insurance Program  
County Based Services  
Family Investment Program,  
Promise Jobs, Food Stamps  
Institutions  
Medical Services/Medicaid  
Mental Health/Mental  
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