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From: Lewis, Amber [IFA]
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Peterson, Wes [IFA]; Jensen, Carolann [IFA]
Subject: RE: Council On Homelessness
Attachments: ICH AC Standards Handbook Final 2015 05 21 hng nmk.pdf; ICH AC Standards Appendix Final 2015 05 21 hng nmk.pdf

Here are some notes on the funds that were spent during the past three years of legislative appropriations for the Iowa Council on Homelessness. The overarching theme of all these projects is to better coordinate homeless services statewide—between service providers, within local communities, and among the state overall.

- Appropriation from the 2014 session, for FY 2015, \$50,000; anticipate all funds spent within the next month:
 - \$45,000 contract with the State Public Policy Group: Development of a handbook and supporting materials to carry out Phase II of the initiative: *Iowa Quality Standards: Supporting a Statewide System of Homelessness Services*. The handbook and supplementary materials are attached here, in almost final form. Page 3 of the handbook provides an explanation of the project and the development of these recommended practices.
 - \$5,000 to support administrative costs of the Iowa Council on Homelessness (not including staff time): ICN videoconferencing and travel costs for members of the Iowa Council on Homelessness to fulfill required council duties, especially to participate in the initiative above.
- Appropriation from the 2013 session, for FY 2014, \$50,000; all funds spent:
 - \$45,000 contract with the State Public Policy Group: Phase I of the project described above. This included convening a statewide peer advisory group to identify recommended standards for homeless service programs statewide. The initiative was begun out of a recognition that statewide, there is a need for a more cohesive and coordinated system to fill in gaps in services, and support at least a minimum level of common homelessness assistance services in all parts of the state.
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 - \$50,000 contract with the Institute for Community Alliances. Initiative had two main parts: First, in anticipation of moving toward a more regional system of service delivery, use data to assess existing service patterns and recommend a regional services map, with significant input from stakeholders. Second, fulfill a new federal requirement for Continuum of Care homelessness assistance planning. The Iowa Council on Homelessness functions as the decision-making body for the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care, which includes 96 counties of Iowa. The new requirement was that all Continuum of Care planning groups nationally must develop a Governance Charter with significant new elements to ensure cohesive system planning.



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From: "Ohms, Kenneth [LEGIS]"
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To: "Peterson, Wes [IFA]"
Subject: Council On Homelessness

Wes,

I tried pulling a Schedule 6 budget report on the Council on Homelessness allocation in the DHS budget but didn't have any luck. Can I get a budget report for the past few years on how much was spent from that allocation and what it was spent on?

Thanks,

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