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Corrects to fix dates of hearings in Sioux City and Council Bluffs

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Corrected: Regional Meetings Set to Gather Consumer Input on Mental Health Redesign

DES MOINES, Iowa –Iowans with mental health, intellectual, and developmental disabilities and their families are invited to share their views regarding Iowa's Mental Health and Disability Services Redesign at five regional meetings around the state in the next few weeks.

Chuck Palmer, director of the Iowa Department of Human Services, said the meetings are sponsored by advocacy groups and are important to make sure that policy makers are aware of needs of those with disabilities.

Legislation approved last spring directs the DHS to recommend a complete redesign of Iowa's current system of delivering mental health care to those eligible for government services. Palmer has appointed workgroups to address core services and delivery systems, with recommendations due to legislators in December.

The meeting dates, locations and times are as follows:

Friday, Sept. 16 – Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
10-Noon
Kirkwood Training & Outreach Services (KTOS) Building, Room 100
3375 Armar Drive
Marion, Iowa

1-3 PM
Coralville Public Library
E. Jean Schwab Auditorium
1401 5th St., Coralville, Iowa

Friday, Sept. 23 – Waterloo
1-3 PM
Hawkeye Community College
1501 E. Orange Rd.
Tama Hall Room 107A
Waterloo, Iowa 50701

Corrected: Friday, Sept. 30 – Sioux City
1-3 PM
St. Lukes Hospital
2720 Stone Park Blvd.
Sioux City, Iowa 51104

Corrected: Friday, Oct. 7- Council Bluffs
1-3 PM
Iowa Western Community college
2700 College Road
Loft Hall
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

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