

Iowa State Association of Counties Annual Report







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The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) is a private, nonprofit corporation that was incorporated on October 8, 1964. Senate File 37, which was adopted on June 30, 1971, allowed counties to pay member dues to the organization. ISAC members are elected and appointed county officials from all 99 counties. Counties pay voluntary dues to belong to ISAC in return for a number of services, such as education and training, benefit programs, technical assistance and government relations. ISAC members participate in one of 15 different statewide affiliated associations corresponding to each county office. For example, the county auditors in the state participate in the Iowa State Association of County Auditors affiliate.

ISAC's mission is to promote effective and responsible county government for the people of lowa. To that end, ISAC's stated purpose is to secure and maintain cooperation among the counties and county officials, promote comprehensive study of local problems and find ways of solving them, provide methods of interchange of ideas among various county officials, and promote and work for the enactment of legislation that is most beneficial to the citizens of lowa. These endeavors support our vision of being the principal, authoritative source of representation, information and services for and about county government in lowa.

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Marjorie A. Pitts - President

As this year draws to a close it provides me with an opportunity to express what an honor it has been to be the 2011 President of the Iowa State Association of Counties. My presidency this year was made possible through the support of my staff at home that willingly and very capably filled in during my many absences from the office, my fellow county auditors that elected me to the ISAC Board of Directors, and personally, the total support and encouragement of my husband Chuck. What a remarkable experience to travel across our nation



and meet so many other county officials striving to be the best form of local government through their commitment and hard work to provide necessary services to constituents.

Our electorate in 2010 provided us with a new State administration and new opportunities to educate legislators on the objectives and priorities that are important to county government. I was able to be a participant, along with ISAC staff, in meetings with legislative leadership in both the House and Senate and the Governor's office in mid December. The next three months flew by so rapidly. I traveled with our Executive Director Bill Peterson to the National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE) conference in Washington DC where I enjoyed the introductions and conversations with many other state association presidents and their executive directors. This conference offered legislative updates from our NACo President Whitley and NACo Executive Director Naake as well as individuals from the US Departments of Transportation, Agriculture, and Health and Human Services. The ISAC New Officers School was also offered in January and well attended by those new to their position as well as those privileged with multiple years of service. There were six breakout topics offered ranging from the property tax system to county budgeting. The ISAC County Day at the Capitol in early March was successful in bringing representation from each of the ISAC affiliates to the Capitol with displays and membership attendance prepared to reach out to legislators with their specific concerns and issues. The NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. was held in early March as well. Over 20 officials and staff comprised our Iowa delegation which was made special because we were pleased to have our first ever lowa candidate for the NACo 2nd Vice President. Linda Langston, Linn County Supervisor, kicked off her campaign at the legislative conference. Many of our Iowa delegation helped greet people at her booth whenever available. ISAC staff also set up a number of meetings with Congressman and Senators while we were at the conference.

As summer approached all county officials had an opportunity to attend their ISAC Legislative District Meetings to hear updates from our ISAC government relations team and to conduct individual district and affiliate business. It was difficult, at best, for our ISAC team to report anything definite since our state legislators were still in session. Nonetheless those in attendance were able to exchange their views and concerns on the potential outcome of pending legislation. The NACO Annual Conference was held in Multnomah County (Portland), Oregon this year from July 15 – 19 to set legislative policies and to elect the 2011-12 NACO Executive Committee. We were especially proud to support the election of Linda Langston as the NACO 2nd Vice President. Linda will serve us and our Nation well. I found Portland, Oregon to be a beautiful city filled with wonderful places to see and restaurants to explore. I had my first "Zombie" donut while in Portland.

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As summer drew to a close it was time for the ISAC Legislative Policy Committee to begin their discussion and prioritization of the issues and solutions presented by each affiliate. The organization of this committee was restructured in 2010 to be comprised of two representatives from each affiliate and to be chaired by your ISAC 2nd Vice President who is, this year, Plymouth County Attorney Darin Raymond. Everyone in attendance gave all of their attention to each proposal and had good, open discussion on each issue as it was presented. Each affiliate is well represented by the individuals that take the time and make the effort to learn and exchange good ideas to further successful legislation. The ISAC Board of Directors have the final task of accepting the recommendations from the Legislative Policy Committee for presentation to the full ISAC membership in November.

All during the year your ISAC Board of Directors has held monthly meetings to oversee your association finances and programs that manage the many services provided to counties. It has been a pleasure working with the Board of Directors and getting to know each affiliate's representatives. The Board has always given 100% of their attention to all of the issues brought before them. Nearly three years ago the Board of Directors began the evaluation and planning for a new location of the ISAC office. ISAC and the League of Cities explored the possibilities of a joint building project but after many ISAC staff hours and considerable discussion by the Board it was decided to lease and renovate a facility in West Des Moines for ISAC only. The new location is designed to offer varying sizes of conference rooms that are available to any ISAC members for meetings or training sessions. The official move to the new facility was accomplished the last week of August. Be sure to stop for a visit whenever you are in the area of 5500 Westown Parkway in West Des Moines.

Annually the Board of Directors meet in September for a two-day retreat to conduct a regular board agenda and discuss future goals. The retreat is customarily held in the home county of the president so this year board members and ISAC staff traveled to the great northwest. Since the "World's Greatest County Fair" was in full swing in Clay County, Board members experienced nearly four hours of the fair before the retreat began. I was tickled that so many were able to attend.

This year the ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser was held in Ankeny at the Otter Creek Golf Course. The weather was brisk and blustery, but the over 150 golfers finished a full day of golf and enjoyed a great steak dinner and prizes donated by sponsors of the event. I want to thank everyone for the tremendous effort that is required to raise money for the ISAC Education Foundation, which enables scholarships to be awarded to so many great students of county employees.

I close as I began, with expressing what a great honor it has been to be your president this year. I cannot thank Bill Peterson enough for his leadership and dedication throughout yet another year. A hugh thank you also goes to the entire ISAC staff as they are all hard working professionals that show daily how committed they are to serving our needs on any level within our county. As officials of local government we need to continually meet the challenges that surround us with a spirit of cooperation and persistence in finding innovative ways to make a positive impact on the quality of life for all the people that we serve. I encourage you to continually utilize ISAC as a valuable resource in meeting those challenges.

God Bless You Always. Margie



iowa state association of counties executive director's comments

William R. Peterson - Executive Director

As I get a little older each year, it takes me a little longer to dredge up the activities that we have been engaged in during the past year. Unlike budgets, association activities don't always fit neatly into one year or another but rather flow over the course of several years. That makes it difficult to parse out exactly when they meet the level of a reportable activity. Since the annual report editor does not give me unlimited space for my comments, this dredging and sifting is necessary for me to make those determinations. And, if I keep



rambling on about how long it takes me to decide, I will be out of space before I have reported anything of value. So here goes

Foremost this past year has been our effort to make a decision on the appropriate location for ISAC's office. This process began in late FY 2009 with ISAC and the Iowa League of Cities exploring the possibility of a joint facility. We began by employing a consultant to help both associations complete a space needs assessment. While the assessment was a joint project, the consultant was instructed to report the needs of each association separately rather than as a combined entity. Our associations selected RDG Planning and Design to assist us with this process. The assessment was completed by mid-FY 2010. Once we were aware of our future space requirements, we began the process of seeking facilities that would accommodate both organizations at one location. By the end of FY 2010, we had arrived at four locations that could potentially work for a joint project. As the ISAC Board of Directors reviewed those sites and the cost of development, it was determined that the cost of a joint project was going to be significantly higher than each organization seeking space separately. The ISAC Board instructed staff to explore the possibility of finding space separately from the League.

The early part of FY 2011 was spent refining our space requirements to meet ISAC's future space needs. Since the space requirements report prepared for us by RDG reported each association's space requirements separately, it was perfectly suited to our efforts to obtain proposals that would meet our future needs. During their work for ISAC RDG also assisted in developing a set of criteria beyond just office space requirements. These included available parking, ease of access by members and employees, availability of amenities like restaurants and hotels, etc. We enlisted the help of Paul Weeks, a local real estate broker, to represent us in the search. The search began with a listing of 25 properties in the Des Moines area. We reduced the list to three properties by the February 2011 board meeting. The board was given a tour of the three locations during that meeting. The board prioritized the three locations after the tour and selected a preferred location.

Working with our broker we developed an RFP to submit to the three property owners to insure that their final proposals would meet our specifications. The results of the RFP were received and compiled by the 2011 spring school in March. During a board meeting at the school, the board took final action to approve selection of the new facility and approve the financial details of the lease space. They approved selection of space in the Westbridge Building, 5500 Westown Parkway, in West Des Moines. After board approval, we secured the services of a real estate attorney to assist in the final negotiations on the lease. Lease negotiations with Knapp Properties Inc. were completed by the beginning of May and each party signed the lease.

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Once we completed the lease process, we entered the final stages of specifying how the space would be redeveloped. Since we were leasing space that had been previously occupied, the interior had to be demolished and redeveloped to our design. Once we completed the space design, the landlord issued an RFP for the construction work. The ISAC Board approved a budget for space improvements at their May 2011 meeting and construction began shortly thereafter. It was at this point that I turned the management of the space development project over to Tammy Norman, ISAC Office Manager. Since our schedule for occupation of the new facility was planned to be September 1, 2011, I can't tell you how the story turned out. You will have to wait until the FY 2012 Annual Report for the rest of the story. However, in the meantime....

As I said in the beginning, our future office location was foremost in my mind; however, it wasn't the only thing going on at ISAC. Let me update you on a few other activities that are significant.

Elsewhere in this report, you can read about the continued development of CSN and ETC. I will say that growth in the number of staff working on that project during FY 2011 doubled from the beginning of the year to the end. As the project moved from development to rollout additional support staff were required to make sure the work could get done in a timely fashion. Three terrific individuals joined the ISAC staff during the year: Josh DeGroote (July 2010); Gina Fontanini (April 2011); and Ashley Moore (April 2011). Josh, Gina and Ashley have already proven their value to the organization. They make a good team with Robin Harlow, Sam Watson and Chelsea Walden.

We witnessed the loss of ISAC Legal Counsel Nate Bonnett when he moved to the Chicago area for a new opportunity. He will be missed by both staff and members. However, Nate was replaced by Kristi Harshbarger. Kristi started in early May as our new legal counsel. She has done a terrific job and we look forward to benefitting from the skills Kristi brings to the job.

Also, I want to mention that the ISAC Group Health Program completed its 30th year of successful operation in FY 2011. The year was notable for the introduction of an innovative wellness venture that was approved by the ISAC Board in the fall of 2010. Employees participating in the ISAC Health Program are eligible to earn a \$250 VISA gift card for completing a series of wellness activities during the year. The activities are designed to help employees identify health risks and issues before they become costly problems. We should have a full report on the impact by the time we compile the FY 2012 Annual Report.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for the work you do as county officials and employees. You make life better for all of us. Also, I want to thank the members of the ISAC Board for all the time and effort they devote as volunteers to make this association really work. They do a terrific job of representing each of their affiliates and the association. Tune in again next year to see how the office remodel and move turned out.

Thanks, Bill



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The Year in Review

On July 14, ISAC held its sixth annual Scholarship Golf Fundraiser at AH Blank Golf Course in Des Moines. The event was hosted by the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors. The day was a great success and raised over \$25,000 for the ISAC Scholarship Fund.

Josh DeGroote, Program Support Analyst, joined the ISAC staff in July 2011.

The 2010 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference was held from July 16-20 in Reno, Nevada. Representation from Iowa included attendees from Sioux, Union, Pottawattamie, Linn, Johnson, Humboldt, Cass, and Black Hawk Counties. During the conference Tarrant County, Texas, Judge B. Glen Whitley was sworn in as the new NACo president.





CCMS held its 18th Annual Case Management Conference, entitled "Targeted Case Management: Putting it all Together" at the Sheraton in West Des Moines from August 18-20. World class speakers filled two and a half fun-filled, educational, and thought-provoking days. The conference had a great turnout with over 320 attendees.

In place of the steering committees of the past, the ISAC Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) was created to develop the 2011 ISAC Legislative Priorities. The committee was composed of two representatives from each affiliate and was chaired by ISAC 2nd VP Wayne Walter, Winneshiek County Treasurer. The committee met in August and September of

2010 and created a cohesive list of policy statements and objectives. Their package was later approved by ISAC Board of Directors and the ISAC membership.

More than 800 county officials traveled to Coralville for ISAC's 66th Fall School of Instruction held at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center on November 17-19. Keynote speaker Nick Tasler, outgoing ISAC President Chuck Rieken, and incoming ISAC President Marge Pitts addressed the ISAC membership during the ISAC general session. Jane Halliburton, Story County Supervisor, was named the 2010 ISAC Golden Eagle. The 2011 legislative package was debated

and approved. The top priorities included: Funding of Disability Services; Guidelines for the Classification of Agricultural Property; Agricultural Building Value; Funding of TIME-21; and Funding of County Programs. The 2010 County Inter-Governmental ISAC Excellence in Action Award was presented to the Cerro Gordo County Precinct Atlas Project.

ISAC held its bi-annual New County Officers School on January 26-27, 2011 in West Des Moines. Around 250 attendees learned about topics including: Open Meetings/Public Records; Ethics; Budgeting; Resolving Courthouse Conflicts; The Property Tax System; and many more. The conference keynote speaker, David Bush entertained and taught attendees through his presentation "Becoming an Extraordinary Leader."







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On Thursday, March 3, ISAC held its third annual County Day at the Capitol. County officials from across the state took over the Capitol for the day. ISAC staff kicked off the event with presentations on the hot issues of the time. Affiliates set up and staffed displays around the Capitol Rotunda to introduce legislators and the public to the important roles that they play in the administration of county government. Lunch was provided to all members and legislators. County officials also set up meetings with their legislators to discuss ISAC priorities and other county specific issues.

Several lowa county officials traveled to Washington, D.C. from March 5-9, to attend the NACo Legislative Conference. They joined more than 2,000 other elected and appointed county officials from across the country in the nation's capital. The conference featured several guest speakers, and the lowa attendees had the opportunity to attend meetings with their Congressmen and Senators. The conference also marked the beginning of Linda Langston's campaign for NACo 2nd VP.

More than 700 people attended ISAC's 67th Spring School of Instruction on March 23-24 at the Marriott and Renaissance Savery in downtown Des Moines. On Wednesday, March 23, ISAC's FY 2012 budget was approved during the general session. ISAC then awarded scholarships to outstanding high school students (listed



on page 11). Tarrant County Texas Judge and NACo President B. Glen Whitley gave the presentation, "County Government Works: An Initiative to Raise Awareness and Understanding of County Government." ISAC also hosted a number of educational seminars during the conference.

Nate Bonnett, Legal Counsel, ended his employment with ISAC on March 24 to seek new opportunities in Chicago, Illinois.

ISAC welcomed staff members Gina Fontanini, Program Support Coordinator, and Ashley Moore, Program Support Analyst, in April. They were hired to assist with the County Services Network (CSN).

In April, counties in Iowa and across the nation celebrated National County Government Month and raised public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. The 2011 theme was "Serving Our Veterans."

Kristi Harshbarger began as ISAC's Legal Counsel on May 5, 2011.

The NACo Western Interstate Region Conference was held in Wenatchee, Washington from May 18-20. During this conference, Linda Langston continued her campaign for NACo 2nd VP. ISAC members and NACo Board members Grant Veeder, Black Hawk County Auditor, Lu Barron, Linn County Supervisor, and Judy Miller, Pottawattamie County Treasurer, were also in attendance and enjoyed many educational meetings and events hosted by Chelan County.

The ISAC Legislative District Workshops were held throughout June in each of ISAC's six districts. Although the legislature was still in session, ISAC staff updated attendees on the session to that point and the expected changes that were yet to come. The affiliates were given time to meet amongst themselves to discuss the impact of any legislation in their specific offices.

Lauren Adams retired on June 30 after 34 years of employment with ISAC.

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2011 Scholarship Winners

\$3,000 (Pictured)

District 1 - Sara Waid (Hamilton County) District 2 - Cody Sacquitne (Decorah County) District 3 - Luke Peterson (Pocahontas County) District 4 - Ciara McCarty (Adams County) District 5 - Brandon Honeyman (Muscatine County) District 6 - Aaron Johnson (Johnson County)

\$1,500

District 1 - Justin Hagedorn (Polk County) District 2 - Anna Kollasch (Kossuth County) District 3 - Emilee Berry (Ida County) District 4 - Dray Carl (Adams County) District 5 - Molly Thomas (Appanoose County) District 6 - Bess Fevold (Johnson County)



\$3,000 - Past President - Stephanie Fisher (Johnson County) \$2,000 - ICIT - Dillon Schmidt (Lyon County)

The picture above was taken during the 2011 ISAC Spring School of Instruction General Session and Awards Ceremony. Pictured are the \$3,000 district, the past president, and the ICIT scholarship winners who were able to attend.

New Members of the ISAC Board of Directors



Deb McWhirter Butler County Assessor, replaced Tim McGee



Lu Barron Linn County Supervisor, joined the NACo Board

SAC



Judy Miller Pottawattamie County Treasurer, joined the NACo Board



Sally Stutsman Johnson County Supervisor

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2011 Lobbyist Report

The session was defined by the new Governor, the partisan split between the House and Senate, and the length an almost record number of days in session. This year saw the introduction of 1,377 bills and resolutions with only 138 passed and sent to the Governor. Several notable areas of legislation were:

Mental Health/Disability Services Funding - \$26 million in new funding was secured with \$10 million allocated to the Risk Pool to address waiting lists and \$16 million added to allowed growth and distributed via formula to the counties.

Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Redesign - A legislative interim committee was created to establish a plan for revising disability services for adults during the 2011 interim. The interim committee is made up of an equal number of legislators from both chambers and both parties. The interim is charged specifically with looking at property tax issues, the repeal of the current system that go into effect July 1, 2013, and state funding of services. Work groups focused on children's mental health, brain injury, adult mental health, adult intellectual disabilities, and regional administration will provide input to the interim committee.

Alternative Septic - The Department of Natural Resources is to delegate the department's permitting and enforcement powers, including the assessment of civil penalties, for the construction of semipublic sewage disposal systems to a county.

Surviving Spouse - The Department of Transportation is to waive the \$20 title fee and \$5 certificate of title surcharge when ownership of a vehicle is transferred to the surviving spouse.

Delinquent Taxes - The treasurers affiliate technical bill makes several changes in the delinquent property tax processes used by county treasurers.

Medicaid Suspension while in Jail - The Department of Human Services is required to suspend, rather than terminate an individual's Medicaid eligibility for up to 12 months while the person is in jail if the person's eligibility is due to disability or age.

Open Meetings, Open Records - Reconvened meetings, the purchase of real estate closed session and confidential records exemption, fines for violations of the open records or public meetings laws, personnel records, and settlement agreements were all addressed.

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ISAC's Activity in 2011

How many bills that ISAC registered "For" passed? 2011 – 8, 2010 – 11 How many bills that ISAC registered "Against" passed? 2011 – 0, 2010 – 1 How many ISAC legislative objectives were introduced (in whole or in part)? 2011 – 14, 2010 – 10 How many ISAC legislative objectives were enacted? 2011 – 4, 2010 – 2

iowa state association of counties ISAC board of directors

Each of ISAC's affiliates has one seat on ISAC's Board of Directors - except for supervisors, who have three. According to ISAC's Articles of Incorporation, the Directors shall be elected annually at the annual or special meeting of each affiliated association. Duties for the ISAC Board of Directors include electing officers from the members of the Board of Directors, developing and monitoring strategic plans, deciding among competing priorities and setting policy, recommending ISAC's budget to members, ensuring adequate financial resources, selecting and supporting the Executive Director, enhancing the organization's public standing, recruiting new members and assessing board performance.

For additional information visit ISAC's website (<u>www.iowacounties.org</u>) under 'About Us' then 'Iowa State Association of Counties.'

ISAC OFFICERS PRESIDENT Marjorie Pitts - Clay County Auditor

1ST VICE PRESIDENT Wayne Walter - Winneshiek County Treasurer

2ND VICE PRESIDENT Darin Raymond - Plymouth County Attorney

3RD VICE PRESIDENT Harlan Hansen - Humboldt County Supervisor

ISAC DIRECTORS

Mike Balmer - Jasper County Sheriff Lori Elam - Scott County Community Services Anna O'Shea - Dubuque County Zoning Wayne Chizek - Marshall County Information Technology Dan Cohen - Buchanan County Conservation Director Terri Henkels - Polk County Public Health Melvyn Houser - Pottawattamie County Supervisor Mike McClain - Jones County Engineer Jon McNamee - Black Hawk County Environmental Health Deb McWhirter - Butler County Assessor Dave Morlan - Boone County Emergency Management Nancy Parrott - Jasper County Recorder Sally Stutsman - Johnson County Supervisor Chuck Rieken - Cass County Supervisor (Past President) Grant Veeder - Black Hawk County Auditor (NACo representative) Lu Barron - Linn County Supervisor (NACo Board) Judy Miller - Pottawattamie County Treasurer (NACo Board)





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County Case Management Services (CCMS) is a 28E organization created in 1992 to provide support to counties who operate Medicaid case management services for persons with mental retardation, mental illness, or a developmental disability, with options to provide case management through waivers for individuals with brain injuries, seriously emotionally disturbed children and the elderly, either directly or through contract. The primary mission of CCMS is to help member counties comply with all applicable state and federal rules and regulations through the provision of technical assistance, training, and advocacy. The CCMS Board contracts with ISAC to provide staff support to the program.

CCMS had 65 counties participating in FY 2011, serving an average of 9,385 consumers per month over the year. Approximately 700 case managers, administrators, supervisors, and support staff have received technical assistance and training from CCMS staff.

In FY 2011, CCMS continued to provide the following training opportunities: CCMS Annual Conference; Advanced Case Manager Training two times per year; Case Management Supervisors Training; and Fundamentals Training three times per year. In addition to the formal trainings provided by CCMS, we also offer regional support groups and administrators meeting quarterly. We had a total of approximately 1,437 registrations for the various offered trainings, support groups and administrator meetings offered throughout the year.

For additional information visit ISAC's website (www.iowacounties.org) under 'Services' then 'Case Management.'

FY 2011 CCMS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair – Ellen Gaffney, Buchanan County 1st Vice Chair – Steve Reuter, Bremer County 2nd Vice Chair – Paul Merten, Buena Vista County

ISAC BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Chuck Rieken, Cass County

LEVEL A - LARGEST COUNTIES

Jill Davisson, Clinton County Ellen Gaffney, Buchanan County Sally Stutsman, Johnson County Jack Willey, Jackson County

LEVEL B - MIDDLE COUNTIES

Paul Merten, Buena Vista County Steve Reuter, Bremer County Larry Vest, Tama County

LEVEL C - SMALLEST COUNTIES

Elaine Armstrong, Page County Harlan Hansen, Humboldt County Jeff Simonsen, Cherokee County

<u>STAFF</u>

CCMS Manager Deb Eckerman Slack, deckerman@iowacounties.org

Member Counties

Adair	Franklin	Muscatine
Adams	Fremont	O'Brien
Allamakee	Grundy	Osceola
Boone	Hamilton	Page
Bremer	Hancock	Polk
Buchanan	Hardin	Pottawattamie
Buena Vista	Harrison	Poweshiek
Carroll	Howard	Ringgold
Cass	Humboldt	Sac
Cedar	Ida	Scott
Cerro Gordo	Jackson	Shelby
Cherokee	Jasper	Story
Chickasaw	Johnson	Tama
Clay	Jones	Taylor
Clinton	Kossuth	Union
Dallas	Linn	Warren
Decatur	Louisa	Webster
Delaware	Madison	Winnebago
Des Moines	Mahaska	Woodbury
Dickinson	Mills	Worth
Emmet	Mitchell	Wright
Fayette	Montgomery	

Case Management Specialists: Cindy Chappelle, Linda Kemp and Jackie Olson Leech



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The primary mission of the County Rate Information Systems (CRIS) is to establish a rate setting methodology based upon actual cost, standardized service definitions, standardized units of service, uniform classification of cost, and consistent reporting to enable participating counties to negotiate appropriate reimbursement rates with their MH/ DD providers; and to facilitate effective and efficient communication between participating counties and their MH/ DD providers through technical support and training.

The CRIS Board contracts with ISAC to provide staff support to the program. CRIS is a self-supporting program governed by an 11-member Board of Directors. There were 67 counties participating in CRIS in FY 2011.

The CRIS Board contracts with the Eide Bailly accounting firm to provide technical assistance to providers on completion of the financial reports, analyzes the cost reports and report on their cost report analysis. Eide Bailly also provides training in June on cost report completion.

For additional information, including a list of current CRIS members, visit ISAC's website (www.iowacounties.org) under 'Services' then 'CRIS.'

FY 2010 CRIS Executive Board

Chair - Mardi Allen, Dickinson County Vice Chair - Ellen Gaffney, Buchanan County Treasurer - Carl Mattes, Humboldt County Secretary - Lucas Beenken, Wright County

ISAC Board Representative

Lori Elam, Scott County

Level A - Largest Counties

Jill Eaton, Marshall County Ellen Gaffney, Buchanan County Melvyn Houser, Pottawattamie County Terrence Neuzil, Johnson County

Level B - Middle Counties

Lonnie Maguire, Shelby County Lawrence Rouw, Mahaska County Mary Williams, Benton County

Level C - Smallest Counties

Mardi Allen, Dickinson County Lucas Beenken, Wright County Carl Mattes, Humboldt County

STAFF: Deb Eckerman Slack, **Case Management Services Manager**

Member Counties

Jefferson

Keokuk

Kossuth

Linn

Louisa

Lucas

Lyon

Madison

Mahaska

Marion

Marshall

Mills

Allamakee Appanoose Benton Boone Bremer Buchanan Carroll Cass Cedar Cherokee Clay Dallas Davis Decatur

Delaware Dickenson Johnson Dubuque Jones Hamilton Humboldt

Emmet

Fayette

Grundy

Hardin

Henry

lowa

Jackson

Harrison

Fremont

Montgomery Muscatine O'Brien Osceola Page Palo Alto Plymouth Polk Pottawattamie Poweshiek Sac Scott Shelby

Monroe

Sioux Tama Wapello Warren Washington Wavne Webster Winneshiek Woodbury Wright



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The Electronic Transactions Clearinghouse (ETC) was created in 2003 as a response to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.

The ETC website was up and running in October 2003 and is under the direction of the ISAC Board of Directors. The ETC website was established to: 1) provide HIPAA compliance to member counties by enabling them to accept electronic billings, and 2) enhance communication between counties and their local providers.

The final 22 counties joined ETC in 2009. At the end of FY 2009, all Iowa counties have joined ETC via 28E agreement approved by their boards of supervisors.

In FY 2010, ETC and the Community Service Network (CSN) began operating as one program. CSN is providing the ability to maintain client history on demographic, funding and claims information. As of June 2011, 62 counties were active users of CSN. The remaining counties are slated to be implemented the fall of 2011. In FY 2011, ETC processed 900,000 Medicaid and CSN processed 100,000 third party provider claims.

In 2003, the ETC Advisory Committee was established to provide input and technical assistance. In 2010, because ETC and the Community Service Network were being operated as one, the Community Services Affiliate's Community Association of Support Services (CASS) has functioned as the interim ETC Advisory Committee. CASS members are appointed by the Officers of the Community Services Affiliate. Their current main responsibilities are to review the annual budget and recommend a future business structure for ETC/CSN.

ETC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CASS)

Lori Elam, Scott County CPC Administrator Debra A. Schildroth, Story County CPC Administrator Mary Bartels, Jackson County GA Director John Grush, Boone/Madison Community Services Director Brad Leckrone, Wright County CPC Administrator Aaron Haverdink, Sioux County Asst. Mental Health Administrator Lisa Langlitz, Cherokee County CPC Administrator Suzanne Watson, Pottawattamie County Community Services Director Julie Berner, Buchanan County Community Services Director Mary Williams, Benton County CPC Administrator Linn Adams, Hardin County Community Services Director Jody Eaton, Jasper County CPC Administrator Chalsea Wenthold, Howard County CPC Administrator Ryanne Wood, Lee County CPC Administrator

STAFF: Robin Harlow, ISAC Technology Project Manager and Chelsea Walden, ISAC Program Support Coordinator Gina Fontanini, ISAC Program Support Coordinator

CoSTAR Board

The County Strategic Technology Advisory Resource (CoSTAR) began life as the County Technology Clearinghouse (CTC) Project in September 2004 when the ISAC Board authorized staff to pursue a grant from the Iowa Local Government Innovations Fund. Funding was obtained and staffing was approved for ISAC's FY 2006 budget, and a Technology Project

Manager, Robin Harlow, was hired in January 2006 to manage the CTC Project.

In October 2007, the CTC Advisory Board began a process to build an interim strategic plan to guide the development and operation of CTC. The strategic plan that was developed contained goals, objectives and proposed accomplishments. In February 2008, The CTC Advisory Board presented the strategic plan to the ISAC Board. The ISAC Board voted to approve the plan and establish the CTC Board with an initial budget of \$20,000 for FY 2009. In 2009, the ISAC Board acting on a recommendation from the CTC Committee approved the name change from County Technology Clearinghouse to the County Strategic Technology Advisory Resource.

CoSTAR will help bring improvements in the acquisition and use of information resources in Iowa counties by pursuing six goals:

1) Building upon and leveraging the efforts of others;

2) Building and maintaining partnerships among Iowa counties and between counties, stakeholders and constituents;

3) Establishing and maintaining resources to provide standardized e-government services by county government to the citizens of the State of Iowa;

- 4) Constantly assessing county e-government activities, needs and funding;
- 5) Developing and providing needed services to assist counties; and
- 6) Maintaining operational flexibility.

Accomplishments for 2011:

- 1) Updated and revised the ISAC Excellence in Action Award Program.
- 2) Continued to work with Connect Iowa on the broadband initiative.
- 3) Added new members from non-participating affiliates.

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Robin Harlow, ISAC Technology Project Manager



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The preferred vendor program was developed by the ISAC Board of Directors in 1988 to fit a need expressed by vendors who wanted to be a part of ISAC and show their support without becoming actual members of our organization. A commercial enterprise, professional association, or private group may become a preferred vendor of ISAC upon payment of dues. In exchange for those dues, preferred vendors receive the following benefits: electronic database of county officials; priority status over non-preferred vendors for reserving exhibitor space at the ISAC spring and fall schools; \$200 off of exhibit booths; subscription to *The Iowa County* magazine; 10% off all advertising; product or service description published in *The Iowa County* magazine through the column "Preferred Vendor Highlights"; and a posting on the ISAC website as a preferred vendor, along with contact information and a brief service description.

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2011 Preferred Vendors

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Office Administration	21.20%	7,725 hours
Finances, publication development, customer service, w	ebsite design, staff meetings	
Case Management	20.66%	7,529 hours
Technical assistance and training for counties providing	case management services	
CSN	18.69%	6,810 hours
Administration of the Community Services Network proj	ect	
Intergovernmental Relations		4,339 hours
Lobbying, tracking administrative rules, attending interi	m study committee meetings	
Conference/Meetings		2,961 hours
Planning and executing ISAC meetings, workshops and c	onferences	
Public/Member Relations	7.59%	2,767 hours
Responding to press inquiries, press releases, visiting co	unties, member recognition	
Member Service Program	3.28%	1,193 hours
Benefit program marketing and administration		
Technical Assistance		720 hours
Responding to specific questions requiring expert knowledge	edge or background	
Education	1.64%	599 hours
Attending professional meetings, reading trade publicat	ions, attending seminars	
Research	1.63%	595 hours
Collecting statistics and studies, compiling and dissemin	ating information	
ETC	1.33%	485 hours
Administration of the Electronic Transactions Clearingho	puse project	
Magazine	- 1.33%	485 hours
Planning and producing The Iowa County magazine		
CRIS	0.39%	143 hours
Administration of the County Rate Information System p	project	
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ICEA Service Bureau Copy work, answering phones, mailing, other staff funct	0.24%	87 hours

ISAC financial highlights



ISAC financial highlights



ISAC financials

Iowa State Association of Counties Statements of Financial Position

Year Ended June 30, 2011 Iowa State Association of Counties Association Program Activities Activities Total 1,997,643 \$ \$ 1,726,461 Cash and cash equivalents 271,182 \$ Investments in marketable securities 105.208 20,143,458 20,248,666 Investments in certificates of deposit 1,010,551 2,705,208 3,715,759 Accounts receivable 116,393 103,178 219,571 Prepaid expenses 20,927 20,927 Due from Wellmark 21,658 21,658 Interest receivable 1,483 94,853 96,336 Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation 48,667 48,667 Software development costs 874,281 874,281 Investment in DATA, LLC 7.051 7,051 TOTAL ASSETS 2,455,743 \$24,794,816 \$ 27,250,559 Accounts payable and accrued liabilities \$ 20,858 \$ 109,989 \$ 130,847 Claims incurred but not reported 3,181,423 3,181,423 Unearned revenue 26,151 799,813 825,964 Compensated absences 57,642 57,642 Funds held for benefit of members 20,703,591 20,703,591 24,899,467 TOTAL LIABILITIES 24,794,816 104,651 **NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED** 2,351,092 2,351,092 **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** \$24,794,816 2,455,743 \$ 27.250.559

The condensed presentations of the fiscal year 2010 and 2011 financial statements of The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC), County Case Management Services (CCMS), the County Rate Information System (CRIS) and the Electronic Transactions Clearinghouse (ETC) have been extracted from the organizations' annual financial statements. The ISAC financials do not include ETC, Education Foundation or Eliminations. The complete presentations of those financial statements, along with the independent auditor's reports of McGowen, Hurst, Clark & Smith, P.C. are available by contacting ISAC.



ISAC financials

Iowa State Association of Counties

Statements of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2011

<u>Year Ended June 30, 2011</u>		Iowa State Asso	ciation of Counties	
	Associatio	n Activities	Program	
REVENUE	Budget	Actual	Activities	Total
Schools, workshops, committees & seminars Contributions	\$ 273,375	\$ 343,452	\$ -	\$ 343,452
Dues	493,500	494,553	_	494,553
Royalties	342,300	390,362	_	390,362
Investment income	35,000	10,586	226,392	236,978
Magazine advertising and subscriptions	47,750	29,605		29,605
Administration fees	881,939	904,001	_	904,001
County premiums			22,568,786	22,568,786
Special event revenue	-	_		
Miscellaneous	-	11,730	182	11,912
Total Revenues	2,073,864	2,184,289	22,795,360	24,979,649
EXPENSES				
Salaries and fringe benefits	1,544,212	1,465,259		1,465,259
Schools, workshops and meetings	1,044,212	182,823	-	182,823
Board of Directors' meeting expenses	40,000	44,785	_	44,785
Other board authorized expense	2,000	2,890	_	2,890
NACO conference	10,000	16,566	_	16,566
Staff travel and training	45,000	50,207	_	50,207
Public relations	1,000	1,322	_	1,322
Consulting/professional services	27,800	38,218	20,319	58,537
Rents and utilities	195,094	192,072		192,072
Building committee expenses	28,507	289	_	289
Supplies, printing and postage	21,500	15,237	_	15,237
Depreciation expense		31,839	-	31,839
Maintenance agreements	20,650	24,540	_	24,540
Professional membership	3,500	3,274	_	3,274
Library	4,000	6,383	_	6,383
Magazine	37,500	42,862	_	42,862
Insurance and bonds	25,000	21,122	_	21,122
Acquisition of property and equipment	30,000	-	-	-
Special event expense	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	11,500	9,532	4,595	14,127
Scholarships	-	-	-	-
Claims and premiums paid	-	-	21,499,712	21,499,712
Change in claims incurred but not reported	-	-	217,911	217,911
Administration	-	-	276,404	276,404
Wellness program	-	-	306,750	306,750
County technologies clearinghouse	18,000	2,352	-	2,352
Project management and development		-	-	-
Total Expenses	2,235,263	2,151,572	22,325,691	24,477,263
INCREASE IN FUNDS HELD			¢ 460.660	460 660
FOR BENEFIT OF MEMBERS	-	-	\$ 469,669	469,669
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$ (161,399)	32,717		32,717
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		2,318,375		2,318,375
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR		\$ 2,351,092		\$ 2,351,092

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CCMS financials

	2011	2010
	\$ 203.155	\$ 243,136
*		164,986
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*		81,953
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Total current assets	763,118	772,390
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Office furniture and equipment	36,496	35,206
Vehicles	78,015	78,015
Leasehold improvements	8,130	8,130
	122,641	121,351
Less accumulated depreciation	(105,672)	(91,902)
Net property and equipment	16,969	29,449
OTHER ASSETS - Software development costs	95,156	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 875,243	\$ 801,839
	PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT Office furniture and equipment Vehicles Leasehold improvements Less accumulated depreciation Net property and equipment OTHER ASSETS - Software development costs	CURRENT ASSETSCash and cash equivalents\$ 203,155Investments - marketable securities8,821Investments - certificates of deposit470,146Accounts receivable78,564Prepaid expenses2,432Total current assets763,118PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT36,496Vehicles78,015Leasehold improvements8,130122,641122,641Less accumulated depreciation16,969OTHER ASSETS - Software development costs95,156

<u>County Case Management Services</u> <u>Statements of Activities</u> <u>Years Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010</u>

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Due to Iowa State Association of Counties	\$ 40,472	\$ 35,455
Accounts payable	19,265	7,296
Deferred revenue	1,790	3,855
Total current liabilities	 61,527	 46,606
Net assets - unrestricted	 813,716	 755,233
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 875,243	\$ 801,839
	 2011	 2010
REVENUE		
Member dues and services	\$ 433,131	\$ 497,148
Registration fees	69,824	73,425
Investment income	 4,029	 4,139
Total revenues	506,984	574,712
EXPENSES		
Salaries and fringe benefits	276,261	269,087
Professional fees	28,296	50,533
Staff travel and training	14,929	13,470
Conference facility expenses	49,190	48,745
Outside speakers' fees	16,150	9,275
Board of Directors' meeting expenses	11,834	7,589
Insurance	9,263	9,203
Office expense	14,860	13,354
Depreciation	13,999	17,422
Office space lease	12,756	15,593
Miscellaneous	 963	 679
Total expenses	 448,501	 454,950
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	58,483	119,762
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, beginning of year	 755,233	 635,471
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 813,716	\$ 755,233



CRIS financials

<u>County Rate Information System</u> <u>Statements of Financial Position</u> <u>Years Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010</u>	ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Investments - marketable securities Investments - certificate of deposit Accounts receivable TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 2011 133,569 - - 133,569	\$ 2010 33,280 1,005 100,000 891 135,176
	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to Iowa State Association of Counties Total current liabilities Net assets - unrestricted	\$ 13,088 2,938 16,026 117,543	\$ 13,556 1,733 15,289 119,887
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 133,569	\$ 135,176

County Rate Information System		2011	2010
Statements of Activities	REVENUE		
Years Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010	Membership fees	\$ 171,500	\$ 174,500
	Registration fees	-	3,165
	Interest income	743	1,011
	Miscellaneous income	 895	 -
	Total revenues	173,138	178,676
	EXPENSES		
	Administrative fees	6,378	6,078
	Consulting fees	157,052	153,987
	Professional fees	4,200	4,600
	Insurance	951	685
	Meeting expenses	6,866	6,673
	Miscellaneous	 35	 634
	Total expenses	 175,482	 172,657
	INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(2,344)	6,019
	UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, beginning of year	 119,887	 113,868
	UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 117,543	\$ 119,887



ETC financials

Electronic Transactions Clearinghouse Statements of Financial Position Years Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010

ASSETS		
	2011	2010
CURRENT ASSETS	 	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,485	\$ 2,874
Investments - marketable securities	-	75,000
Interest receivable	-	522
Total current assets	 22,485	 78,396
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture and equipment	66,332	63,832
Computer software	44,568	42,894
	 110,900	 106,726
Less accumulated depreciation	(88,281)	(74,069)
Net property and equipment	 22,619	 32,657
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 45,104	\$ 111,053

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Due to Iowa State Association of Counties	\$ 31,673	\$ 47,832
Accrued administrative expenses	4,528	-
Total current liabilities	 36,201	 47,832
Net assets - unrestricted	 8,903	 63,221
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 45,104	\$ 111,053

Electronic Transactions Clearinghouse	house REVENUE		2011	 2010
Statements of Activities	Membership dues	\$	300,000	\$ 296,400
Years Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010	Interest income		647	1,020
	Miscellaneous income		-	36,494
	Total revenue		300,647	 333,914
	EXPENSES			
	Professional services		21,356	103,164
	Administrative expenses		5,591	13,140
	CSN software development costs		287,054	183,703
	Depreciation		15,057	14,715
	Office expense		23,004	12,997
	Miscellaneous		2,903	6,282
	Total expenses		354,965	 334,001
	DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		(54,318)	(87)
	UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, beginning of year		63,221	 63,308
	UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, end of year	\$	8,903	\$ 63,221







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