Health & Human Services Update

- Legislative Update:
  - Child Welfare:
    - SB 15-204 (Sen Newell & Lundberg and Rep Singer) Autonomy of Child Protection Ombudsman = move office from CDHS to Auditor's office in Legislative branch; Gov. office = not supportive of moving out of Executive Branch but transition to CDPHE or other executive branch agency. Slated for Public Healthcare & Human Services committee. Could be a stalemate depending on positions taken (VETO)
    - HB 15-1226 (Sen Hodge & Rep Becker) Retail Food Establishment Fees = current amendment will establish process via BOH with stakeholders over the summer to determine appropriate rate recommendation; Support from industry and CCI.
    - SB 15-242 (Sen Grantham and Rep Young) Child Welfare Staff funding allocation; New allocation for distributing funds to hire additional child welfare staff; New funding formula; Requires county match (10%);
    - HB 15-1358 (Sen Lundberg/Kefalas and Rep Singer) Differential Response Program; Change pilot project to permanent program; Evidence based alternative approach to traditional investigation in child welfare;

- Legislative Update:
  - Adult Protection:
    - HB 15-1018 = expand list of mandated reporters
    - SB 15-109 = expand mandatory reporting to adults age 18-69 with intellectual or developmental disability ** FUNDING concerns
  - TANF
    - SB 15-0120 = allows parents on TANF to also get child support payments;
  - Veteran's Services
    - Long Bill = increase general fund support to change reimbursement from $1.06/hour to $8.00/hour
    - Question regarding grant support elimination that would actually result in an overall decrease