# Local Human Services Organization and Governance



# **County Options**

- Stay the same
- Options for local agencies under "old" laws
- Options under new legislation:
  - 1. Board of county commissioners (BOCC) may assume powers and duties of governing boards
  - 2. BOCC may create consolidated human services agency and appoint CHS board to govern
  - 3. BOCC may create CHSA and directly serve as governing board

# **Options Under "Old" Laws**

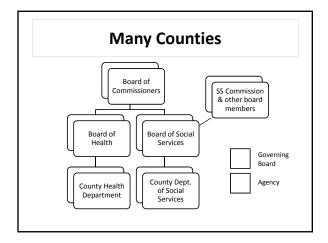
### **Public Health**

- Single county department with local board of health
- District health department with district board of health
- Public health authority with public health authority board

### **Social Services**

- Single county department with social services board
- Multi-county agency with county social services boards

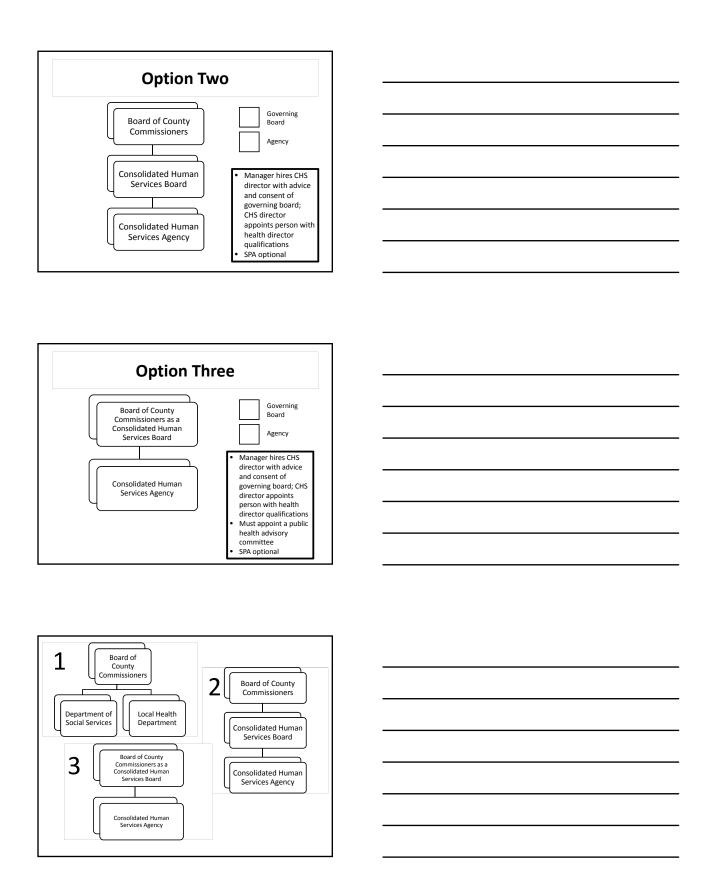
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# **Options Under New Law (H 438)**

- 1. Directly assume the powers and duties of one or more local boards. Agencies stay the same.
- Create a consolidated human services agency (CHSA) and appoint a consolidated human services board.
- 3. Create a CHSA and directly assume the powers and duties of its board.

Option One	
Board of County Commissioners  Department of Social Services  Local Health Department	Governing Board     Agency      Governing board hires agency directors     Must appoint a public health advisory committee     Employees subject to SPA



	Option One	Option Two	Option Three
Governing board hires agency director	Х		
Manager hires agency director with advice and consent of board		Х	Х
SPA optional		Χ	Х
Must appoint public health advisory committee	Х		Х
Must appoint person with health director qualifications	X*	Х	Х

# CHSA Status and Potential Changes Option One Option Two Option Three County considering change County considering change; SOG Facilitated Discussion

<b>Decision Points</b>				
Organization: Agency	• Separate agencies • CHSA			
Governance: Board	Appointed board     Commissioners as board			
Personnel (CHSA only)	County personnel     State Personnel Act			
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### Personnel

- State Personnel Act (SPA)
  - General rule: Employees of local public health and social services agencies are subject to the SPA
    - Exception: Public health authorities, CHSA
  - Some county personnel ordinances or policies may also apply to these employees
  - These employees are county employees

## **Personnel: CHSA Option**

- If a county creates a CHSA that includes public health and/or social services, the county has a choice.
  - Elect to keep those employees subject to the SPA
  - Elect to remove those employees from the SPA
- County personnel policies must satisfy federal merit personnel standards, if applicable

### **Federal Merit Personnel Standards**

- Recruiting, selecting, and advancing employees based on merit
- Equitable and adequate compensation
- Training employees
- Retaining/separating employees on the basis of performance
- Correcting inadequate performance
- Assuring fair treatment of applicants and employees
- Assuring employees are protected against coercion for partisan political purposes

5 CFR § 900.603

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