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FACULTY PRESENTATION AT IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF:
“IOWA’S DEAFBLIND SERVICES PROJECT”

Action Requested: Receive the presentation.

Executive Summary: Iowa’s Deafblind Services Project is a federally-funded program, administered by the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School on behalf of the Iowa Department of Education. The Iowa Project is currently in Year Three of a five-year grant.

Dr. Susan Brennan will provide information on this project which serves children and young adults aged birth through 21 who might have both a hearing and a vision loss or difficulty in processing auditory and visual information. The Project goals include the following:

- Increased and early identification of children with deafblindness.
- Provision of high quality technical assistance.
- Support of families gaining information to advocate for their children.
- Improve transition outcomes.

Dr. Brennan received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education, a Master of Arts degree in Education, and a Ph.D. in human development and family studies. She has been a teacher for the visually impaired, university faculty member, and special school administrator.