

Decat Intent: To redirect child welfare and juvenile justice funding to services which are more preventive, family centered and community-based in order to reduce use of restrictive approaches that rely on institutional, out-of-home and out-of-community care.

LINN COUNTY DECATEGORIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2019

Linn County Community Services Building, Cedar Rapids IA, Room # 2

Members: David Thielen, Ben Rogers, Laura Faircloth, Matt Majeski, Chris Wyatt
Designees: Mary Loops, Kristi Tisl
Staff: Chris Kivett-Berry, Jeanette Shoop

David Thielen, Chair, called the meeting to order @ 3:02 pm.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes from 03/14/19 Meeting:

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Wyatt) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 3/14/19 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Operational Items:

DHS update: Majeski reported that DHS continues to hire Social Worker II staff members. Approximately half of the Social Worker II Case managers are new. The FY 20 DHS Appropriations bill was approved. In regard to the MCO transition, no date has been scheduled to complete the transition. Amerigroup will continue providing services until the transition occurs.

JCS update: Wyatt reported there is currently a House bill to study the effects of separating group care dollars.

Board Member Survey Results: Kivett-Berry reviewed the results of the FY 19 Linn County Decat Board Member Self Assessment Survey. This is the first time this survey was completed with 63% response rate. The overall score received was 4.4 on a 5-point scale. Areas to address are Board diversity and how best to address reduced funding.

Funded Program Survey Results: Shoop reviewed the results of the FY 19 Linn County Decat Funded Program Survey. This is the first time this survey was completed with 82% response rate. The overall score received was 4.3 on a 5-point scale. An area for improvement is ensuring Board composition is representative of the community.

Program Information:

Site Visit Results: Shoop provided the Site Visit Results Report for Intercultural Center of Iowa, for the Intercultural Youth Program. Program was deemed compliant.

Fiscal Items:

Transfer Letters:

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Rogers) Motion & Second to accept the transfer letter from Juvenile Court Services, in the amount of \$12,224, to be transferred to The Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP), for Wrap-around funds and Professional Development. Carried unanimously. Laura Faircloth and Chris Wyatt abstained.

FY 19 Budget Utilization Summary: Shoop reviewed info through the end of Feb 2019, and noted the DHS Relative Care and DHS Involved Families Wraparound funds are on track to be fully spent in FY 19.

FY 20 Projection with FY 18 Carryforward: Kivett-Berry provided the FY 20 Projection, with the note that DHS has not finalized the FY 18 carryforward \$'s. Majeski noted no change in the FY 20 DHS allocation to Decat, estimated at \$123,000, and suggested those funds be held for Decat Management Contract.

Action on FY 20 contracts:

- **M/S/C** (Wyatt, Majeski) Motion & Second to de-stipulate unspent FY 19 NESP dollars. Carried unanimously. Laura Faircloth abstained.
- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Wyatt) Motion & Second to renew the PSSF contract for FY 20, at the dollar amount of the FY 20 allocation. Carried unanimously. Laura Faircloth abstained.
- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Wyatt) Motion & Second to renew the CPPC contract for FY 20, at the dollar amount of the FY 20 allocation. Carried unanimously. Laura Faircloth abstained.
- **M/S/C** (Wyatt, Rogers) Motion & Second to issue a bid for one year, for up to \$70,000, with one renewal, for Mothers and Fathers support services. Carried unanimously. Laura Faircloth abstained.
- **M/S/C** (Wyatt, Majeski) Motion & Second to renew the Professional Development contract for FY 20 equal to the amount of stipulated funds. Carried unanimously. Laura Faircloth and Ben Rogers abstained.

Next Steps: Linn County Decat staff members will provide the following information for the next Decat Board Meeting:

- NESP program plans for June 2019, along with a report on their plans for July and August 2019. This information is to be provided by 5/8/19, and is in addition to the request previously sent for their renewal application for FY 20.
- Request the J-Fast and AAFPRC programs report on their efforts to procure additional funding sources.
- Request Jane Boyd report on any potential cross-over services and/or target audience cross-over, for the You Do Matter and Focusing Families contracts.

FY19 Board Meetings: May 9, *and a second meeting in May to be determined.*
June 13

Open Agenda:

Partnering for Lasting Change: Shoop reported the date for the training is scheduled for 6/3/19, at the Cedar Rapids District Educational Learning Supports Center. Several (13) volunteers will be needed for the training. The minimum number of participants (to feel realistic) is 25, and the maximum number is 90 participants. Registration is currently open.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **M/S/C** (Rogers, Faircloth) Motion/Second to adjourn at 4:01 pm. Carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Jeanette Shoop, Recorder