

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

February 14, 2019

Linn County Community Services Building, Room # 2

Members: Ben Rogers, Laura Faircloth
Designees: Mary Loops, Kristi Tisl
Staff: Chris Kivett-Berry, Jeanette Shoop
Guests: Vicki Clark, Shelby Humbles, Megan Isenberg, Allen Bell

Mary Loops, Co-Chair Designee, called the meeting to order @ 3:03 pm.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes from 01/10/19 Meeting:

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Rogers) Motion & Second to approve Minutes. Carried unanimously.

Community Presentations:

- African American Family Preservation Resource Committee (Tanager Place):** Vickie Clark and Shelby Humbles presented information on services/programs provided by AAFPRC, which include: African American Youth Think Tank, Girls Anger Management groups (with pilot at Metro), Unsnappin Young Males (which includes vocational focus), and Community Outreach services. Highlights include Feb 28th Black History Program with the Cedar Rapids Library and the May 4th Youth Empowerment Conference entitled "King in Me, Queen in Me". This is the 5th year of the event.
- Focusing Families (Jane Boyd):** Megan Isenberg and Allen Bell presented information on the services provided through the Focusing Families program. PowerPoint handout was provide. Highlights include discussion of Outputs met to date and the Common Barriers that families experience: Income Instability, Cost of Housing and other Resources in community already exhausted/utilized.

An extensive Q & A session among participants occurred. Presenters were thanked for their efforts in the community and for sharing the opportunities and barriers they face.

Operational Items : Tabled

Program Updates: Board members had no questions regarding FY 18 Client Diversity Report, Site Visit Results or 2nd Quarter Program Data Summary.

Professional Development Training Updates:

Implicit Bias: Shoop reported this training will be held on 5/13/19, at Grant Wood AEA, 33rd Ave Facility. Registration information has been sent to DHS and JCO for early registration.

Trauma Informed Care: Shoop reported options for training dates include 4/4, 4/5, 4/17, and 5/1/19. Shoop has confirmed these dates with the trainer and the Cedar Rapids Community School Administration and Learning Center. DHS will need to choose 3 of the 4 dates. One all day training of both Trauma 101 and 201, and two ½ trainings - one each for Trauma 101 and Trauma 201.

Partnering for Lasting Change: Shoop reported the dates available for the training are 5/2 and 6/3/19, at the Cedar Rapids Community School Administration and Learning Center. The training coordinator, Jami Hagemeyer, will confirm which date will work for her team. We will need to provide 13 volunteers for the training. The minimum number of participants (to feel realistic) is 25, and the maximum number is 90 participants, over 90 we will need to provide additional volunteers.

Fiscal Items : Tabled due to time constraints.

FY19 Board Meetings: March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13

Open Agenda: Chris Kivett-Berry provided information on to events that will be held at Coe College: Adam Foss - 'Swords and Shields' on 2/15/19, and 'Uncommon Allies' on 2/23/19.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Rogers) Motion/Second to adjourn at 4:03 pm. Carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: [Jeanette Shoop](#), Recorder