

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 DECATORIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 30, 2019

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

Members: David Thielen, 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 @ 10:03 am.

Public Comment: Crystal Hall, representing YPN and YouthPort, reported that she submitted a bid for the RFP-DCAT4-20-007, but due to a glitch with their computer server, the bid was not submitted to the Decat office by the deadline. Shoop noted the bid was disqualified, and a letter was sent to YouthPort explaining the Appeal process.

Minutes from 5/9/19 Meeting:

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Majeski) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 5/09/19 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Program Information:

- a. Limited English Proficiency – Intercultural Youth Program Update: Kivett-Berry provided a summary of alternative funding plans that have been identified by Rama Muzo for the LEP program. Muzo estimates he can secure \$10,000 to \$15,000 in small grants and donations. He will need additional time to procure larger sponsors or grants.
- b. NESP Budget Update: Shoop reviewed packet information on the NESP budget update, along with historical usage. The NESP Program requested \$23,100 for services July-August 2019. Kivett-Berry noted the Board has \$10,500 designated. The Board agreed to match that with state \$ by consensus to award \$21,000 to the NESP Program, DCAT4-19-007, for FY 20. Program is advised to obtain other funding beyond August 2019.

Fiscal Items:

Transfer Letters:

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Majeski) Motion & Second for Linn County Decat Board to accept the transfer letter from Benton-Iowa Decat Board in the amount of \$10,241.00 to support the J-Fast program. Carried unanimously.
- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Majeski) Motion & Second for Linn County Decat Board to accept the transfer letter from The 6th Judicial District of Iowa, Juvenile Court Services, in the amount of \$60,000.00; which includes \$40,000 to support the J-Fast program, \$15,000 to support the CJJP wrap-around services and professional development, and \$5,000.00 to support (In)Power, a gender specific program. Carried unanimously.

Promoting Safe and Stable Families Notifications:

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Wyatt) Motion & Second for Linn County Decat Board to accept the award of FY 20 PSSF \$, in the amount of \$30,551.00, which will be placed into the contract of the current PSSF provider- Linn County NPP contract. Carried unanimously.

Kivett-Berry reported the Board was awarded another \$39,758.00 in FY 20 PSSF funds for support of the J-Fast program. Kivett-Berry discussed the PSSF client eligibility with Foundation 2 staff. Although appreciative of these funds it was determined that few J-Fast clients would meet the requirement.

Majeski noted the Board can accept an amended use of the PSSF funds today and an amended notification will be provided by DHS. Board consensus was to accept the 2nd batch of FY 20 PSSF funds and award to a PSSF eligible service(s). Various scenarios were discussed and include issuing a PSSF \$ only bid or braiding a portion of the PSSF\$ into another bid in order to maximize state funds.

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Wyatt) Motion & Second for Linn County Decat Board to accept the award of FY 20 PSSF \$, in the amount of \$39,758.00. Carried unanimously.

FY 20 Revenue Projections: Kivett-Berry distributed the following documents for the Board to review: FY 19 Decat Funding Obligated \$'s, FY 20 Decat Funding Obligated \$'s with current requests, FY 20 Decat Funding Obligated \$'s with recommendations, FY 21 Decat Funding Scenario. Board members discussed the documents and used them to make decisions on pending Action items on the agenda.

Mothers/Fathers Supports Bid Discussion:

After full discussion, the Board agreed by consensus the following options are available regarding RFP #DCAT4-20-007 Services to Support Mothers/Fathers:

1. Move forward with bid as written.
2. Re-issue bid with a portion of the newly awarded FY 20 PSSF dollars for targeted clients and sufficient State dollars for clients that are not PSSF eligible.
3. Pull the bid, due to not having the State funds to support the RFP for \$70,000.

Mothers/Fathers Supports Bid:

- **M/S/C** (Wyatt, Majeski) Motion & Second to rescind and re-bid RFP #DCAT4-20-007 Services to Support Mothers/Fathers, (*due to the change in funding source of PSSF and the change of the targeted population*); the new bid will be a maximum of \$70,000 and include PSSF dollars. Carried unanimously. Faircloth abstained.

Action on remaining FY 20 contracts:

LEP Bid:

- **M/S/C** (Wyatt, Majeski) Motion & Second to issue up to a one year bid, for \$55,000, to support LEP families. Faircloth abstained.

Jane Boyd Programs: You Do Matter Funding Renewal and Focusing Families Funding Renewal: The Board agreed by consensus to table the final decision on funding until June meeting to allow staff to obtain additional specifics on program and budgets.

Next Board Meeting:

- June 13

Open Agenda: N/A

Motion to Adjourn:

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Majeski) Motion & Second to adjourn at 11:18 am. Carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Jeanette M. Shoop, Recorder