

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/community care.

LINN COUNTY DECATEGORIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2021 at 3 pm via Zoom webinar

Per Iowa Code section 21.8 an electronic meeting can be held when there are valid concerns that an in-person meeting is "impossible or impractical" (e.g. COVID19).

Members: David Thielen, Matt Majeski, Jennifer Slife, Loops as JCO voting designee
Designees: Kristi Tisl
Staff: Chris Kivett-Berry, Jeanette Shoop
Guests: Meridith Myers, YPN

David Thielen, Chair, called the meeting to order @ 3:03 pm

Action: 4/8/21 Decat Board Minutes

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Slife) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 04//2021 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Community Engagement:

- a. Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: Majeski reported the legislative session will be ending soon, and then the final budget numbers will be available. The Iowa legislature removed the statute of limitations for reporting sexual abuse. This does not change child abuse laws.
- b. Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: No updates

Fiscal Items:

- a. **Action:** Transfer Letter, as applicable

Kivett-Berry reported the receipt of a transfer letter from The Sixth Judicial District of Iowa, in the amount of \$390,000 in FY21 Court-Ordered and/or Graduated Sanctions funds to the Linn County Decategorization Governance Board, with the following stipulations:

- \$200,000 for JCS Tracking, Monitoring and Intervention Program for FY22
- \$100,000 for JCS Tracking, Monitoring and Intervention Program for FY23
- \$60,000 for J-FAST for FY23
- \$10,000 for Administration of Decat programming in FY22 and/or FY23
- \$20,000 for the Minority House Stability Program for FY22

- **M/S/C** (Slife, Majeski) Motion & Second to accept the transfer letter from The Sixth Judicial District of Iowa in the amount of \$390,000. Carried unanimously.

- b. FY 21-22 Projection

Kivett-Berry reviewed the FY21-22 Fund Projections and responded to questions.

- c. **Action:**

- i. Accept FY 22 PSSF Awards (\$44,935 & \$28,854)

Kivett-Berry reported the receipt of a notice from DHS proposing to make \$44,935 in FY22 PSSF funds available, and \$28,854 in FY22 PSSF funds available for the Cedar Rapids Service Area.

- **M/S/C** (Slife, Majeski) Motion & Second to accept the DHS FY22 PSSF awards of \$44,935 and \$28,854. Carried unanimously.

- ii. FY 22 contracts Inter-Governmental Agreements (IGA):

- Renew and Amend Decat Staff & Fiscal Agent IGA (\$97,919)

- **M/S/C** (Slife, Majeski) Motion & Second to approve the renewal and amended DCAT4-18-016 Decat Staff and Fiscal Agent IGA Contract in the amount of \$97,919. Carried unanimously.

- NPP Timely Family Reunify New IGA (Uses PSSF \$, with renewal)
- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Slife) Motion & Second to approve the NPP contract # DCAT4-22-016, amount not to exceed \$58,144. Carried unanimously.
 - New project: Regional PSSF IGA (Uses \$28,854 PSSF\$, with renewal)
Shoop shared info on new Regional Wraparound Fund, contract # DCAT4-22-027, for the 17 county Cedar Rapids Service Area, in the amount of \$28,854, funded with PSSF \$'s.
- **M/S/C** (Slife, Majeski) Motion & Second to approve the new Regional Wraparound Fund, contract # DCAT4-22-027, for the 17 county Cedar Rapids Service Area, in the amount of \$28,854, funded with PSSF \$'s. Carried unanimously.

Operational Items:

a. Review/Update Board Rules of Operation

Kivett-Berry reviewed the first reading of the proposed changes to the Linn County Decategorization Governance Board Rules of Operation. The proposed changes were reviewed and edits made:

b. **Action:** FY 22 Board Membership

iii. Renew Laura Faircloth term as Non-Voting Member effective July 1

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Slife) Motion & Second to renew Laura Faircloth term as Non-Voting Member, effective July 1, 2021. Carried unanimously.

iv. New membership to Hailee Sandberg

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Loops) Motion & Second to approve Hailee Sandberg as a new Voting Member, effective July 1, 2021. Carried unanimously.

c. Board meeting format for FY 21/22 Poll: Virtual/In-Person/Combo

Kivett-Berry asked the Board Members to vote on whether to hold future meetings virtually or in-person, or a combination. The majority voted for both with virtual in poor weather months.

Program Engagement- Contract Monitoring:

a. 3rd Quarter Budget and Progress Report Summary

Shoop reviewed the 3rd Quarter Budget and Progress Report Summary. All programs appear to be on track to meet the minimum number of goals for 100% payment in FY21.

b. Donated Quilts

Shoop reported Project Linus in Benton County offered to donate handmade quilts. Shoop was able to connect Project Linus with the Cedar Rapids Junior League. The quilts will be donated to their "Suitcase" project, which includes providing foster care youth that are aging out of foster care items for independent living.

Open Agenda: N/A

Next Board Meeting: June 10, 2021

Adjournment: Thielen adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jeanette Shoop, Coordinator