

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 care.

## LINN COUNTY DECATEGORIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 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, Laura Faircloth, Mary Loops as JCO voting designee  
Staff: Chris Kivett-Berry, Jeanette Shoop  
Guests: Gabe Gluba, ASAC Clinical Director, Amber Wood, AmeriCorps Member

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

**Action:** 5/14/21 Decat Board Minutes

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Loops) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 05/14/2021 meeting. Carried unanimously.

### Community Partner Updates:

Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: Majeski reported there were two legislative changes that will take effect in FY21. The first change involving child care, Majeski noted that a work group has been established. The second change, HF 802, involves disproportionality. In regards to HF802, it is not yet known what the effect will be on community based organizations. Majeski also noted that the DHS offices will be open to the public on 7/1/2021.

- a. Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: Loops reported all staff are now back in their offices. Loops also noted that a new JCO was hired, Dani Peyton, who previously worked for Linn County Detention.

### Fiscal Items:

- a. **Action:** Award Minority Family Housing Specialist Bid

Shoop reported one bid was received from Jane Boyd Community House. Jane Boyd submitted a bid to continue the Focusing Families program.

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Loops) Motion & Second to award Bid Solicitation DCAT4-22-019 to Jane Boyd Community House. Carried unanimously.

- b. **Action:** Accept Allocation & Transfer Letters

Kivett-Berry reported a letter from JCS was received on 6/10/21 requesting an amendment to the transfer letter accepted by the Linn County Decat Board at the 5/14/21 meeting. The amendment will repurpose \$5,000 for (In) Power and wraparound funds (no new funds, only repurpose of funds).

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Faircloth) Motion & Second to approve the JCS letter, dated 6/10/21, that amends the transfer of \$5,000 in FY 19 funds for the (In) Power program and wraparound funds. Carried unanimously.

- b. FY 21 Budget Utilization Summary

Shoop reviewed the current budget summary (7/1/20 through 4/30/21), no concerns noted.

- c. FY 22 Fiscal Update (Allocation/Projection)

Kivett-Berry reviewed the current FY22 budget allocation/projection. Loops asked for one correction of \$53,000 in JCO funds to the Link program.

### Operational Items:

- a. FY 22 Decat Staff Update

Kivett-Berry reported she will retire in November, 2021. Thielen and Kivett-Berry will update job description with intent to issue in July.

b. **Action:** Board Rules of Operation 2<sup>nd</sup> Review

Kivett-Berry reviewed the proposed changes to the Linn County Decat Rules of Operation, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> review.

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Loops) Motion & Second to approve the changes to the Linn County Decat Rules of Operation, to include updates to Section III, Non-Mandated Membership and Officers. Carried unanimously.

c. Discuss Open Meetings Law & FY 22 Board Meeting Format

Board Members agreed by consensus to the following schedule:

*July: No Meeting*

*August: Meeting to be held if needed.*

*Sept-December: In Person*

*January-March: Virtual*

### **Program Engagement**

- a. CPPC Strategic Plan Update: Shoop provided an update on plans moving forward with the strategic plan. Four sessions have been scheduled starting in September, and approximately 15 community members have agreed to participate.
- b. Contract Compliance Monitor
  - i. Youth Port: Shoop noted no concerns with the site visit. Contractor appears to be on track to meet expectations.
  - ii. JFAST: Shoop noted no concerns with the site visit. Contractor appears to be on track to meet expectations.
  - iii. FY 20 Program Audit Summary: Shoop noted all currently funded programs submitted FY 20 financial audits or statements, no concerns.

**Open Agenda:** Shoop thanked Amber Wood, AmeriCorps Member for her service in FY21, her service term will end in August 2021.

**Next Board Meeting:** Aug 12, 2021 if needed, or Sept 9, 2021.

**Adjournment:** Thielen adjourned the meeting at 3:38 pm.

*Minutes submitted by: Amber Wood, AmeriCorps and Jeanette Shoop, Coordinator*