

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 DECATEGORYIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

3-4 pm, October 11, 2018

Linn County Community Services Building, Room # 2

Members: David Thielen, Laura Faircloth, Ryan Fritz, Matt Majeski, Ben Rogers, Chris Wyatt
Designee's: Mary Loops, Kristi Tisl
Staff: Chris Kivett-Berry

David Thielen called the meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes from 9/13/18 Meeting:

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

Operational Items:

- DHS Update:** Majeski noted significant child welfare changes in the federal Families First Act. Vicky Wiedemeier retired. DHS is able to post for new staff positions.
- JCO Update:** Wyatt concurred the changes in the Families First Act are significant. Due to staffing level concerns the max number of boys at the State Training School has been capped.
- Decat Legislative Priorities:** Kivett-Berry invited members to share priorities for consideration by the Urban County Coalition. Suggestions are Maintain Decat Line Item in DHS budget, Allow for Annual Transfer to Decat Board and Implement a functional statewide Child Mental Health system.
- Review Membership Goals and Identify Board Referrals:** Kivett-Berry provided Members with a Referral Form and requested Members to provide possible referrals, keeping in mind the goals of diversified representation defined as: rural, race/ethnicity/gender, faith, other funders.
- Board Member Referrals:** Kivett-Berry shared referral she received from a Volunteer on Iowa Child Advocacy Board. Members appreciated the referral and asked for time to present even more names for consideration.

Contract Items:

- Interpreter Usage Update:** Kivett-Berry reviewed document prepared by Shoop that depicts the interpreter and translator needs of each eligible program. Two stated they need document translation. Shoop requested estimate from Hands-Up for that service. Kivett-Berry noted this contract should be reviewed if funding reductions are needed.
- Action: Professional Development Contract:** Members discussed the Evaluations of the 9.25.18 *Unpacking the Emotional Suitcase & MissBehavior* Trainings and shared their own experience. In summary this was a highly regarded training. Kivett-Berry shared a request for additional funds to offset the cost to rush delivery of books needed for the training. Total expense is \$523.12 and the request to Decat is additional \$263 from DCAT4-18-017.
 - **M/S/C** (Fritz, Majeski) Motion & Second to authorize payment of additional \$263 expense for the training. Carried unanimously. Faircloth abstained.
- Action: Oct 19th Trauma Informed Care Training MOU:** Kivett-Berry shared a copy of Training MOU for a Trauma Informed Training (\$700) funded through DCAT4-18-017 and requested authorization for Decat rep to sign. Members stated interest in hosting another Trauma Informed Training.
 - **M/S/C** (Fritz, Wyatt) Motion & Second to authorize Decat rep signature on MOU for the Oct 19th Training. Carried unanimously. Faircloth abstained.

Fiscal Items:

- a. FY 18 Budget Utilization Summary: Members reviewed the form and had no questions.
- b. FY 19 Projection: Kivett-Berry reviewed the FY 19 Projection, noting the estimated year end carry forward is less than total obligated. Without additional funds the amount of obligated funds for FY 20 will need to be reduced significantly.
- c. FY 20 Funding Prioritization Process: Members identified data that would be helpful for funding prioritization discussions: Trend data, Program impact survey, Scalability, % of program funded by Decat, meets Priority area, geographic area served, primary referral and ages served. Kivett-Berry and Shoop will prepare those documents.

FY19 Board Meetings: Nov 8, Jan 10, then monthly thru June

Open Agenda: None

Motion to Adjourn:

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Faircloth) Motion/Second to adjourn at 4:06 pm. Carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Chris Kivett-Berry, Recorder