

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

March 14, 2019

Linn County Community Services Building, Room # 2

Members: David Thielen, Ben Rogers, Laura Faircloth
Designees: Mary Loops, Kristi Tisl
Staff: Chris Kivett-Berry, Jeanette Shoop
Guests: Nate Klein, Ashley Sally

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

Public Comment: None.

Minutes from 02/14/19 Meeting:

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

Community Presentations:

JumpStart, Mt Mercy University: Nate Klein and Ashley Sally, from Mt. Mercy University (MMU), presented to the Board that JumpStart has three components: 1) free access for social service agencies and neighborhood groups to the Robert W. Plaster Athletic Complex for special events and programs, 2) free and orderly access for low-income children to already established Mount Mercy competitive summer sports camp programs operated by MMU athletics coaches, and 3) JumpStart Summer Academy, a free summer camp program for neighborhood children taking place on summer evenings at the Athletic Complex. Klein and Sally provided success stories regarding students who participated in 2018.

Klein noted they received a grant to cover a full time program director for 3 years, but are looking for additional funding to cover curriculum, supplies, stipends, etc. A question and answer session occurred with Board Members. Presenters were thanked for their efforts in providing the JumpStart Program, and providing the Board with info on opportunities and barriers they face.

Operational Items:

DHS update: N/A

JCS update: Mary Loops shared information from Chris Wyatt: JCS will implementing a new 'Statewide Detention Screening Tool.' The screening tool be used for all children, before placement, to insure detention is the appropriate choice.

Program Information:

DHS Staff Survey Results: Shoop provided the results of the survey which asks DHS staff to rank specific Decat programs in order of their beneficial impact to families. The Wraparound Fund (Relative Care and DHS Involved Families) and the PSSF program were ranked as having the two with the highest benefit.

FY 19 Budget Utilization Summary (Monthly and FY 19): Shoop reviewed info through the end of January 2019 and noted the comment section contains information from funded programs regarding fully expending contract funds.

Site Visit Results: Shoop provided information on AAFPRC and JFAST site visits, and the desk audits for Family Treatment Court and NESF.

Fiscal Items:

Transfer Letters:

- **M/S/C** (Rogers, Faircloth) Motion & Second to accept the transfer letter from Jefferson, Keokuk, Van Buren, Washington Decategorization Governance Board to the Linn County Decategorization Project Governance Board in the amount of \$3,000 and as stipulated. Kristi Tisl abstained. Carried unanimously.
- **M/S/C** (Rogers, Faircloth) Motion & Second to accept the transfer letter from Mahaska Wapello Decategorization Governance Board to the Linn County Decategorization Project Governance Board in the amount of \$2,000 and as stipulated. Kristi Tisl abstained. Carried unanimously.

FY 20 Projection with FY 18 Carryforward:

Kivett-Berry provided the Members with the FY 20 Projection, with the note that DHS central has not yet finalized the FY 18 carryforward. Kivett-Berry estimates a sizable funding gap if no new funds.

Funding Prioritization:

- a. Bids: Kivett-Berry noted that the YouthPort contract for \$70,000 and the Intercultural Youth Contract for \$69,996 will expire on 6/30/2019. Members discussed the option of going out to bid now for these services using prior budget as the not-to-exceed level. It was determined that until additional budget numbers are known we are not able to take action to issue bids until at least the April meeting. Kivett-Berry noted that this would delay contract approval until June. Thielen offered option to delay the date of the May meeting to accommodate the bid timeline.
- b. Program Notifications: Staff were authorized to issue Fy 20 funding renewal proposals. Staff will note in their communication with relevant programs that funding is not known at this time but to allow for action as soon as possible the Board will accept funding renewal requests now.

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 has been opened up to the general public.

Trauma Informed Care: Shoop reported training dates will be: 4/4 for Trauma 101, 4/5 for Trauma 201, 4/17 for Trauma 101& 201 together. Registration will soon be open to the general public.

Partnering for Lasting Change: Shoop reported the date for the training will be 6/3/19, at the Cedar Rapids Community School Administration and Learning Center. 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. Registration will be soon open to the general public.

FY19 Board Meetings: April 11, May 9 (this date may change), June 13

Motion to Adjourn:

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Rogers) Motion/Second to adjourn at 4:00 pm. Carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: *Jeanette Shoop*, Recorder