

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 DECATEGORIZATION BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2020 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
Designees: Mary Loops, Kristi Tisl
Staff: Chris Kivett-Berry, Jeanette Shoop

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

Minutes from 05/14/2020 Meeting:

- M/S/C (Loops, Faircloth) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 05/14/2020 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Partner Updates:

- a. DHS Update: Majeski reported the Iowa Legislature is back in session, and have a goal to produce a budget bill with in the first 10 days. The Cedar Rapids DHS Service Area continues to hire staff. DHS plans to continue remote work for staff, and this will require a new vision for transferring knowledge from experienced staff to new staff.
- b. JCO Update: Loops reported that the JCO staff continue to work remotely.

Community and Program Engagement:

- a. CPPC-ICAPP Grant Update: Shoop reported the FY21 ICAPP Contract has been approved and will be signed this week, in the amount of \$46,963. Which includes \$33,000 for Parent Development programming through Linn County Nurturing Parenting Program, \$5,000 for Strategic Planning through Iowa State Extension, \$2,930 for the Lisa Project through Scott County, and \$4,000 for translation/interpretation services.
- b. Decat Program Updates: Shoop reported she has had conversations with all the currently funded contractors, and all programs are providing services in new and innovative ways.
 - AAFPRC requested spending \$168 to purchase two Trac phones for participants that do not have access to Zoom meetings. The Board agreed by consensus this is an expense that the Decat Coordinator can approve.
 - AAFPRC reported consulting with the leaders of the protest movement in Cedar Rapids with a focus on how to keep participants safe, and protests non-violent.
 - Intercultural Center of Iowa reports providing a resource lab with computers for LEP families.

Fiscal & Operational Items:

- a. Budget Utilization Summary: Shoop reviewed the utilization report that also included utilization of PSSF funds. Two of the programs will not fully expend their PSSF\$.
- b. FY 19 Funded Program Audit Summary: Shoop reviewed the audit summary. No concerns with any of the funded programs.
- c. FY 21 Projection: The DHS allocation remains draft at this time. Kivett-Berry reviewed estimated revenue and obligated funds to provide the Board with an estimate of the carryforward.
- d. **Action:** Transfer Letters/Allocation/Pass Thru
 - M/S/C (Majeski, Faircloth) Motion & Second to allow the Decat Board Chair to accept any transfer letters, allocations, or pass through funds received by 7/31/2020. Carried unanimously.

- e. **Action:** Waive Contract Payment % Paid, *as applicable*
 - M/S/C (Majeski, Loops) Motion & Second to provide a waiver for all FY20 Decat contracts on payment reductions due to the pandemic. Carried unanimously.
- f. Board Member Survey Results: Kivett-Berry reviewed the Board Member Customer Satisfaction Survey. Overall, the average score in FY20 remained the same as FY19, at 4.4/5 points. Areas that will be addressed include diversity of Board Membership and supplemental funding sources.
- g. Funded Program Survey Results: Shoop reviewed the Decat Funded Program Customer Satisfaction Survey. The overall average score in FY20, 4.2/5 points, fell slightly from FY19 when the score was 4.3 points. Areas that will be addressed include increasing opportunities for funded programs to network, and providing information on how the Decat Board operates.

Next Board Meeting: August 13, 2020

Open Agenda: N/A

Action- Motion to Adjourn:

- M/S/C (Faircloth, Majeski) Motion & Second to adjourn at 3:45 pm. Carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: [Jeanette Shoop](#), Recorder

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