

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 DECATORIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 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, Jennifer Slife, Ben Rogers
Designees: Mary Loops, Kristi Tisl,
Staff: Chris Kivett-Berry, Jeanette Shoop
Guest: Amber Wood, AmeriCorps Member; Denise Bridges, SOS; Hailee Sandberg, Let Me Run; Carla Tripp-Safe, Families for Children; Jan Moffitt, YPN

David Thielen, Chair, called the meeting to order @ 3:01pm.

Action: 2/11/21 Decat Board Minutes

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Slife) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 02/11/2021 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Community Engagement:

a. Saving Our Sisters (SOS), Tanager Place

Denise Bridges presented information on a new program at Tanager, S.O.S., Saving Our Sisters. The program provides positive opportunities for middle and high school age girls who are involved in, or at-risk of involvement, in groups of youth committing violence. They meet on Mon, Wed, and Sat each week. Contact Denise for more information at: 411bridges@gmail.com

b. Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates:

Majeski reported that the first legislative funnel has passed, and child care continues to be a focus.

c. Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: no report

Fiscal Items:

- a. Annual Budget Utilization Survey Summary: Shoop provided an overview, with no concerns noted.
- b. FY 21-22 Projection: Kivett-Berry noted Linn County Decat has \$478,882 obligated in FY21, and the estimated carry forward on 6/30/21 is \$576,059. There will be no reversion of funds.
- c. Additional FY 21 PSSF Funds: Shoop contacted the currently funded programs and inquired about service needs if additional PSSF funds were available in FY21. Decat an swap out state \$'s for PSSF \$'s, or if it is an Inter-governmental Agreement we can add PSSF \$'s. We are not able to add \$'s to competitively bid contracts, we would need to issue a bid solicitation.
 - **M/S/C** (Majeski, Slife) Motion & Second to issue an informal bid for PSSF funds, in an amount to be finalized with input from DHS. Carried unanimously. Abstained: Faircloth

Operational Items:

a. **Discuss and Action:** FY 22 Contracts

i. Bid Letters of Intent Update: Shoop reported 4 Letters of Intent for Mothers and Father Support Services bid, and 3 for Minority Family Focused Services bid solicitation. Bids are due by noon on 3/22/2021.

ii. Focusing Families New Contract/Bid: Kivett-Berry reported that the current contract with Jane Boyd for the Focusing Families program ends on 6/30/2021. After discussion the Board decided by consensus to ask the Jane Boyd program to attend the 4/8/21 Board meeting to discuss services, before making a decision on whether to go forward with issuing a bid or discontinue services.

iii. **Action:** Intergovernmental Renewals: Shoop noted 2 contracts need to be renewed Link and CPPC.

- **M/S/C** (Slife, Majeski) Motion & Second to renew the Link contract, for \$225,000 or the amount equal to transfer. Carried unanimously. Abstained: Faircloth
- **M/S/C** (Slife, Majeski) Motion & Second to renew the CPPC contract, for \$20,000 or the amount equal to actual award. Carried unanimously. Abstained: Faircloth

- b. Board Customer Satisfaction Results: Shoop reviewed the 3 year summary of the Decat Board Members satisfaction survey. The overall score for the past 3 years has remained the same at 4.4 out of a possible 5.

Board Strategic Planning- SWOT Analysis: Kivett-Berry led a discussion with Board Members on the results of the SWOT Analysis. Discussion centered on funding opportunities in the future including: 28E agreements, City and County funding, the recent Federal Stimulus Bill (\$44 million for Linn County), and The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. Discussion will continue at upcoming meetings.

Open Agenda: N/A

Next Board Meeting: April 8, 2021

Motion to Adjourn:

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Majeski) Motion & Second to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously

Minutes Submitted by: Amber Wood and Jeanette Shoop, Recorder