



JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

Board Meeting Minutes June 15, 2020

In seeking to adhere to public health recommendations, this meeting was conducting using the Zoom platform.

Board members in attendance: Dee Dixon (DVIP), Karen Evans (DHS), Erin Altheide (JCS), Coreen Frank (ICCS), Amy Grask (Four Oaks), Lisa Green-Douglass (BOS), Susan Vileta (JCPH)

Visitors: Ally Hanten (UAY)

Staff in attendance: Laurie Nash, Diane Kaster, An Leonard

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Introductions were made.

May 18, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed. **K Evans motioned to accept minutes as provided, seconded by E Altheide. Motion passed.**

Financial Report- D Kaster provided a financial report. FY20 Revenue funds remain the same. No new contracts issued. Current expenditures stand at \$135,562.05, with all May expense reports received and processed. It appears we will be able to avoid reversion of FY18 Decat funds. FY21 Budget will begin with \$150,387.17 Currently 10 Contracts for FY21 have been issued, 2 requests for funding will be voted on today. Most contracts moved to virtual services, some funding budgeted for staff salaries has been used for art supplies to be delivered to each participants so that art class could still be offered. A discussion followed.

Thinking forward toward FY22 budgets- do we need a timeline to let our partners know if funding is no longer going to be available? Currently we hold 4 Contracts that would have an FY22 renewal option, 3 are County Contracts and the Shoplifters contract that is funded with a JCS transfer. A letter could be sent with the Contract renewals stating when we hope to be able to confirm that future funding has been secured. Discussion followed.

Contract Oversight Committee met on May 10th and reviewed the application received for the Fatherhood informal solicitation (DCAT4-21-005). The Dream Center (dba Dream City) has applied to provide 24 weekly sessions of the 24/7 dads parenting groups for fathers. **C Frank motions to issue the Fatherhood Contract funding to Dream Center for \$5,500, seconded by K Evans. Motion passed**

Contract Oversight Committee also reviewed the Supervised Visits and Parent Education application (DCAT4-21-003) to provide visits for families involved with DHS. Families, Inc applied for the funding, they are willing to provide the same service they have been providing for the last 2 years for supervised visits, the new application requests changing the rate of pay from \$75 a unit to \$80. If Families First provided a surplus of visits and this funding is not necessary, we can re-evaluate at mid-year and propose to decrease the budget. **K Evans motions to issue the contract for Supervised Visits and Parent Education to Families, Inc. in the amount of \$21,067.00, seconded by S Vileta. Motion passed.**

Update regarding FY20 contract adjustments related to Covid-19- Almost all providers are currently doing virtual services. The County issued some free (used) computers, which helped many of our providers to be able to do virtual work. CPPC supported providers with web cams and microphones where they could. As a result of the provided technology, most services have continued using the virtual format. There are no defined plans yet for new provision, and uncertainty remains about schools being open in the fall. By the August meeting we hope to have a plan in place about how services will be provided. Decat Board members support staff requesting service providers informing us how services will be provided going forward into the new school year.

CPPC Update- As discussed, CPPC has used some of their budget to purchase microphones and web cams to assist Agencies with service provision options during the pandemic. CPPC is also working with mini-grants flexibly to assist with Agencies providing food and cleaning supplies. Since the annual Kites for Kids was cancelled, supplies of kites, and chalk were handed out to kids during the free lunch distributions. Children's Day of Action is planned for June 20th. This movement was started by 3 elementary teachers, who wanted to plan a day where students could feel like they had a voice. Funds reserved for Juneteenth will now be used for the day promoting social justice change. There will be 3 site (No. Liberty, Coralville and Iowa City), each featuring a Librarians reading a book about social justice, Jr. High kids speaking about their own related experiences, and the activity will culminate with a parent panel.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2020. This meeting will likely be conduct virtually via a Zoom platform. There will be no Decat meeting in July.

Announcements- DVIP has consistently been full, but in order to be socially distancing compliant the number of beds available are down. Protective orders are taking longer to get to the Judge and trials are not scheduled until September. Motels will now only be used for quarantine purposes.

UAY is hosting a window mural project for PRIDE / Juneteenth June 17, 18, and 19th at the Swaim Center.

DPH is assisting people and families on quarantines.

Meeting adjourned at 2:19.

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:

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