



# JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

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Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

## Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2021

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

Board members in attendance: Susan Vileta (Board Chair, JCPH), Amy Grask (Four Oaks), Karen Evans (DHS), Dee Dixon (DCIP), Erin Altheide (JCS), Kristen Frank (Prelude)

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

Visitor: Ally Hanten, Kylie Buddin, Miranda Bronicki Doop, and Talia Meidlinger all from UAY

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

Introductions were made.

November 16, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed. Susan Vileta's name is misspelled. **E Altheide motioned to accept minutes with the correct spelling of Vileta, seconded by K Evans. Motion passed.**

**Program Presentation-** United Action for youth joined the meeting to update the Board on the ongoing services currently contracted for. Ally Hanten introduced UAY staff for each program and included a general overview of DeCat contracts. UAY has provided intervention and prevention services in Johnson County for the last 50 years. Ally also explained the changes in service resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Shoplifters Diversion (DeCat4-21-002) is a partnership with Juvenile Court used to divert formal charges for a first time offender. Ally notes one positive from the pandemic has been a reduction in shoplifting charges. This program has historically had long-term positive outcomes on recidivism rates (2% in FY20). Because of the reduction in need, this contract may be amended with a budget reduction. Very young offenders are being referred to UAY's Crisis Mediation service from the ICPD.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Art & Music Club (DCAT4-20-004) is currently being offered virtually, with over 100 art kits delivered to youth before class so that all supplies needed are available for each student. Zoom was not working for music lessons so Kylie has changed to a one-on-one format. This has been great for each youth getting positive time with staff, but has not worked well for the students to be able to play together. 6 Music students from Twain will be allowed to continue programming for the year and a few new slots will be added for additional requests. 8 youth have been registered for Art in each of the target schools. The Zoom format for art has connected students from all over the district, which may help with the transition to Jr. High.

Pride Group (DCAT4-20-003) has continue at all 3 sites. Many youth continued to virtually meet over the summer. These groups have fostered many deep connections for youth. PrideCon will be hosted all month in February. This programming is always very heartwarming for both youth and parents. Many supportive relationships are formed, with lots of information shared and connections supported. A breakout session for professionals was suggested, to assist youth serving agencies in being more welcoming to all youth.

Crisis Mediation (DCAT4-20-002) Youth and Family Advocates have requested ongoing supports to assist with getting to kids who have disappeared from class. With school going virtual and parents not always available to supervise on-line learning, truancy has increased significantly. Schools are now contacting the Crisis

Mediation program to contact absent students. Staff is helping with resource and barrier assessments to assist students return to learning. In addition, there is an ongoing collaboration with ICPD and JCS to provide mental health kits for youth and families in crisis. After a number of conflicts with a particular group of student from NWJH, a very successful role model connection event was hosted to address interpersonal issues. 13 young women from NWJH met women who looked like them who are in leadership roles from our community.

Young Fathers (DCAT4-21-005) is a father's support group co-hosted by UAY and Dream City staff. This supports lots of discussion based programming to strengthen relationships with fathers and their children, increase knowledge in child development, and promoting positive co-parenting strategies. 7 dedicated young fathers have met following social distance guidelines, as well as their development of a young dads podcast.

Accept FY20 Child Welfare Funds Transfer- Following a brief discussion, **E Altheide motioned to accept the transfer of \$116,134 seconded by D Dixon. Motion approved, transfer accepted**

Amendments for Wrap-Around, PSSF Super Visits and Shoplifters were discussed. **K Evans motions to reduce the budget of PSSF Super Visits by \$6,000 and add those \$6,000 in PSSF funding into the Wrap-Around contract to support services, seconded by D Dixon. Motion approved. D Dixon motions to amend the Shoplifter contract by reducing the budget by \$1,500, and make available that \$1,500 to support a new Juvenile Court Translation (Fiscal Agent) contract, seconded by K Evans. Motion approved.**

Contract Oversight Committee- K Evans, A Graff, C Frank and E Altheide make up this committee. **A Graff motions to make C Frank chair, K Evans seconds. Motion approved.**

Financial Report- Updated spreadsheet was reviewed. A draft projection of funding for FY22 will be provided.

Review Operating Rules- Alignment of our rules were discussed, more info to follow

Program adjustments related to Covid-19- UAY discussed many strategies during their presentation. S Vilenta reviewed Public Health's current vaccine roll out plan.

CPPC Update- Currently working on providing a walk thru resource fair. Additional info to come. CPPC has school-aged scholarships available to families using the hybrid learning for days youth are not physically in class. Contact L Nash if interesting in getting an application or more information.

Announcements-DVIP is doing a virtual Souper Bowl. 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary mugs will be offered. Contact D Dixon for more info.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2021. This meeting will be conducted virtually via a Zoom platform.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:57.**

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:

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