

JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

Decat Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2023

Teams meeting

Board members in attendance: Heather Bopp (Four Oaks), Amy Howell (HHS), Coreen Frank

(ICCSD), Erin Altheide (JCS), Dee Dixon (DVIP), V Fixmer- Oraiz (BOS)

Staff in attendance: Laurie Nash, An Leonard Guests in attendance: Tim Grady (UAY)

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

Approve FY23 Annual Progress Report- Nash reviewed the report, Frank pointed out the amount of funding is incorrect for the Empowered2Ride Contract. After a brief discussion, V Fixmer-Oraiz motioned to approve the FY24 Annual Progress Report, seconded by E Altheide. Motion passed unanimously.

Program Presentation- Susan V, Laurie N and An L went to the Ranshaw House program as a site visit on October 30th. Staff and youth worked on carving pumpkins. Talya encouraged youth to collect their pumpkin seeds and she would roast them for snacks. Tim G reports the roasted seeds were in fact delicious!

An L invites other Board members to join in on the Shoplifters site visit Thursday November 16th from 4:00-5:00 at the UAY space in Eastdale Plaza.

UAY will provide a presentation in January 2024, and Families, Inc. will present in February 2024.

Strategic Planning-Given the current funding uncertainties, we will convene the Oversite Committee at the end of January after we receive the 2nd Quarter reports and review what contract performances we are achieving and discuss what funds we have left and what our priority should be. HHS restructuring has affected other programs, Early Childhood Iowa for example. It is hoped that with the beginning of the new year we will have a better idea of the future of HHS and Decat.

Meeting adjourned at 3:23

Next meeting January 9th, 2024 at 2:30

Please direct any questions about this meeting to: Laurie Nash, Decat Coordinator Johnson County Social Services

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