

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 DECATEGORYIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom Meeting. Per Open Meetings law a host site (Linn Co Community Services Building, 2nd Floor, Room # 2215) is available for the public, not able to participate via Zoom, to hear the conversation.

Members: Matt Majeski, Hailee Sandburg, Mary Loops, Designee for JCS, Jennifer Slife, Ben Rogers

Designees: Kristi Tisl, DHS

Staff: Amy Grunewaldt, Jeanette Shoop

Guests: N/A

Matt Majeski called the meeting to order @ 3:02 pm

**Public Comment:** N/A

### Board minutes:

- January Decat Board Minutes: M/S/C (Rogers/Sandburg) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 1/13/22 meeting. Carried unanimously.

**Decat Partner Updates:** Presenter: scheduled presenter, Kelly Nelson was unable to attend.

**Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates:** Majeski reported the Iowa Legislature session continues. Chapter 232 rewrites: 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing next Tuesday, it is now out of sub-committee. New DHS Supervisors: Brenda Barts and Susan Bock

**Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates:** Loops reported that the time period for applying for the Supervisor position has now closed.

### Fiscal Items:

FY 22/23 Projections and Budget Utilization: Shoop reviewed with the Board Members the new format that has been developed, with the help of Amy Grunewaldt and Staci Meade. This new format combines the budget projections with budget utilization.

Discuss DHS designated funds for: Refugee Families \$20,000, Special Project \$10,000, Services targeted to minorities \$20,000. Shoop requested Board Members provide input on the RFP's that will be developed for the designated funds. Sandburg noted that parenting education for refugees will be an emerging need, as new refugee families learn about the laws and culture of the United States. Majeski noted that he would be interested in emerging needs, incubator type programs, and the RFP's can include a broad spectrum of services.

Discuss combining Wraparound IGA Contracts: Board Members discussed combining the following wraparound contracts for FY23: DCAT4-18-020 Relative Wraparound (designated \$5,000, ends 6/30/23) and DCAT4-19-017 DHS Involved Families Wraparound (designated \$5,000, ends 6/30/24).

- M/S/C (Loops/Slife) Motion & Second to not renew DCAT4-18-020 and DCAT4-22-017, and to consolidate Relative Wraparound with DHS Involved Families Wraparound funds into a new contract for FY23. Carried unanimously.

### Operational Items:

Discuss and Action: Board Members discussed issuing a RFP for Child & Youth Mental Health Support Services, as the current contract ends 6/30/22.

- M/S/C (Slife/Rogers) Motion & Second to issue a RFP for Child and Youth Mental Health Support Services, in the amount of \$74,999 for 2 years. Carried unanimously

Discuss and action on contract renewals: Board Members discussed the following Decat Contracts and either approved a renewal or asked for more information:

DCAT4-22-021 AAFRA \$12,000 - contract runs thru 6/30/24:

- M/S/C (Slife, Rogers) Motion & Second to renew DCAT4-22-021, AAFRA, in the amount of \$12,000 for FY23. Carried unanimously.

DCAT4-22-019 Focusing Families \$20,000 - contract runs thru 6/30/23:

Board Members discussed this contract for FY23 and asked the Decat Contract Coordinator to reach out to Jane Boyd staff, and inquire if they have applied for any additional funding.

DCAT4-22-010 YouthPort/YPN \$74,992 - contract runs thru 6/30/23

- M/S/C (Sandberg/Slife) Motion & Second to renew DCAT4-22-010, YouthPort/YPN Parenting classes, in the amount of \$74,992 for FY23,. Carried unanimously.

DCAT4-22-020 WayPoint – Caring Dads \$53,405 – contract runs thru 6/30/23:

- M/S/C (Slife/Rogers) Motion & Second to renew DCAT4-22-20, Caring Dads, in the amount of \$53,405, for FY23. Carried unanimously.

#### Intergovernmental Renewals:

- M/S/C (Slife/Sandberg) Motion & Second to renew in block the following contracts, pending transfer funds: JUV-19-CB-6-001, Link (\$225,000 or equal to transfer), DCAT4-19-066, CPPC (\$20,000 or equal to actual award), DCAT4-22-017, County Equity Team (DHS designated \$1000). Carried unanimously.

#### **Program and Community Engagement:**

DCAT4-22-035 Professional Development Contract – Shoop provided information on a professional development training she was asked to research, from Cy Wakeman. It was decided by consensus that the fee for this training, up to \$30,000, was not in the preferred price range. Shoop will discuss with Tisl the survey DHS staff members completed that identified their preference for training.

Decat Grant Coordinator summary of activities, provided in Decat Board Packet.

#### **Open Agenda:**

Majeski reported that due to the State of Iowa discontinuing the Emergency Proclamation for the Pandemic, individuals receiving SNAP benefits will see a reduction in their benefits. This is separate from Medicaid/T-19, because the Federal Emergency Proclamation is still in place.

Shoop noted the CPPC 101 Immersion Class will be held 3/2 and 3/3/22, and April Child Abuse Prevention month planning has started.

**Next Board Meeting:** March 10, 2022

**Adjournment:** Majeski adjourned the meeting at 4:02 pm.

*Minutes submitted by: Jeanette Shoop, Coordinator*