

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 DECATEGORIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 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, Jennifer Slife, Laura Faircloth  
Designees: Kristi Tisl  
Staff: Chris Kivett-Berry, Jeanette Shoop  
Guests: Meridith Myers, YPN; Nicole Kintzle, Junior League; Amanda Zhorne, Junior League

David Thielen, Chair, called the meeting to order @ 3:00 pm

**Action:** 01/14/21 Decat Minutes

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Slife) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 01/14/2021 meeting. Carried unanimously.

### Community Engagement :

- a. Junior League of Cedar Rapids  
Nicole Kintzle, President and Amanda Zhorne, Vice President provided an overview of the Junior League mission and current membership. They then presented information on the Junior League program "Bridging the G.A.P." <https://www.juniorleaguecr.org/bridging-the-g-a-p/>
- b. Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates  
Majeski reported that CHAFEE funding has increased from \$140 million to \$400 million, and noted these are funds that may be able to assist with the mission of Junior League. CHAFEE information: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/SD/18863.pdf><https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/SD/18863.pdf>  
The legislative session has started and child care is major issue being discussed.
- c. Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates No updates provided.

### Fiscal Items:

- a. **Action:** Transfer Letter, N/A - no transfer letters.
- b. Budget Utilization Summary: Shoop reviewed the budget utilization through the end of December 2020 for FY21 funded programs. No problems noted.
- c. FY 22 Projection: Kivett-Berry reviewed the FY22 Decat funding projection, and carry forward \$'s. If all the current funded programs are provided the same level of funding for FY22 the Board has funds to meet those commitments.

### Operational Items:

**Action:** Contracts ending June 30, 2021

- i. Issue Bid for Mother Father Supports: \$/PSSF?/# Years  
Kivett-Berry reviewed the current funding for the Mother/Father Support Services and requested input on issuing a bid solicitation for FY22.
  - **M/S/C** (Majeski, Slife) Motion & Second to issue a bid solicitation for Mother/Father Support Services in the amount of \$74,999, with the possibility of 1- one year extension. Funding will include PSSF \$'s. Solicitation will note priority on serving Linn County families that reside outside of Cedar Rapids. Motion passed unanimously, Faircloth abstained.
- ii. Issue Bid for Minority Services: \$/# Years

Kivett-Berry reviewed the current funding for Minority Support Services and requested input on issuing a bid solicitation for FY22.

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Slife) Motion & Second to issue a bid solicitation for Minority Family Focused Services in the amount of \$12,000, with the possibility of 2-one year extensions. Motion passed unanimously, Faircloth abstained.

iii. Authorize Renew and Amend:

Shoop noted the following contracts will need to be renewed for FY 22:

Relative Wraparound (\$5,000 designated)

DHS Families Wraparound (\$5,000 designated)

Family Treatment Court (\$1,000 designated)

JFAST (\$74,999, with \$69,203 designated & balance unobligated).

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Slife) Motion & Second to renew the following contracts for FY22: Relative Wraparound, DHS Families Wraparound, Family Treatment Court, and J-Fast. Motion passed unanimously, Faircloth abstained.

iv. New Contract: County Equity Team Update & New IGA (\$1,000 designated)

Shoop updated the activities of the Linn County Equity Team (formally BSC). This will be a new IGA contract for FY22.

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Slife) Motion & Second to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement for the Linn County Equity Team services for FY22 in the amount of \$1000, with the option of 5-one year extensions. Motion passed unanimously, Faircloth abstained.

**Open Agenda:** Majeski noted that Youth who are Medicaid eligible and have a mental health diagnosis may have access to Respite Care. Matt will share more as details are provided.

**Next Board Meeting :** March 11

**Action-** Motion to Adjourn:

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

Minutes submitted by: [Jeanette Shoop, Recorder](#)