

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

February 23, 2023, at 3 pm

Meeting held via Zoom. 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: Hailee Sandberg (subbed for Chair), Mary Loops, Chris Wyatt, Laura May

Alternate: Kristi Tisl, Mary Loops

Staff: Amy Grunewaldt

Guests: Meredith Meyer, Kelly Nelson

Hailee Sandberg called the meeting to at 3:01 pm

Public Comment (limit of 2 minutes per person): N/A

Minutes: **Action-** 11/17/22 Decat Board Minutes: M/S/C (Wyatt/Tisl) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 11/17/22 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Presentation: Meredith Meyer, YPN, share the programs that are DECAT funded including 24/7 Dads, Love and Logic, and Parent Cafes. They have served 115 parents.

Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: Tisl reported that HHS is still working diligently on the alignment. Matt M. is in Des Moines today working on the alignment.

Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: Wyatt reported they are still working on the graduated sanctions and core services funding. The state training school is near capacity due to construction and lack of staffing.

Fiscal Items

Transfer letter – Wyatt reported that JCS will be sending DECAT a transfer letter for the SCT program, so it does not have a lap in services. JCS is not ready for state contracting process yet, so they have received approval to work with DECAT for 1 year.

Financial Report - Grunewaldt reviewed the financial report and 3 year projections of funding. Concerns with adequate funding in the future. Grunewaldt recommended an Ad Hoc committee to focus on priorities, community needs data and make suggestions to the board. Board agreed this was a good idea and Wyatt and Sandberg volunteered for committee.

Termination of DCAT4-22-011 CCDC (Re-Set CR) : Grunewaldt reported that RESET – Central City Corporation terminated the contract in January due to lack of participants.

Operational Items:

Funded Program Utilization Survey – Grunewaldt reported that only two programs indicated they will not spend all their allocated funds. The total will be \$18,000. This will not affect the required spenddown.

Professional Development Plan Summary - Grunewaldt shared the professional development plan with the group and requested that the funding be continued so additional trainings can continue for community partners.

2nd Quarter Decat Engagement Report Grunewaldt reminded board of the information in the packet.

Open Agenda: Wyatt reminded the board the Iowa Juvenile Justice Task Force released its final report to the Iowa Supreme Court. It is on their website.

Grunewaldt let everyone know the ECI RFP will be released in March.

Adjournment: M/S/C Wyatt, Tisl 3:43 pm

Minutes submitted by: Amy Grunewaldt