

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 DECATEGORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 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: David Thielen, Matt Majeski, Hailee Sandburg, Mary Loops JCS Alternate,
Laura May, Ex-Officio

Designees: Kristi Tisl DHS Alternative

Staff: Amy Grunewaldt, Jeanette Shoop

Guests: Kelly Nelson, Matt Kishinami, Rashell Amos, Shannon Powers

David Thielen called the meeting to order @ 3:01 pm

Public Comment: N/A

Board minutes:

- M/S/C (Sandburg, Majeski) Motion & Second to approve the Decat Board Minutes from the 2/1/22 and 2/10/22 meetings. Carried unanimously.

Decat Partner Updates:

Presenter: Kelly Nelson, *Program Supervisor, Home Health Family Transformation Services*

Nelson provided information on the programming offered through the Linn County Home Health Family Transformation Center. Nelson noted a gap in services for immigrant/refugee families is case management, housing, employment, and medical.

Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: Majeski reported that Linn County DHS is hiring, as with almost all sectors, hiring is a challenge. This is the second week of the Iowa Legislature funnel; proposed bills need to make it through this funnel to continue. Majeski also noted the changes to Chapter 232 have passed through committee and the House, and now onto the Senate.

Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: Mary Loops reported JCO currently has 2 open positions. Loops also reported Bernie Bordignon has retired, and his replacement is Jeffrey Werning.

Fiscal Items:

- b. Shoop reviewed the Budget Utilization Survey Summary and noted she will stay in close contact with programs in insure they stay on target.

Operational Items:

- a. Shoop reported Board Member, Jennifer Slife, resigned due to a new job with CCDC, which would cause a conflict of interest, as Linn County Decat currently contracts services with CCDC.
- b. Board Members discussed recruitment of new Board Members – they will e-mail Amy Grunewaldt with possible candidates.
- c. DCAT4-22-019 Focusing Families \$20,000
Shoop noted that Jane Boyd/Focusing Families has one remaining potential renewal. Shoop also shared a report from Jane Boyd outlining the additional grant funding for which they have applied.
Shoop will contact Megan and ask to schedule a phone meeting to discuss outcomes.
- d. **Discuss and Decide:** FY 23 Contracts
Action: Intergovernmental Contract Renewal:
 - M/S/C (Majeski, Loop) Motion & Second to renew DCAT4-22-016 Protective Program pending transfer of PSSF \$'s. Carried unanimously.

Program and Community Engagement:

- a. Juvenile Detention Center - Dawn Schott reported that the ECR plans to fund therapy at the detention center. Thielen noted funding is scheduled for approval by ECR at the end of March.
- b. DCAT4-22-035 Professional Development Contract – Shoop provided an update on the current plans. The first training will be held virtually in June, titled “Current Drug Trends and Related Health Effects.” This training will feature local experts and success stories from Parent Partners. A second, follow up training, will be held in FY23, titled “How to Effectively Support families Experiencing Substance Abuse and Violence.”
- c. Shoop provided an update on “April-Child Abuse Prevention Month” activities, with the kick-off planned on 4/1/22 at the Linn County Sheriff’s Office.
- d. CPPC 101 Immersion was held virtually on 3/2 and 3/3, and 14 CPPC members attended.

Open Agenda: Shoop noted an Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to recommend and advise on the needs and/or gaps in service for minority, immigrant/refugee families will meet in March via Zoom. Individuals that have confirmed they will serve on this sub-committee: Sgt. Laura May, Sheriff Brian Gardner, Ana Clymer, Ashley Hopkins, Cindy Fiester, Linn County Public Health, and Andrew Bribiesco, Attorney and LULAC Chair.

Next Board Meeting: 4/14/22

Adjournment: Majeski adjourned the meeting at 3:52 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jeanette Shoop, Coordinator