

## LINN COUNTY DECATEGORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 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

Designees: Kristi Tisl DHS Alternative

Staff: Amy Grunewaldt, Jeanette Shoop

Guests: Denise Bridges, Dedric Doolin, Shelby Humbles, Meridith Myers

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

**Public Comment:** N/A

### Board minutes:

- **M/S/C** (Sandburg, Loops) Motion & Second to approve the Decat Board Minutes from the 3/10/22 meeting. Carried unanimously.

### Decat Partner Updates:

 African American Family Resilience Association (AAFRA)

Denise Bridges, Shelby Humbles, and Dedric Doolin provided updates on the programming offered by AAFRA. Programs include Love Yourself (young women's group), Un-Snap It (young men's group), Black History Month Challenge, and the Think Tank group will plan and host "It Takes a Village Conference."

**Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates:** Matt Majeski reported this is the final scheduled week for the legislative session, the actual end date of the session is not yet known. Child welfare items should move forward with no issues. DHS continues to hire staff and will be adding another Supervisor.

**Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates:** Mary Loops reported they should have 3 JCO positions filled shortly. Tama county referrals are higher right now, so one JCO from Johnson County will be working in Tama County.

### Fiscal Items:

#### b. Financial Report

Grunewaldt presented and reviewed the Linn County Financial Report. She explained that due to 2 contracts not spending as much as previously planned, we will need to spend \$18,279, to avoid reversion.

#### c. Report on meeting with Jane Boyd/Focusing Families

Grunewaldt reported that she and Shoop met via zoom with Megan Isenburg, Director, Jane Boyd Community House. Isenburg noted that it is taking longer to stabilize families due to the shortage of housing options. Isenburg also noted that they focus on transitioning families to another support program, if needed, once they are stabilized through the Focusing Families program. Grunewaldt reported it was a great meeting, and she is comfortable with renewing the contract for FY23, if the Board approves.

#### d. **Action**- Discuss and Amend DCAT4-19-066 CPPC Contract

Shoop detailed a proposal to add \$25,000 for Community Health and Safety Project, this project includes 3 separate programs: Safe Sleep Program, Healthy Meals on a Budget Program, Safety (car seats and bike helmets) Program.

- **M/S/C** (Sandburg, Majeski) Motion & Second to amend DCAT4-19-066 CPPC Contract, in order to add \$25,000 for the Community Health and Safety Project. Carried unanimously.

e. **Action:** Contracts ending June 30, 2022

Renew and Amend:

Contract #	Name of Contract	Amount	# of renewals remaining	Meeting Goals in FY22?
DCAT4-22-011	CCDC - Restoring a Safe, Equitable and Thriving Cedar Rapids (ReSET CR)	\$12,000	2 - FY23 & FY 24	Expected to exceed minimum # of goals.
DCAT4-22-019	Jane Boyd – Focusing Families	\$20,000	1 – FY23	Expected to exceed minimum # of goals.

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Loops) Motion & Second to renew DCAT4-22-011 CCDC contract at \$12,000 and DCAT4-22-019 Focusing Families contract at \$20,000. Carried unanimously.

Contract #	Name of Contract	Amount	# of renewals remaining	Meeting Goals in FY22?
DCAT4-22-020 Renew at reduced amount requested by program.	WayPoint – Caring Dads	\$25,703 Previously approved for renewal on 2/10/22 at \$53,405	1 – FY23	Expected to meet minimum # of goals – 3 of 5.

- **M/S/C** (Sandburg, Majeski) Motion & Second to renew DCAT4-22-020 at \$25,703. Carried unanimously.

**Program and Community Engagement:**

Shoop provided a brief update on the following projects:

- Update on Sub-Committee advising on gaps in service for minorities/immigrants/refugees
- DCAT4-22-035 Professional Development Contract – update on progress
- Update on “April-Child Abuse Prevention Month” activities

**Public Comment :** n/a

**Next Board Meeting:** 5/5/22 at noon

**Adjournment:** Majeski adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

*Minutes submitted by: Jeanette Shoop, Coordinator*