

## LINN COUNTY DECATEGORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2021

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, Laura Faircloth, Chris Wyatt  
Ben Rogers, Jennifer Slife, Hailee Sandberg

Designees: Kristi Tisl, DHS Mary Loops, JCS

Staff: Chris Kivett-Berry, Jeanette Shoop

Guests: Meridith Myers, Matt Kishinami

David Thielen, Chair, called the meeting to order @ 03:01 pm

Open Agenda: Matt Kishinami noted that funding for drug testing and supervised visits are both needs in Linn County.

### **Action:** June and August Decat Board Minutes

- **M/S/C** (Faircloth, Sandberg) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 6/10/21 and 8/12/21 meeting. Carried unanimously.

### **Community Updates:**

#### Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates

Majeski reported the following:

- House File 802: mandates substantial changes to some current DHS trainings. The other option is that previously mandated trainings can now be designated as optional. As an example, the RPI training will now be optional.
- DHS will be reviewing their Administrative Rules, this is required every 5 years.
- DHS is looking at alignment of services with Public Health. Recommendations are expected by the end of October or November.
- DHS continues to hire open positions. DHS does have a “new” position: Refugee Specialist for Linn County.

#### Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates

Wyatt reported they currently have one opening for a Juvenile Court Officer, this position will be open in October.

#### 8.21.21 GWAEA & J-FAST Gazette article

Kivett-Berry noted the article (included in the Decat packet) in regards to Foundation 2 and the J-Fast program.

### **Fiscal Items:**

- FY 21 YE - with Actual Budget Utilization: Shoop reviewed the final budget utilization for FY21, and noted the estimated carry forward on June 30, 2021 was \$186,351.79.
- FY 22 Projection & New Aggregate Control: Kivett-Berry reviewed the FY22 projections.

### Discuss Use of Unobligated Funds in FY 22:

- Kivett-Berry opened up discussion regarding possible use of unobligated \$'s in FY 22. Services discussed included supervised visits and drug testing.

### **Operational Items:**

**Action:** Review and Act on Approval of FY 22 Decat Annual Plan:

Shoop briefly reviewed the FY 22 Decat Annual Plan that was also included in the Decat Board packet.

- **M/S/C** (Majeski, Faircloth) Motion & Second to approve the FY22 Decat Annual Plan. Carried unanimously.

Annual Review Board Roster: Kivett-Berry reviewed the Board Member Roster and asked for any edits or corrections. Laura Faircloth noted a name change, as of October 2021, her name will be Laura May.

Community Project Director Update: Thielen noted Kivett-Berry will be retiring, with her last day of work on 11/10/21. Thielen reviewed the time line for hiring a replacement, and noted two possible start dates for the new Community Project Director as 10/4/21 or 10/18/21.

### **Program Engagement**

Shoop provided updates on the following programs:

- Caring Dads – a new program funded by Linn County Decat in FY22, provided by WayPoint.
- CPPC Strategic Plan Team Update – 1<sup>st</sup> session was held on 9/9/21 with 13 participants. Three additional, 4 hour sessions, are scheduled.
- Identify Community and Funded Program Presenters for FY 22 (6 needed): Shoop requested suggestions for presentations. Three programs were identified: F2/J-Fast, ReSET CR – GVI, and Caring Dads.
- Survey of Programs re: COVID-19 protocols – Shoop reviewed preliminary results, final results will be provided at the next Decat Board meeting in October.

**Open Agenda:** N/A

**FY 22 Board Meetings- Virtual or In person?** Kivett-Berry took an informal poll and Board Members indicated virtual meetings are preferred at this time.

Next Decat Board Meeting: October 14 via Zoom

**Adjournment:** Thielen adjourned the meeting at 4:03 pm

*Minutes submitted by: Jeanette Shoop, Coordinator*