

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

September 22, 2022, 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, David Thielen, Matt Majeski, Ben Rogers,

Alternates: Kristi Tisl, Mary Loops

Staff: Amy Grunewaldt

Guests: Nelly Hill, Chelsy Steckly

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

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

Minutes: **Action-** 8/25/22 Decat Board Minutes:

- August Decat Board Minutes: M/S/C (Majeski/Rogers) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 8/25/22 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Presentation (WayPoint, Caring Dads Program by Nelly Hill) Last year four dads went through 17-week course. This year's goal is 8 dads completing the course. Takeaways from the first four dads is that the program created a space for men to be venerable and learn. Program is expanding to Blackhawk County.

Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: Matt Majeski provided information - Officially HHS, reporting may look a little different but no major changes at DECAT level. The department currently has various open positions to fill.

Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: Chris Wyatt provided information - Have gone over cap of ten. Detention center has not had as many kids since the school year started.

Fiscal Items

- Action** - Transfer item from JCS for \$51,481.79. M/S/C (Rogers/Majeski) Motion & Second Carried unanimously.
- FY 23 Financial Report - Carry forward of \$117,000. At expected expenses right now. Library funding that was approved at August meeting, is now under contract.

Operational Items:

- Action** - FY23 Annual Decat Plan - Data updated to include last year's information. Need board approval to send updated report to the state. Majeski noted the carry forward \$ amount needs to be added.
 - M/S/C (Thielen/Wyatt) Motion and Second to approve the FY23 Linn County Annual Decat Plan, with the inclusion of carry forward amount.
- FY23 Decat Board Meeting Presentations: Grunewaldt requested Board members provide their ideas or choices for program presentations for FY23. Discussion on a possible presentation on overlapping programs between ECI and Decat.

Program and Community Engagemen nt: Grunewaldt reported the following

- Looking at how funders can work together to better serve community and families. Hoping to better align funding for programs.
- Ice Cream Social - Good feedback on event, gave board members opportunity to learn more about the organization. Providers and board members enjoyed the event.

- CPPC Regional Meeting Presentation - Presented on Linn County's CPPC program to other CPPC programs across the eastern region.

Open Agenda : N/A

Next Board Meeting : 10/27/22

Adjournment: David Thielen

Minutes submitted by : Avery Carlson, AmeriCorps Member