



JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

Draft Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2022

In seeking to adhere to public health recommendations, this meeting was conducting using the Zoom platform.

Board members in attendance: Dee Dixon (DVIP), Erin Altheide (JCS), Amy Howell (DHS), Susan Vileta (JCPH), Coleen Frank (ICCS),

Staff in attendance: Laurie Nash, Diane Kaster, An Leonard

Guests in attendance: none

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.,

Introductions were made.

Approve previous minutes- C Frank motions to approve the March 21, 2022 minutes as presented, seconded by E Altheide. Motion passed unanimously.

S Vileta motions to approve the April 18, 2022 minutes as provided, seconded by A Howell. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report- D Kaster provided a financial report. Revenue remains the same.

There are a few contracts that have expended their entire budget- DCAT4-22-006 Professional Development and DCAT4-21-001 Wrap-Around Services. There are contracts that are very underspent- both the Strengthening Sudanese Families and the Safe African American Families appear to be unspent, and the Minority Focused Families DCAT4-22-005 has spent only 36%. A brief discussion followed.

Contract Oversight Committee report- 1 application was received for the Minority Family Support Services DCAT4-23-006. United Action for Youth has applied to provide 42 weeks of student centered programming with music and art supports for BIPOC youth in the North Liberty one afternoon/evening a week using the Ranshaw House Hang-out. This is an underserved location and is conveniently located near the North Liberty Rec Center. E Altheide notes that, although she is a huge fan of Kylie, it would be great if UAY could also have some BIPOC staff providing programming. S Vileta motions to approve issuing a contract with United Action for Youth for the Ranshaw House Hang-out at \$15,923 per year, with a possible 1 year extension (\$31,846 total), seconded by E Altheide. Motion passed unanimously

The informal Solicitation for DCAT4-23-004 Refugee Family Support Services had no applications for funding. L Nash discussed options including offering this solicitation again but sending out to more refugee serving agencies, offering a Parent Café train the trainer option, as the Decat Board in several counties are expecting to use their refugee targeted funding for these services. L Nash offers to target outreach, gather more info on what Refugee services sees as helpful supports, and bring that back to this Board. Also discussed were Parent Cafes, which now have a refugee centered package, other Decat Boards may plan to use Parent Cafes for their funding. L Nash will contact

Jones County Decat Director to see if this is something we could join in with and then we would need to plan for additional funds to provide the Cafes once trainers are available. CPPC may also be looking into a train the trainer for Parent Cafes so this could be a community effort. More info to come. The Board agrees to issue this informal solicitation again to more agencies, and looking into current refugee services available. E Altheide remarks that Raquisha Harrington is going to be one of the NCJC's new executive Directors, and that may help with more services and outreach being provided thru NCJC.

Accept \$25,869 in SFY 23 Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) funds- DCAT4-23-002 PSSF Supervised Visits Informal Solicitation has been issued with applications due in later this week. The Board motioned to issue this solicitation for up to \$30,000 per year for a possible 2 year contract. (\$4,131 of nondesignated funds would need to be added to this budget to issue the contract for the full \$30,000 in FY23). E Altheide motions to accept the \$25,869 in PSSF funding, seconded by C Frank. A special Oversight Committee will convene Thursday to review applications and a SPECIAL Decat Board meeting at 3:00 on June 21 is called to vote on issuing a supervised Visits contract for these funds. It is hoped that we can achieve a 7/12/22 start date to keep this vital service available.

Update on DCAT4-22-006 Professional Development- L Nash reviewed the Restorative Justice training hosted by Linda Gray on April 28th and 29th. 14 people attended and the survey reviews are excellent

Announcements- Monday evenings from 4:00-7:00 at Weatherby Part there is a new community activity sponsored by UAY, NCJC, the City of Iowa City and Juvenile Court. A variety of activities will be available and also food will be provided. All families are welcome.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2022 for a vote on Supervised Visits at 3:00.

The next monthly meeting will be August 15th at 1:30. No July meeting. This meeting will be conducted virtually via a Zoom platform, and also available for in-person attendance at the Health and Human Services Building.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32.

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:

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