



JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

Board Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2023

Room 212A HHS and Zoom.

Board members in attendance: Erin Altheide (JCS), Cathy Razavi, Acting Chair (Community), Dee Dixon (DVIP), Heather Bopp (Four Oaks), Amy Howell (DHHS), Carrie Hough (C&FR), Coreen Frank (ICCS)

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

Guests in attendance: Amy Gosnell (Families, Inc.)

The meeting was called to order at 2:37 p.m.

Introductions were made-

Approve previous minutes- After a brief discussion, **D Dixon motions to approve previous minutes, seconded by C Frank. Motion passed unanimously.**

Program Presentation- Amy Gosnell provided an update on the programming of Families, Inc.'s 3 Decat contracted services:

Family Treatment Court (DCAT4-22-001) 7 Families were served in the first Quarter and 4 in the second. Finding staff has been a problem for this service since staff left at the end of July. One qualified candidate was offered the position, but they were no longer interested in the FTC position. Cheryl McCormick has been leading our group and billing for supplies thru Families, Inc. as needed. Amy said she had just realized Families, Inc. has not been billing any indirect rate. Amy suggests we could reduce this contract to \$10,000 if we can keep billing out for the supports thru using Ms. McCormick, and she will continue to try and find staff. If no staff is interested in the position should we end FTC early? K Tisl will be contacted for verification to see if it is permissible to bill for FTC thru Families Inc. for Cheryl's event expenditures. FTC contract expired 6/30/23, no further programming is expected.

Nurturing Parent Program (DCAT4-22-002)- 2 Families have completed the 10 series program, 2 families are in the service now, and 2 families were referred but have not been making any effort to do the program. Amy suggests we could reduce the budget again to \$6,569.50 and that would allow for a total of 7 families to complete the program. Amy H said that there was a family that HHS will refer. Safe Care is a new DHS program that is similar to NPP so that may have reduced some of the family needs. This contract contains our Services to help Moms designated money.

Supervised Visits (DCAT4-23-002)- 48% of their budget has been expended. 3 families are now done getting visits but 2 families are still getting this service and Amy says another referral is about to be issued. This program is PSSF monies so the contract can renew as long as we receive PSSF monies again for FY24. Supervised Visits provides some parenting supports and has been a very successful and appreciated service.

Financial Report- D Kaster provided a spreadsheet for L Nash to share. Revenue for FY23 is \$353,476.73 and \$233,183.56 is currently allocated leaving \$120,293.19 as available and unallocated to begin FY24. 3 Contracts that are struggling to spend their budgets- FTC at 9%, NPP at 14% and Empowered2Ride at 33%. NCJC has asked to terminate the Empowered2Ride contract and plans to provide no services after December. A brief discussion followed.

FY24 Contracts, Budgets and Informal Solicitations- With Empowered2Ride not renewing, and adding some of FY23 funds back into our budget, if we do not renew Professional Development, and if we reduce FTC, and NPP we would have about \$158,000, after subtracting the renewable contract funds we would have about \$110,000 for new programs in FY24. L Nash has spoken to all providers letting them know that Decat did not get a transfer and that our budget has been reduced. L Jacoby discussed a transition year in case FY24 legislative allocation does not come thru to increase available funding. With the Informal Solicitations, we would not allocate more funding than we have.

E Altheide motions to issue an Informal Solicitation for Youth and Family Crisis Services Focusing on Mental Health Supports of up to \$35,000 per year, with a possible 1 year renewal, C Frank seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

C Hough motions to issue an Informal Solicitation for Positive Youth Development of up to \$45,000 per year, with a possible 1 year renewal. This solicitation may support multiple projects. E Altheide seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

E Altheide motions to issue an Informal Solicitation for Parenting Supports of up to \$15,000 per year, with a possible 1 year renewal, this solicitation may support multiple projects. C Razavi seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

All contracts and renewals would be pending available funding.

D Dixon motions to terminate the Empowered2Ride Contract with NCJC, seconded by C Razavi. Motion passed unanimously.

E Altheide motions to reduce the FTC budget to \$10,000 (reducing by \$20,000), seconded by A Howell. Motion passed unanimously.

A Howell motions to reduce the NPP budget to \$6,570 serving 7 families total, seconded by D Dixon. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding the termination of our Professional Development Contract, guidance will be requested by K Tisl, to review termination vs simply not renewing this contract for FY24.

Announcements- DVIP will be hosting the 26th annual Souper Bowl on February 23, 2023.

VITA Tax Clinics are underway, for more info contact A Leonard.

The next monthly meeting will be March 21st at 2:30. This meeting will be conducted virtually via Zoom and available for in-person attendance at the Health and Human Services Building.

Meeting adjourned at 3:59

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:

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