

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

August 8, 2024; 8:00-9:00am

Meeting at Linn County Community Services (1240 26th Ave Ct. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404)
Conference Room 2A or Zoom Option - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89314059020>

Members: Hailee Sandberg, David Thielen, Chris Wyatt

Alternate: Kristi Tisl, Mary Loops

Staff: Amy Grunewaldt, Meredith Hershner

Guests: Meridith Myers

David Thielen called the meeting to order at 8:06

Public Comment (limit of 2 minutes per person)

- N/A

Minutes

- **Action** – 6/27/24 Decat Board Minutes (in packet)
 - Approval of June 27, 2024, Decategorization Board Minutes. M/S/C (Wyatt/Sandberg). Carried unanimously.

Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates:

Matt Majeski

- No updates from Majeski's designee, Tisl

Youth and Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates:

Chris Wyatt

- Wyatt shared personnel updates. Filling three positions.

Fiscal Items:

Amy Grunewaldt

- Financial update
 - Grunewaldt walked through spending summary for FY24. No concerns and funds were expended as expected.
- JSC Transfer Letters
 - Discussed two Juvenile Court Services transfer letters for Wrap Around Services for the Sixth Judicial District through Decat. One containing administrative costs and the other for programming.
 - **Action** – Sandberg made a motion to accept the transfer letters
 - M/S/C (Thielen/Sandberg). Carried unanimously.

Operational Items:

Meredith Hershner

- Bid for Resilient Youth and Family Support Services

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- Hershner walked through the bid for Resilient Youth and Family Support Services and the board discussed the scores of the single bidder. Overall, the board felt this was a stronger proposal this time around. Performance measures were identified as an area of opportunity to strengthen but this is something that can be worked with if the bidder is awarded the bid.
- **Action** – Sandberg made a motion to approve AAFRA as the successful bidder per the recommendations of the reviewers.
 - M/S/C (Sandberg/Thielen). Carried unanimously.
- Bid for Online Parenting Services
 - Hershner walked through the bid for Online Parenting Services and the board discussed the scores of both bidders. Overall, there was consensus across the scores that one bidder had higher scores. The board felt the reviewers had nothing to critique the higher scoring bidder on, but the lower scoring bidder had several questions and concerns from reviewers.
 - **Action** – Sandberg made a motion to approve YouthPort as the successful bidder per the recommendation of the reviewers.
 - M/S/C (Sandberg/Wyatt). Carried unanimously.
- RFP for Youth Mental Health Services
 - Hershner walked through the RFP Youth Mental Health Services and the board discussed the scores of the single bidder. Overall, the board felt the single bidder scored very high and there were no concerns from reviewers.
 - **Action** – Thielen made a motion to approve Foundation 2 as the successful bidder per the recommendation of the reviewers.
 - M/S/C (Thielen/Sandberg). Carried unanimously.
- Fourth Quarter Progress Reports (in packet)
 - Hershner walked through the progress reports from each agency. No issues or causes for concern. Almost every agency and program met or exceeded their goals and outcomes. Board discussed possibly increasing them if they are consistently exceeding their goals.

Agency Guest

- N/A

Open Agenda

- N/A

Next Board Meeting

- 9/26/24 at 3:00pm, virtually

Thielen adjourned the meeting at 8:50am.