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LINN COUNTY DECATEGORIZATION BOARD MEETING

Minutes

November 21, 2024; 3:00-4:00pm

Meeting held via Zoom

Members: Matt Majeski, David Thielen, Chris Wyatt, Valarie Lovaglia

Alternate: Kristi Tisl

Staff: Amy Grunewaldt, Meredith Hershner

Guests: Heidi Anaya

David Thielen called the meeting to order at 3:04pm

Public Comment: (limit of 2 minutes per person)

- N/A

Minutes

- **Action** – 10/24/24 Decat Board Minutes (in packet)
 - M/S/C (Majeski/Wyatt). Carried unanimously.

Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates

- Majeski shared there will be a new SWA soon to help with transition and capacity. Valarie Lovaglia will be taking over as the contract owner for Majeski and will attend Decat Board meetings. Majeski's last date will be 12/5/24.
- Tisl shared HHS is working on some issues with the old contracting software and figuring out work arounds for C2 access.

Youth and Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates

- Wyatt shared there will be two new JCOs starting on December 6 in Johnson County and that JCS will be fully staffed with these new additions.

Fiscal Items

- Informative – FY25 Financial Update
 - Grunewaldt walked through the financial update. She highlighted an update on the CRPL funding that was identified as a question last month and that they are doing some interesting and innovative things. They might be a good guest to bring in and share what they are doing.
 - Grunewaldt identified the spend down with the Protective Parenting program and will check in with Protective Parenting program on spend down. No other concerns.

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Operational Items

- Discussion – Funding Priorities for FY26
 - Brief discussion. This agenda item will be on next month's agenda for a deeper discussion on FY26.
 - Majeski shared that he checked on funding changes and does not look like it will be any changes so far.
- HHS FY24 Decat Progress Report
 - Hershner walked through the Progress Report from FY24. No questions or things to change in the report.
 - **Action** – Majeski made a motion to approve the HHS FY24 Decat Progress Report and submit it to the state.
 - M/S/C (Majeski/Wyatt). Carried unanimously.

Agency Guest

- N/A

Open Agenda

- Discussed new date and time for Decat meetings
 - Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 or 3 works for Chris & David
 - The third Tuesday works best for Amy & David
 - Will get in touch with Hailee, Valarie, and Ben to see if that time works for them
- Volunteer Iowa
 - Help connect agencies with existing resources and grants to support volunteers
 - Good thing for us to learn about and to share with agencies
- Minutes September 26, 2024
 - September's minutes were held last time since we did not have quorum. They were not listed on the agenda under the minutes section. We will hold them for next meeting on 12/3 @ 12:00 and approve them then.

Next Board Meeting: 12/03/24 at 12pm

David Thielen adjourned the meeting at 3:34pm