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LINN COUNTY DECATEGORIZATION BOARD MEETING

Minutes

March 11, 2025; 2:30-3:30pm

Meeting held via Teams

Members: David Thielen, Brandy Meisheid

Alternate: Kristi Tisl

Staff: Meredith Hershner

Guests: Heidi Anaya

David Thielen called the meeting to order at 2:33pm

Public Comment: (limit of 2 minutes per person)

- N/A

Minutes: Action – 2/11/25 Decat Board Minutes (in packet)

- Meisland/Tisl. Carried unanimously.

Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates

- Tisl shared that she will be moving on to a new opportunity within HHS and will be working to connect us with a colleague of hers to conduct the day to day.

Youth and Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates

- N/A

Fiscal Items

- Informative – FY25 Financial Update
 - Grunewaldt walked through the expenditures and the current spenddown so far in FY25. No major concerns with the spenddown.

Operational Items

- ACTION – Contract Renewals
 - Grunewaldt walked through the Decat Board Contract Summary and reviewed the contracts for renewal or for a potential new contract.
 - Meisheid asked a question about the Online Parenting Education contract and the spend down of non-PSSF funds within that contract.
 - ASAC – Family Treatment Court
 - Motion to go out for bid for a new contract for Family Treatment Court for one year for \$50,000 with an option of one year for renewal.

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- Meisheid/Tisl. Carried unanimously.
- Youthport – Mothers/Fathers Support Services
 - Motion to go out for bid for a new contract for Mothers/Fathers support services for one year for \$50,000 with an option of one year for renewal.
 - Meisheid/Thielen. Carried unanimously.
- Cedar Rapids Public Library – Youth Literacy Program
 - CRPL motion to approve renewal for one year.
 - Thielen/Meisheid. Carries unanimously.
- African American Family Resiliency Program – Resilient Youth and Family Support Program
 - AAFRA motion to approve renewal for one year.
 - Meisheid/Tisl. Carried unanimously.
- Youthport – Online Parenting Education
 - Youthport motion to approve renewal for one year.
 - Meisheid/Tisl. Carried unanimously.

Open Agenda

- N/A

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 2:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:23pm