

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 MINUTES

**October 27, 2022, at 1 pm**

Meeting held via Zoom. Per Open Meetings law a host site (Linn Co Community Services Building, 2nd Floor, Room # 2215) is available for the public, not able to participate via Zoom, to hear the conversation.

Members: Hailee Sandberg, Chris Wyatt, David Thielen, Matt Majeski

Alternate: Kristi Tisl, Mary Loops

Guests: Alejandro Pino, Chelsey Steckly

Staff: Amy Grunewaldt, Jeanette Shoop

David Thielen called the meeting to order @ 1:07 pm.

Public Comment (limit of 2 minutes per person): N/A

Minutes: **Action-** 10/27/22 Decat Board Minutes:

- October Decat Board Minutes: M/S/C (Sandberg/Wyatt) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 10/27/22 meeting. Carried unanimously.

**Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates:** Majeski reported HHS has announced two new hires: Janee Harvey will lead the new Family Well-Being & Protection Division, and Erin Drinnin will head the Community Access Division and will oversee child support services, economic assistance programs and wellness and preventive health.

**Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates:** No new updates

### Fiscal Items

YTD FY23 Financial Report – Grunewaldt reviewed the financial report through September. No concerns with the current financial controls through September 2022, most programs are 25% expended, as expected, and if not is it due to the schedule of programming that will occur later in the FY.

### Operational Items:

**Action** - Approve Annual Progress report for FY22

- Linn County Annual Decat Progress Report for FY22: M/S/C (Sandberg, Majeski) Motion and Second to approve the Linn County Annual Decat Progress Report for FY22. Carried unanimously.
- a. 3 Year Data Summary: Shoop reviewed the 3 Year Data Summary for currently funded programs, noting the cost per unit in FY22 and percent of goals met. Board Members requested additional information including: the average unit cost (industry standard?), what is the Return on Investment – and what benchmarks should be used? Grunewaldt reported she would look into these questions but may not have answers until after the January meeting.
- b. Discussion on FY24 Funding Priorities: Majeski noted that HHS may only be able to provide the legislative allocation in FY24, and no transfer funds. Board Members will wait for additional information in order to make recommendations at the January or February Board meetings.

**Action** - Approve Legislative Priorities

- Legislative Priorities: M/S/C (Majeski, Sandberg) Motion and Second to approve the Linn County Decat Board Legislative Priorities to include: Designate increased funding to Decat Boards in order to support critical local systems that reduce the use of out-of-home care. Carried unanimously.

**Open Agenda:** N/A

**Next Board Meeting:** ~~01/26/23 at 3 pm~~ cancelled due to no quorum

**Adjournment:** David Thielen adjourned the meeting at 2 pm

*Minutes submitted by: Jeanette Shoop*