

LINN COUNTY DECATEGORIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2022, at 3 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, Mary Loops, David Thielen, Matt Majeski

Alternate: Kristi Tisl

Staff: Amy Grunewaldt, Jeanette Shoop

Guests: Avery Carlson, Kelly Nelson, Andrew Gallagher

David Thielen called the meeting to order @ 3:01 pm.

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

Minutes: **Action-** 9/22/22 Decat Board Minutes:

- August Decat Board Minutes: M/S/C (Sandberg/Majeski) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 9/22/22 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Presentation : Kelly Nelson from Linn County Family Transformation Services Program Funding includes: Decat, ECI, and ICCAP.

- Program helps with reunification efforts. Focusing on family stabilization, support and connecting families to resources needed. Develop nurturing skills as an alternative to neglectful practices. There has been a trend of families moving from the short-term program to their long-term programs.
- Andrew Gallagher spoke positively about the program and how it helped build a healthy foundation for raising his daughter.

Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: Majeski reported shelter use has increased. Concern is that the youth are from outside the service area, and this may be a problem in the future for in-service area needs. HHS continues to have open positions.

Youth & Juvenile Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: N/A

Fiscal Items

YTD FY23 Financial Report - Grunewaldt reviewed the financial report. Concern with the estimated carry forward amount. Discussion at November meeting regarding FY24 funding priorities.

Operational Items:

FY22 Demographics - Youth Served: Shoop reviewed the FY22 data on demographics of youth served.
Program and Community Engagement (report in packet) - Shoop briefly reviewed activities this quarter.

Open Agenda:

Thielen reported on the Youth Mental Health Assessment Center. The planning committee discussing the problem of staff shortages as a reason this may not be the time to go forward with this project. May be able to revisit idea after holiday season.

Next Board Meeting : 11/17/22 at 1 pm

Adjournment: David Thielen at 3:53 pm

Minutes submitted by : Avery Carlson, AmeriCorps Member