

LINN COUNTY DECATEGORIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom Meeting. 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: Matt Majeski, Mary Loops, Laura May, David Thielen at 11:34 am (Quorum met)

Designees: Kristi Tisl, DHS

Staff: Chris Kivett-Berry, Amy Grunewaldt, Jeanette Shoop

Guests: Meredith Myers, Nelly Hill, Alexis Chadwick

Chris Kivett-Berry called the meeting to order @ 11:02 am

Comments from new Decat Director: Amy Grunewaldt introduced herself to the Decat Board Members.

Public Comment: N/A

- **Action-** October Decat Board Minutes: M/S/C (Majeski, Loops) Motion & Second to approve Minutes from the 10/14/21 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Decat Partner Updates: Presenter: WayPoint – Caring Dads Program

Nelly Hill, Director of Waypoint's Domestic Violence Program, and Alexis Chadwick, Program Coordinator, Domestic Violence Victim Services Program, provided a presentation on the Caring Dads program. This is a new program for FY22, funded by Linn County Decat.

Child Welfare Trends/Issues/Updates: Majeski reported DHS has hired a new Linn County Supervisor. Brenda Barts will be starting on Friday. Majeski also reported that the DHS – DPS realignment continues, and the Legislative session will be starting soon.

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

Fiscal Items:

FY22 Controls & Budget Utilization Summary: Shoop reviewed summary and noted no concerns.

Action- DHS Designation Transfer Letter \$258,257 – Shoop noted that the designated amount for the J-Fast program will need to be lowered, as it will over-fund the renewal contract. Majeski stated the adjustment can be made at the next Board meeting and transferred to unobligated fund. Majeski noted professional development \$'s will be used for training for the DHS Cedar Rapids Service Area. Majeski also noted the \$'s for supporting refugee families will be very flexible.

- M/S/C (Majeski, Loops) Motion & Second to approve DHS Designation Transfer Letter in the amount of \$258,257. Carried unanimously.

ARPA \$ and Decat Board Application Discussion: Board Members reviewed the ARPA information provided in the Board packet. Members agreed by consensus not to bid for ARPA \$'s.

Operational Items:

Legislative Priorities: Kivett-Berry noted the Decat Board Legislative priorities are due, and reviewed the priorities from FY21. Board Members chose the following priorities for FY22:

- Fund and implement a functional statewide Child Mental Health system.
- Maintain the Decat Line Item Allocation in the DHS Budget in order to fund local services that prevent child and family involvement in child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
- Support annual transfer of funds to Decat Boards in order to support critical local systems that reduce minority disproportionality in juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

Program and Community Engagement:

Preventing Violence Affecting Young Lives Grant press release: Shoop noted that one of the new programs that Linn County Decat funded in FY22, the ReSet program, was awarded a 5 year grant.

Open Agenda: N/A

Next Board Meeting

January 13, 2022

Adjournment: Thielen adjourned the meeting at 3:58 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jeanette Shoop, Coordinator