



JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

Room 214B HHS and Zoom.

Board members in attendance: Erin Altheide (JCS), Susan Vileta (JCPH), Cathy Razavi (Community), Dee Dixon (DVIP), Heather Bopp (Four Oaks), Amy Howell (DHHS), Carrie Hough (C&FR), Coreen Frank (ICCSA)

Staff in attendance: Laurie Nash, Diane Kaster, Lynette Jacoby, An Leonard

DHHS staff attending: Kristi Tisl, Matt Majeski, Valarie Lovaglia

Guests in attendance: Talia Meidlinger, Genevieve Anglin, Kylie Buddin, Tony Branch, Amy Kahle (from UAY) Olanthda Fields, RaQuishia Harrington (from NCJC)

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Introductions were made-

Approve previous minutes- After a brief discussion, **D Dixon motions to approve previous minutes, seconded by E Altheide. Motion passed unanimously.**

Program Presentation- United Action for Youth brought staff to review programming in 4 of their Decat contracted services:

Youth & Family Advocate (DCAT4-22-007) Staff have meet with 16 parents and 38 youth for a total of 69 contacts. Staff have had clients experiencing substance misuse, sexual assault, and various stressful family relationship problems. Staff has assisted families in connecting to many local supports and services to support keeping kids in their homes.

PRIDE (DCAT4-22004)- 122 youth have attended programming so far this year. 40 Groups have been hosted and well attended, including the groups at CCA. School staff report these are helping schools be more equitable. Statewide virtual GSA (Gay Student Alliance) meetings are changing from monthly to twice a month. Staff hope to add 20 counties per year until the entire state has supports. Glitter (Tate group) will move to Thursdays as school has indicated this will help with keeping kids on track. PrideCom- change for the future, will be hosted in April at the Oakdale campus. **Ranshaw House Hangout** (DCAT4-23-006)- has served 35 youth (33% BIPOC) has hosted 23 sessions. Ranshaw is a lower stimulus setting so services here are well received by both youth who may be on the Autism Spectrum, and youth who suffer from anxiety. Youth attending this program are working on designing the space to meet their needs. Ranshaw House has received a lot of community support (located in North Liberty). BIPOC night for Congolese youth is being developed.

Minority Focused Services (DCAT4-22-005) The SPARKS group has had some outings and activity success. 10 ICCSD groups have been attended by a total of 62 youth. Kayaking, bike maintenance, pickleball and boxing have all been explored. In August, a 3-day backpacking adventure at yellow river was offered, these first time campers enjoyed the outdoors and focused on the importance of social emotional supports and healthy masculinity. The Youth Center SPARKS Vibe group has

adapted by taking youth center activities to other community locations like the Coralville Rec Center (50 kids attended) and NCJC (20 youth participated). Staff is very excited to be offering Good Trouble Youth Summit in February.

Financial Report- D Kaster provided a spreadsheet for L Nash to share. On 12/14/22 Johnson County Decat received confirmation of the annual carry-forward amount of \$23,806.33. For FY22 \$7,316.84 was reverted to the State. Revenue for FY23 is \$353,476.73 and \$233,183.56 is currently allocated leaving \$120,293.19 as available and unallocated to begin FY24. A brief discussion followed. A lengthy discussion followed.

Dee Dixon left (2:57)

Coreen Frank joins (2:58)

DeCat Allocations and FY24 Contracts and Budgets- December usually bring the Child Welfare Transfer, unfortunately, there is no indication that we will receive the transfer this year. Historically this has been about 2/3s of our annual funding. Legislative allocations may not be available going forward either as this funding may be used to care for system-involved children. M Majeski states this involves Child Welfare Funds only, the CPPC funding line item legislative transfer has not been discussed to be at-risk. The decrease in Child Welfare monies force difficult decisions. Look at the measurable outcomes in existing contracts to see if the cost benefit ratio is what was hoped for. Shelter and group care is using more in medical coverage for kids in care. Prevention takes the hit. This has been multiple years in the making, shelter costs must be addressed. K Tisl states there will be no revisions in FY23 so \$207,891 must be spent by 6/30/24. Majeski commends the Johnson County Decat Board as being very active, and has strength with its Board, but it will be a year we must make difficult choices Nash suggests convening the Oversight Committee after receiving 2nd quarter reports to see if Contracts are meeting goals and ensure expectations are being met. After the Oversight Committee meets, they will bring back recommendations for the full Board. PSSF funds usually are released in May, these may also be effected.

Announcements- Monday in observance of MLK day there is a march from Eastdale Plaza to Mercer. City of Iowa City web site has all the details for activities offered in our area.

Nash encourages members to look at The Lisa Project website as CPPC may be interested in bringing this to Iowa City and would like DeCat to co-host.

Car Seat Clinic 1/21/23 with funding from CPPC and ECI.

Safe Sleep classes have been provided by ECI and will collaborate with CPPC for several more.

The next monthly meeting will be February 14th at 2:30. This meeting will be conduct virtually via Zoom and available for in-person attendance at the Health and Human Services Building.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:

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