



JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

Governance Board

Laurie Nash called the Johnson County Decategorization Board to order at 1431 on 13 February 2024, in room 202a of the Johnson County Health and Human Services Building.

Green volunteered to take minutes.

Members present: Erin Altheide, Heather Bopp*, V Fixmer-Oraiz*, Coreen Frank, Jon Green, Amy Howell*, * indicates electronic participation.

Guests present: Jes Lang (JCAO), Talia Meidinger* (UAY).

Staff present: Diane Kaster* and Laurie Nash

All actions carried unanimously.

Motion by Corrine, second by Erin on approval of the 23 January 2024 minutes, carries.

Kaster presented the financial report, noting the State certified the fiscal year (FY) 2024 available carry over allocation of \$35,872.20 on 15 December 2023. Adding the carry over balance to the FY24 Legislative allocation of \$72,136 and \$15,980 of unallocated local funds, the total funds available for FY25 should be approximately \$123,988. Altheide inquired as to the spending deadline for carry over funding; Kaster said those funds must be spent within three years. General budget discussion followed with no action.

Laurie opened FY25 budget and programming planning with a report from the oversight committee meeting of 24 January 2024. Contracts for Supervised Visits, Juvenile Court Interpretation, United Action for Youth's (UAY's) Ranshaw House, Center for Family Global Services and UAY's Shoplifters' are in year-two and are non-renewable; consensus was that these services will be absorbed elsewhere.

Contracts for Families Inc. Nurturing Parent Program, \$5,500; UAY's Pride Positive Development, \$45,000 and Johnson County Decategorization administration, \$20,000 are in year-one and are renewable. Given administrative workload, it was recommended the administration contract be lowered to \$18,000 for FY25.

Contracts for two UAY programs, Pride Mental Health Supports, \$35,000; and Pride Parenting Groups, \$9,500, are in year-one and are renewable; however, given the slow start to these two new initiatives compliance reporting has been delayed. There is uncertainty as to whether the State will continue funding Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, which received \$20,000 for FY24.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Nash called for individual motions to dispose of all renewable programming, with no action necessary for year-two programming that is non-renewable.

Motion by Altheide, second by Howell, to approve the FY25 Decategorization Administrative contract renewal with Johnson County for \$18,000, a reduction of \$2,000 from FY24, carries.

Motion by Fixmer-Oraiz, second by Bopp, to approve the FY25 Nurturing Parents Home Visitation contract renewal with Families Inc. for \$5,500, carries.

Motion by Altheide, second by Bopp, to approve the FY25 contract renewal with UAY for the Pride Mental Health Supports for \$35,000, carries.

Motion by Frank, second by Altheide, to defer consideration of FY25 contract renewal with UAY for the Pride Positive Development program until reception of compliance reporting from FY24, carries.

Motion by Green, second by Frank, to defer consideration of FY25 contract renewal with UAY for the Pride Parenting Groups program until reception of compliance reporting from FY24, carries.

Motion by Altheide, second by Howell, to provisionally approve the FY25 contract renewal with Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC), \$20,000, contingent upon receipt of funding from the State, carries.

If all of the approved, deferred and provisional agreements are agreed, a fund balance of approximately \$10,980 will be available for carry forward to FY26.

Altheide announced tomorrow is her final day. Many congratulatory messages were shared.

The Domestic Violence Intervention Program's annual Souper Bowl is scheduled for 29 February 2024, Nash noted this date does not conflict with the Early Childhood Iowa meeting.

Nash will work to reschedule the 12 March 2024 Decategorization meeting due to it falling during spring break; the new date will be contingent upon UAY compliance reporting and State funding for CPPC.

Fixmer-Oraiz departed at 1515.

Nash discussed staffing and volunteer difficulties given legislative uncertainty. The Early Childhood Iowa (ECI)/Johnson County Coordinator position will be filled with assurance ECI will continue through FY25. One General Assistance specialist and two Community Program Aid positions are coming open imminently.

Adjourned by Nash at 1518.