



# JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

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Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

## Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2020

*In seeking to adhere to public health recommendations, this meeting was conducting using the Zoom platform.*

Board members in attendance: Dee Dixon (Board Chair, DVIP), Coreen Frank (ICCS), Amy Grask (Four Oaks), Lisa Green-Douglass (BOS), Karen Evans (DHS), Susan Vilenta (IDPH)

Staff in attendance: Laurie Nash, Diane Kaster, An Leonard  
Visitor: Talia Meidlinger UAY

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Introductions were made.

August 17, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed. **K Evans motioned to accept minutes as provided, seconded by L Green-Douglass. Motion passed.**

**Financial Report-** D Kaster provided a financial report. FY211 financial spreadsheet was reviewed. FY21 supports 5 new contracts (1 yet to be completed) and the renewal of 8 previous contracts. FY21 had a beginning balance of 240,210.40, after current expenditures for August have been paid our balance stand at \$130,286.24

**Wrap-Around (CAT4-16-010) Survey review-** 34 requests for funding were reviewed by worker to determine if this contract is meeting 2 Performance Measures 1) 75% of Child Welfare Workers will report that funds assisted families to obtain/ maintain stability and 2) 80% of Child Welfare Workers will report that they received a timely response to their request. 100% of workers responded that the coordinator was available and timely with response, and 88% report that the funds assisted families with stability

.Quorum was lost at 2:20

**Review of DRAFT FT21 Annual Service Plan-** This document was reviewed for the members in attendance. Discussion followed. Our funding is consistently used to support our priorities. The United Way Needs Assessment is used to determine goals, These priorities often remain the same for years across the State as DeCat funding is always used to prevent or reduce out-of-home placements, and our process for how we track results and outcomes are similar to other DeCat programs throughout the state.. The vote to send this report on to the State was postponed due to lack of quorum- **We will vote via email as this document must be sent into the State before the end of the month.**

**Membership discussion-** The Decat Board has guidelines for whom the members need to include and what child serving stakeholders need to be represented. All ballots have voted for each candidate- if you have not returned your ballot to L Nash please do so. L Nash is reviewing the operating Manuel and will have edit suggestions ready for this Board at a future meeting. A brief discussion followed.

Announcements-Neighborhood MESTS re off to a good start to providing for parents and students during this on-iine school curriculum. Crisis Mediation will now be helping for jr. high and high school students to assist

with getting students into the on-line learning sphere, and may be able to assist if connectivity is a concern. Open Heartland is working with mostly Spanish speaking families to assist with the school connections. 4Oaks is applying for a grant for a learning program that would be similar to the NEST.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2020. This meeting will likely be conduct virtually via a Zoom platform.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:37.**

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:

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