



JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

Board Meeting Minutes November 16, 2020

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

Board members in attendance: Dee Dixon (acting Board Chair, DVIP), Coreen Frank (ICCSA), Amy Grask (Four Oaks), Lisa Green-Douglass (BOS), Kristen Frank (Prelude), Susan Vileta (in-coming Board Chair IDPH), RoyceAnne Porter (BOS), Karen Evans (DHS)

Guests: Mary Kay Townsend and Anne Ventullo Families, Inc. and Ally Hanten UAY

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Introductions were made.

September 15, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed. **K Evans motioned to accept minutes as provided, seconded by L Green-Douglass.** Motion passed.

Appointment of Contract Oversight Committee- A brief discussion followed. Committee meets to review Informal Solicitation responses with members serving a 2-year term, **K Evans, A Grask, C Franks and E Altheide will serve**

Approval of Annual Report- Report was in today's packet. The last paragraph of the report includes the impact of Covid19 and the closing of schools has had on our services. Also noted is a statement about the challenges of funding especially with designations attached to funding, which makes it difficult to do long term planning. **L Green-Douglass motions to accept the Annual Report, seconded by K Evans. Motion passed, Report will be sent on to Des Moines,**

Program Presentation- Mary Kay Townsend, and Anne Ventullo presented on the 3 Contracts currently held by Families, Inc. Supervised Visits (DCAT4-21-003) served 1 family in the first quarter of FY21, this family no longer qualifies for PSSF services and Families is awaiting another eligible family who needs visits. Nurturing Parents (DCAT4-20-006) has 5 families either in the program or getting connected to it. This contract served no families in the first quarter. Extensive recruitment and advertising of the service have been provided. It is hard to get families motivated using zoom. Anne then discussed the Family Treatment Court Program (DCAT4-20-001). Anne has had many contacts with the FTC participants (many thru zoom or phone) and gave an informative review of the services provided. Discussion followed.

Financial Report- D Kaster provided a financial report. FY21 financial spreadsheet reviewed. FY21 has a beginning balance of \$240,210.40. Carry forward monies appear to be at \$18,393.31, but this has not yet been State certified. \$97,500 must be expended in this fiscal year to avoid reversion, \$24,199 was expended in the first quarter. Contract balances will be reviewed to ensure funding is being used in the second quarter.

Review of first quarter FY21 Contracts- A Leonard review contract highlights, some programs are very difficult to provide using zoom. Crisis Mediation (DCAT4-20-002) has been serving families with children who are not showing up for classes and reported by ICCSD for truancy issues, as well as for youth ages 10-12 who have been referred to the police for a shoplifting event. A discussion followed

Program adjustments related to Covid-19 L Nash reviewed the struggles of providing services using zoom and other challenges that our providers are facing during the Pandemic. Some computers were provided to families in FTC for example, to get access to families who did not have computers at home. A discussion followed.

Review of operating rules- Recommended changes were discussed regarding Section IV, Governance, Item C. A discussion followed. Do we need representation from the Board of Supervisors to serve on the Oversight Committee and Executive Committee? Could we narrow down the number of committees? Several options were discussed. Emails to follow, and this will be discussed again in January 2021.

CPPC Update- The CPPC mini-grants are still available for community partners. Applications are way down. Stewards of Children is being funded by CPPC this year due to a funding change for State Prevention Grant funds. Kites for kids and Juneteenth are doubtful at this point for the spring of 2021 so the CPPC Contract may be challenged to spin down their budget as well. Activity packets were handed out at the school lunch sites last summer to expend funds normally used to support Kites for kids and Juneteenth in FY20.

Announcements- Sam Turnbull has been hired for the ECI position. Welcome Sam!

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2021. This meeting will likely be conducted virtually via a Zoom platform.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46.

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:

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