



JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

Board Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2021

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

Board members in attendance: Susan Vileta (Board Chair, JCPH), Dee Dixon (DCIP), Amy Howell (DHS), Amy Grask (Four Oaks), Lisa Green-Douglass (BOS)

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

Visitors: Talia Meidlinger and Kylie Buddin (UAY)

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Introductions were made.

May 17, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed. **L Green-Douglass motioned to accept minutes, seconded by D Dixon. Motion passed.**

Financial Report- FY 21 is coming to a close. Revenue remains the same. No new funds have been added. 2 Contracts have expended 100% of their funding, Pride Groups DCAT4-20-003 and UAY Art and Music DCAT4-20-004. All services billing through the end of May have been processed. The Nurturing Parent Program is out lowest billing contract at 30%. Funds not allocated will become part of the FY22 budget, after the State certifies the amount matches what our account indicates. All FY22 contracts have been signed and sent on to Des Moines for processing.

Wrap-Around Program Update. Leonard reviewed the surveys received from the on-going unit in regards to the wrap-around requests. 2 Performance Measures for this contract are documented from this survey. Was the PSSFS Coordinator responsive and available for questions? 100% of participants said yes. Did you receive a timely notice from the PSSFS Coordinator? 100% respond positively. All survey questions were reviewed. Updates to the survey language were suggested.

Election of Vice-Chair- Nash reports E Altheide has been considering this position. A brief discussion followed. D Dixon states she would be willing to consider taking the vice chair roll if Altheide cannot.

Program planning for Minority Family Services and Cultural Equity Team funds- \$5,000 in designated Minority Family Services funding is intended for services that keep families of color out of the child welfare system. Last month V Lovaglia (DHS SWA) suggested a Needs Assessment would be an appropriate use of funding. The Cultural Equity Team funds have a similar purpose. A long discussion followed. Mental Health supports for black families were discussed. L Nash would like to have a subset group work on ideas to bring back to the Board. D Dixon, S Vileta and A Howell volunteer to work on this, and bring ideas back to this Board. More info to come.

Data update- L Nash discussed the new dash board on the DHS website. Child Welfare data is now available to the public. L Nash will pull more data/trends to share in a future Decat Board meeting. More info to come.

Program and Other Updates- Programs are winding down for FY21 and we will soon be headed into FY22. Virtual meetings are becoming more comfortable and hybrid meetings are also more common, at least for now. How to help kids feel more connected and comfortable in groups when there is no face-to-face learning was discussed. Some positive results were also discussed. Vaccinations, and why some groups are hesitant about receiving them, were also discussed.

Announcements- Board membership was discussed. Who do we need on this Board? What populations are we missing? If anyone has a suggestion for a new member please contact L Nash.

There will be no July Decat Board meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2021. This meeting will be conduct virtually via a Zoom platform.

Meeting adjourned at 2:59.

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:

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