



JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2021

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

Board members in attendance: Dee Dixon DVIP (Board Char), Kristin Frank (Prelude), Coreen Frank (ICCSD), Erin Altheide (JCS), Amy Howell (DHS), Royceann Porter (JCBOS), Lisa Green-Douglass (JCBOS), Amy Grask (Four Oaks), Susan Vileta (IDPH)

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

Guests in attendance: Mary Kay Townsend and Anne Ventullo (Families, Inc.) and Kara Hooper, Carrie Hough, and Ryan Anderson (Prelude prevention team)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Introductions were made.

September 20, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed. **S Vileta motions to accept minutes, seconded by A Howell. Motion passed.**

Financial Report-

Total revenue \$321,674.44 (this total includes the FY22 Decat Allocation, article 5 on today's Agenda). \$178,711.96 is the sum of funds currently allocated (including the amounts held for designated, but not yet contracted, services). Bills have been processed for the first quarter of the year. The Supervised Visits and Parent Education Contract (DCAT4-21-003) has already expended 58% of their budget, other contracts are running low –NPP has spend 10%, Empowered2Ride 8%, and Youth and Family Advocate has only expended 7% of their budget to date. Overall 14% of the FY22 Decat budget has been expended.

After a brief discussion, **L Green-Douglas motions to accept the FY22 Decat Allocation of \$71,195, seconded by A Grask. Motion passed.** These funds will be used for services provided in FY23.

Families, Inc. presentation- Mary Kay Townsend, Executive Director of Families, Inc. provided a program review of the Supervised Visits services provided. This has been a program with many referrals already this year. Concerns about the budget have been discussed but this is PSSF funding and the need for these services are always have to anticipate. With the current cases it appears that funding will only allow for these additional visits thru the year, unless there are changes with the families currently getting visits.

The Nurturing Parent Program which holds our designated Mother supports funding has been slow to get enough families to participate. Townsend reviewed the steps taken to promote the services.

Most Supervised Visit families are encouraged to complete NPP as well. Howell states there will be a family referred today from DHS. Families who are in the program or who have completed the service do say they benefitted from the service.

Family Treatment Court- Anne Ventullo, who has been the face of FTC for Johnson County is leaving the program. Anne is training a new staff person to take over duties of this service. Many groups re back to face-to-face meetings which works better for this population, but due to low Covid19 vaccination rates among participants this has been an ongoing issue. Self care, budgeting, emotional management, response vs reaction, filling up our childrens loving cup, and recognizing our inner critics have all been topics of group focus. Anne has also been working with Dusty who provide Y12SR which is a special yoga after recovery program that participants are very fond of. Anne reviewed a number of events that have been hosted for the FTC participants picnics, scavenger hunts, sobriety walk, edible food gardens, tie-dye events etc that this group has been enjoying

Board Recruitment- L Nash discussed efforts to connect with possible new members from communities who are not currently at the Decat table. Nash requests board member sent out name of contacts who might be a good fit. Where do we have gaps? S Vileta volunteers to assist with outreach and possible advertising

Program, CPPC and other update-. L Nash reviewed the 4 pillars of CPPC. CPPC still have mini-grants available for neighborhood networking events. The Disproportionate Minority Contact committee is working on possibly providing Race, the power of illusion after the MLK Holiday. Nash suggests that because it appears we will be short funding for the Supervised Visits Contract, that we put out an Informal Solicitation for a new Supervised Visits and Parent Education contract. A brief discussion followed. Since we got \$35,000 from another Decat cluster for FY21 expenses we would have funds available to support another contract for these services. Dixon encourages Nash to explore funding this additional service opportunity. Also discussed was combining the designated funding for \$15,000 total for Cultural Equity and Emergent needs. This could be a pilot program but would need to have a focus on our BIPOC community. Discussion followed.

Announcements- The Pat Meyer Vision Award is 10/28/21 at the ICPL starting at noon. The Take Back Medication event is 10/23 from noon-2:00 at the East Side Recycling Center and the ICCPD. This is a great service to keep medications out of the wrong hands.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2021. This meeting will be conducted virtually via a Zoom platform.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48.

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:

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