



# JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

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Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

## Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 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), Erin Altheide (JCS), Amy Howell (DHS), Amy Grask (Four Oaks), Coreen Frank (ICCS)

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

Visitor: Valerie Lovaglia (DHS SWA)

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

Introductions were made.

April 19, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed. **E Altheide motioned to accept minutes, seconded by C Frank. Motion passed.**

Financial Report- Revenue remains the same. No new funds have been added. The financial balance currently assures there will be no reversion of funding back to the state. Effective today, the Supervised Visits contract (DCAT44-21-003) budget has been increased by \$4,000, and the Wrap-Around (DCAT4-21-001) budget has been decreased by \$4,000. The Supervised Visits Contract budget was increased by \$4,000, and the Wrap-Around budget has been decreased by \$4,000 in PSSF funding.

Site Visit-There have been no site visits since last report.

Acceptance of FY22 Shoplifters Diversion Funds- C Wyatt's ( Sixth Judicial District of Iowa, Juvenile Court Services) letter dated May 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 proposes to transfer \$3,000 in State funds to the Johnson County Decat Board, to maintain the UAY Shoplifter program for FY22. **C Frank motions to accept the \$3,000 transfer, seconded by D Dixon. Motion passed, funds accepted.**

After a brief discussion, **D Dixon motions to renew the UAY Shoplifters Diversion Contract for \$3,000 (DCAT4-21-002 , seconded by A Grask. Motion passed.**

Valerie Lovaglia (DHS) attends today's Decat meeting to discuss the Family Treatment Court Contract, which she is negotiating on with Matt Majeski. The current contract states we are contracting with Families Inc. to coordinate FTC activities and Cheryl McCormick has been doing the coordination for the court dates. Families Inc, has been providing all contracted person to person meetings with clients and hosting events. There may be a reduction in the budget due to realignment of duties. Families Inc. provides this service for Johnson County and has just signed a new FY22 Contract (DCAT4-22-001). V Lovaglia will reduce the budget for this contract to match the components that have changed. More info to come.

Contract Oversight Committee Update and Recommendations- The Oversight Committee members met on May 7<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the 2 applications (UAY, Families Inc.) for Mental Health/LGBTQ Supports and 3 applications for DCAT4-22-008 Positive Youth Development (NCJC, Dream City, UAY).

For Mental Health/LGBTQ Supports (DCAT4-22-004)- UAY proposes to continue to provide the Pride Groups at ICCSD and CCA. Families Inc proposal was to provide in-home therapy and to include the LGBTQ population. The Oversight Committee recommends this funding go to UAY to continue to provide Pride groups. The original UAY proposal was for \$25,000, after clarification from M Majeski \$5,000 was removed from the budget of this proposal as his intention for these funds (\$5,000) is targeted to minorities, which he did not feel fit into the UAY proposal. UAY is willing to continue to provide Pride for \$20,000. **D Dixon motions to accept the Oversight Committee's recommendation to issue a new contract (DCAT4-22-004) for UAY Pride Group in the amount of \$20,000 for the initial contract year, seconded by E Altheide. Motion passed.**

Positive Youth Development (DCAT4-22-008)- UAY proposes to continue to provide 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Art and Music Clubs. A long term program that introduces youth to UAY staff and programs, provided in 4 ICCSD schools with high free/reduced lunch populations. Dream City proposes to provide the LEAD program, a mentoring program to connect youth with caring adults, and NCJC proposes to provide Empowered2Ride a new program teaching younger kids to bike with a girls circle group component for winter activities. The Oversight Committee recommended UAY's Art and Music Club, but also liked some of the Empowered2Ride ideas, L Nash is willing to work with NCJC to see if there could be other funds available for this program. V Lovaglia states UAY needs to find money for these groups as Decat has funded this forever, it is time to put funds out to other children in other neighborhoods. **D Dixon motions to award \$20,000 for the initial contract year to NCJC for the Empowered2Ride program, seconded by A Grask. Motion passed.**

Additional FY22 Informal Solicitation Updates- L Nash discussed the designated PSSF funding which exceeded the allowable renewal amount of our current Supervised Visits contract by \$4,802, also discussing the specifics of these funds. A brief discussion followed. **E Althide motions to add the remaining FY22 PSSF allocation of \$4,802 into the Wrap-Around Contract, seconded by D Dixon. Motion passed.**

Program and other Updates- UAY is moving back to in-person services in June but there will still be virtual options. DVIP is still operating as Covid appropriate with masks and social distancing and will remain on a more conservative model until further notice. Dream City has started a lawn care service and may be offering snow removal next winter as well.

Announcements- June 1<sup>st</sup> HHS Building will be reopening to the public (DHS will remain by appointment only). Juvenile Court will return to their offices also on June 1<sup>st</sup>. S Vileta reminds all mask mandate is in effect thru May in Johnson County.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2021. This meeting will be conducted virtually via a Zoom platform.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:50.**

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:

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