



JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

Board Meeting Minutes February 7, 2022

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), Erin Altheide (JCS), Amy Howell (DHS), Jon Green (JCBOS), Amy Grask (Four Oaks), Susan Vileta (JCPH), Cathy Razavi (Community)

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

Guests in attendance: Frederick Newell, Eric Harris and student Sarah (Dream City) and Kara Hooper (Prelude prevention team), Talia Meddlinger (UAY)

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

Introductions were made.

December 2021 and January 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. **E Altheide motions to accept minutes, seconded by A Howell. Motion passed.**

Financial Report- Total revenue \$454,542.80. \$214,546.96 is currently allocated (including the amounts held for designated, but not yet contracted, services). Bills have been processed for the first half of the year. The Supervised Visits and Parent Education Contract (DCAT4-21-003) has already expended 86% of their budget, other contracts are running low. Overall 25% of the FY22 Decat budget has been expended. This is certainly lower than expected but there are new programs starting. L Nash will check with providers to ensure there is a plan for more expenditures.

Dream City presentation- Frederick Newell, Executive Director of Dream City provided a program review of the services provided thru the Father's Network Contract. Eric Harris also joined the presentation as the new program coordinator. This has been a program with many referrals already this year. They are seeing Dads who need housing supports and food resources. Fred reports there has been an increase in Dads reporting mental health issues and also a rise in domestic violence with the fathers they are working with. No Dads currently working with the program have had children removed so far this year which Fred feels is a benefit from working with the 24/7 Dad curriculum. Dream City is looking for partnerships to support working with dads to share more resources.

Approve Contracts for FY22 Minority Family Supports- 2 applications were received requesting funding. The Oversight Committee recommends issuing contracts for both applications, UAY requested \$3,515 for funding 1 6-week group of Safe African American Families (SAAF) projecting to serve 6-8 families. NCJC requests \$10,320 for funding 2-6 week sessions of Strengthening Sudanese Families using the SAAF model, each 6-week sessions will serve 8-10 Sudanese families.

S Vileta motions to approve \$3,515 for UAY to provide the SAAF program, seconded by A Grask, motion passed This will be contract DCAT4-22-036.

J Green motions to approve \$10,320 for funding NCJC to provide the Strengthening Sudanese Families program, seconded by D Dixon. Motion passed. This will be contract DCAT4-22-037

Approve contract for FY22-25 Professional Development- This would be an intergovernmental contract with JCSS to provide trainings for Community partners and child welfare staff. The first year would be a 16 month contract for \$8,000 with the possibility of 2 1-year renewals. It would be possible to add funds to this contract with the discretion of this Board. A Restorative Justice Circles training will be offered thru Laura Gray in April for 20 people. **E Altheide motions to approve the Professional Development Contract starting with \$10,000 for Contract years FY22 thru FY25, seconded by A Howell. Motion passed.** This will be contract DCAT4-22-006.

Approve FY23 Contract for Administrative Services- Decat has increased the need for staff time, as more funds are designated, it is more staff time intensive and we have issued 10 informal Solicitations in FY22 with 11 new contracts. The County heavily supplements our Decat services and the rate is greater now than any of the previous 10 years. **E Altheide motions to approve funding in the amount of \$25,000 per year for a new 4 year Decat Administrative Contract, seconded by A Howell. Motion passed.** This will be contract DCAT4-23-001. After a brief discussion **J Green motions to add \$5,000 to the current Decat Administrative Contract (DCAT4-17-004), for total FY22 budget of \$25,000, seconded by S Vileta. Motion passed.**

Approve FY23 Informal Solicitation for PSSF Supplemental Supervised Visit- L Nash discussed the PSSF fund specifics, this years contract has spent 86% of the budget already, and expires on 6/30/22. Seeking Board approval to be able to issue the Informal Solicitation for these services as soon as the PSSF fund amounts are released. A Howell notes these visits are very important for reunification- especially with the youngest children to promote bonding. **J Green motions to issue an Informal Solicitation for PSSF Supplemental Supervised Visits for up to \$30,000 per year, depending on the amount of PSSF funds designated, for a 2 year contract, seconded by E Altheide. Motion passed.** This will be contract DCAT4-23-002

2nd Quarter Program Report Review- Wrap-Around services are underspent, Can these services be used for Dads as well as Moms? Yes! No other questions or comments on Quarterly reports.

Announcements- 2/26/22 MLK Youth Summit,(rescheduled from January) from 2:00 to 5:00 with skating afterwards. 3/24/22 Race the Power of Illusion, 4/7/22 Understanding Implicit Bias. Both training at HHS from 9:00-4:00. Nash will re-send flyers. VITA Tax Clinics will be virtual this year, contact Leonard for more info. 2/14/22 Prelude is offering training for opioid overdose prevention, contact K Frank for info. Juneteenth planning is underway, more to follow. UAY is offering some new hour long events, contact Meddinger for info.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2022. This meeting will be conducted virtually via a Zoom platform.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58.

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:

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