



JOHNSON COUNTY Decategorization Program

Laurie Nash – Decat Coordinator

Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2022

Room 203C HHS and Zoom.

Board members in attendance: Dee Dixon (DVIP), Erin Altheide (JCS), Amy Howell (DHS), Susan Vileta (JCPH), Cathy Razavi (Community), Jon Green (JCBOS), Carrie Hough (Community & Family Resources), Pat Heiden (JCBOS)

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

Guests in attendance: Emma Gabriele (CFR)

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

Introductions were made-

Approve previous meeting minutes- After a brief discussion, **P Heiden motions to accept the August minutes as provided, seconded by A Howell. Motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report- D Kaster provided a spreadsheet. For FY23 revenue, on Sept. 8, 2022 Johnson County received FY23 Legislative Allocation of \$71,430.00. This is about the same amount we have received in the previous 3 years. Total revenue is now \$329,670.40. Historically we have also received a Child Welfare allocation in the fall, which includes specific designations from M Majeski. A brief discussion followed.

Funding Awards for Parenting Groups and Family Support Services for Refugee Families- Responses to the Johnson County Decat Boards Informal Solicitation (DCAT4-23-004) were received by the Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County and also by Center for Families Services Global Network. Both applications were to provide 2 sets of 8-week parenting sessions for \$10,000 per year. The Oversight Committee met and reviewed both applications. The Committee recommends asking each Agency to provide 1 8-week session and to issue each a contract for \$5,000 for the initial year of contracted services. Reimbursement for both agencies will be based on a group rate. There were a few questions about the new Agency that L Nash will get worked out, also volunteering to contact NCJC to see if they would be interested in doing just 1 session. **J Green motions to approve funding \$5,000 for Refugee Services to Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County and \$5,000 for Refugee Services to Center for Families Services Global Network, based on the proposals of each provider. Each agency will provide 1 set of 8-week sessions for \$5,000 for the initial contract year, with a possible 1 year renewal. Motion passed unanimously.**

Membership and Officer Election- L Nash provided a new Board application in the packet. A poll was launched. Carrie Hough was elected to the Decat Board, Coreen Frank's position on the Board was renewed. Susan Vileta was voted in as Chair and Cathy Razavi for Vice-Chair, **All Board members and positions were unanimously approved**

FY23 Annual Plan. A draft for the plan was included in today's packet. The format is set by DHS, and all contracts are reviewed. **E Altheide motions to approve the plan, and to send it to the State, seconded by S Vileta. Motion passed unanimously.**

Program and Other Updates- L Nash discussed her work with Immigrant and Refugee community leaders.

Empowered2Ride site visit on September 22nd at Alexander Elementary leaving at 1:45, S Vileta, L Nash and ALeonard will attend.

Announcements-

L Nash continues to look at changing the scheduled time for this Board to meet, after some discussion it was decided that moving forward we will meet (both physically and virtual mode) on the second Tuesday of the month with the meeting to begin at 2:30.

The next monthly meeting will be October 11th at 2:30. This meeting will be conduct virtually via Zoom and available for in-person attendance at the Health and Human Services Building.

Meeting adjourned at 2:43

Please direct any questions about this meeting to:
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