

Decategorization Governance Board

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C H E R O K E E , L Y O N , P L Y M O U T H a n d S I O U X C o u n t i e s

Shane Walter - Chair

Nola Aalberts - Coordinator

Minutes

January 13, 2005 - 10:00 a.m.

Iowa State Bank-Small Conference Room

I. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shane Walter. Members present: Pat Penning, Stu Dekkenga, Larry Weede. Staff present: Nola Aalberts and Joy Poppema; Providers present: Kim Kelecher, Renae Negus and Sherri Huizenga. Guests present: Melissa O'Rourke

II. Review Minutes

The minutes from November 4, 2004 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Pat Penning. Seconded by Stu. Motion carried.

III. Community Partnerships

A. Family Team Meetings: Discussion occurred on the current rate being charged (\$45) per hour for writing up and distributing reports for Family Team Meetings. The Providers noted that this rate does not cover costs. The base average amount of time spent on a meeting is low. If team meetings are over 10 people the time frame increases. It was also noted that the mileage rate of 29 cents per mile is below what the agencies pay their workers. A motion was made to increase the rate from \$45 to \$65 for writing and distributing the report for the initial meeting and \$45 for follow up meetings. Stu seconded, motion carried.

A suggestion was made to meet with facilitators every other month to keep agencies in touch. Nola will email to notify of meetings (Bethany and Plains Area Mental Health).

B. Planning Council Progress on Neighborhood Networks: A review of previous Community Partnerships are as follows: In Cherokee Parenting classes were very successful, Le Mars Estates in Plymouth County continues to do well. There is a possibility of Clover Kids w/ ISU Ext beginning as well as the SHARE program continuing at Le Mars Estates. Lyon County's Inwood Bus Stop and After School programs are going well. Sioux County plans to resume Strengthening Families classes in March.

Ann Brodersen is the paid Coordinator for the four new communities being started with Neighborhood Networking. Elizabeth Zinkula will be the Northwestern College student helping with this process. The four new communities being considered are: George-Little Rock for Lyon Co, coordinated efforts with child care and Headstart in Akron for Plymouth Co, Marcus Middle School for Cherokee County and possibly Sioux Center for Sioux Co.

C. Applications were distributed from Washington High School for the Enhance Parenting Skills classes (this came about due to needs specified by parents in the Washington High School system). The cost of the program request is \$950.00, it was noted the CJJP funds could be used to fund this. Pat Penning made a motion to approve the Contract for Washington High School – Enhance Parenting Skills classes, Stu seconded, motion carried. Larry Weede abstained.

Application for Prenatal Training & Video series for Cherokee Community Health Systems and Sioux Valley Memorial Obstetrics was reviewed. The dollar amount requested is \$347.50 to purchase the videos. Stu made a motion to approve the application, Larry seconded, motion carried. It was noted that TANF funds will be used for this funding.

IV. Old Business

A. The joint venture with PCA and the Decat Board to form a 501-c-3 corporation will need to be incorporated by June 2005.

B. New members – a new member from the Lyon Board of Supervisors is needed. A letter will be sent to the Lyon County Board of Supervisors asking for representation. If there is no response – Sioux County Board of Supervisors will be asked to supply representation and then look for a member at large from Lyon County.

Larry stated he is open to representation from someone else for Education from Cherokee, he plans on attending but can not promise to always be in attendance.

Meeting by phone was an option that was discussed. Nola will check the by-laws to see if this is available. A Face to Face meeting should be held quarterly.

C. Shane distributed information from Micah Van Maanen the IT director for Sioux County, regarding establishing a new web site for Decat/Empowerment/Healthy Families. An initial set up fee from \$1,000-\$2,000 would be required and a \$50 monthly maintenance fee after that. Nola noted that funds would qualify as service coordination dollars. \$800 would be funded through Decat, Larry made a motion to approve up to an \$800 limit for funding the new web site and maintenance. It was noted that funds from CJJP could also be used. Stu seconded, motion carried.

D. Evaluation Report: this still has not been completed. Shane will mail an evaluation report to Larry to be completed by the next meeting.

V. Decat/Juvenile Justice Report

A. Pat distributed updated financial reports. It was noted that foster care-shelter care is extremely high. Solutions would be to have more parents take foster/shelter care children. Removal is up due to increase in young parents with addictions (Meth). Unclean conditions are grounds for removal of children from homes. Pat and Nola will discuss with Alma concerning these issues. Overall the region is under budget.

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Carry over dollars for FY04 are \$38,384 which includes prior carry over of \$11,000. Unallocated funds of \$22,000 are available.

A report of unencumbered funds was handed out. Discussion followed and noted that things are going well with funding. The \$44,267.60 does not include \$10,000 of CJJP monies.

Nola suggested that \$20,000 be allocated to the Planning Councils-\$5,000 per county. Larry made a motion to allow giving the counties up to \$4,999 to expend following certain criteria per Comprehensive Strategies focus areas, Stu seconded, motion carried.

B. Nola reported and additional \$2,950 for Family Specific, bringing the total to \$4,950. This still leaves \$32,320 that we have unallocated, \$28,384 carryover. It was noted that it is wise to leave some funds for Family Team meetings. Nola also noted that Ida County is allowed federal funds to be used for Family Team meetings (Promoting Safe & Stable Families).

C. Decat Coordinators contract has been amended. Pat motioned to strike "Decat Coordinator will monitor" and replace with "Decat Board will monitor", Larry seconded, motion carried.

V. Empowerment Report

Meeting this afternoon

VI. Next Meeting:

February 10 at 10:00 AM – Iowa State Bank-small downstairs conference room.

VII. Adjourned