

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

February 18, 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 via telephone, Stu Dekkenga, Randy Bosch. Staff present: Nola Aalberts, Joy Poppema and Elizabeth Zinkula.

II. Review Minutes

The minutes from January 13, 2005 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Stu. Seconded by Pat. Motion carried.

III. Old Business

A. PCA Grant- 501 c 3

A draft of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws were distributed. The Articles of Incorporation need an individual from Plymouth County. Mae Hingtgen is listed as Chairman of Cherokee PC, Shane Walter as Decat and Kathy Tritz-Rhodes for Empowerment.

Once the Articles of Incorporation are received back submission for 501 c 3 will be done and the Cherokee PC will be able to apply for funds this year.

B. New Members

The Cherokee Assistant County Attorney, Kristal Phillips, is willing to be a board member. The fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM works best for all. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, the 22nd at 9:00 AM at Iowa State Bank in Orange City, IA.

Orientation for new members will be done before the next meeting.

C. Shane will conduct Nola's evaluation next Monday.

D. Board of Supervisor Report was distributed along with the matrix of funding. An overview was given.

IV. Decat/Juv Justice

A. Pat reported that currently Sioux County shows a deficit. Funding is half way through the year and money will be redistributed to where it is most needed in each cluster. Sioux Cluster foster care is up because last years allocation was lower than should have been. Overall, compared to last year's allocation, the figures are similar.

Nola will bring Fiscal Agent information from SHIP to the next meeting. Nola will inquire whether they would be willing to serve as Fiscal Agent for 3-4% for Family Specific and Community Partnership's FTM. These can be processed more quickly through SHIP without concerns for names.

B. Contracts:

Stu motioned for approval of contracts from Rock Valley School Summer Enrichment Program for \$3,000 and Mid Sioux Opportunity for \$2,000. Pat seconded, motion carried.

Stu motioned for approval of Cherokee PC recommendation for funding Mid Sioux Opportunity for \$1,900, Jackson Recovery for \$1,900 and CADA for \$1,200. Money will be funded through CJJP first when possible because these funds may not be carried over. Pat seconded, Pat requested that the funding stream be written on the PCQ, motion carried.

Nola stated that PSSF funds for Family Team Meetings of \$4500 for Plains Area and Decat (TANIF) of \$4,500 for Bethany may be needed. An increase by amendment for Hope Haven for Safe and Stable Families in the amount of \$4,000 may also be needed. All three agencies are serving well and workers are pleased with option to refer to different agencies. The two contracts/amendments were approved.

C. Family Team Meetings

Additional reimbursement from Family Team Meetings was discussed. A letter was received from Doug Smit stating reasoning behind the request. It is suggested that Family Team Facilitators meet as a support group to gather information. It was noted that there is no reimbursement for time or travel. Possibility of a stipend, or a way to reimburse for travel time could be an option. Nola will send out the request to the Decat board. It was noted that this should be considered at the Decat Coordinators level also for consistency across the area.

D. Facts Plus and spreadsheets from Juvenile Justice were distributed for information.

V. Empowerment Report

A. Allocation is still not known for FY06, the month of May will most likely be when allocations are final.

V. CPPC

A. Marcus-Meridan-Cleghorn and George-Little Rock applications were distributed, it was noted that Plymouth and Sioux do not have a second community at present. Nola had asked if an extension on funds was possible and funding will be permitted through June 30, 2005 instead of April 30, 2005. There may also be donations for a second year allowing for a possible third community. It was approved to fund Neighborhood Networking applications as recommended by Planning Councils. They would come to Decat Governance Board for information only if a contract is not needed.

VI. Comp Strategies

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A. Denny Sassman reported from the PEM committee. Background information on the PEM committee was distributed and Denny reported that in the area of Parenting Skills increasing in Family Home Visiting and an increase in parenting education be recommended to the Board as the main targets for funding. In the area of Substance Abuse to increase preventive and advocacy programs in the middle school and work towards similar consequences in all school systems be recommended to the Board as the main targets for funding. In the area of Child Care to increase awareness and improve quality child care, increase availability of quality child care to low income families and increase training for staff in child care centers be recommended to the Board as the main targets for funding. Denny will send information. Nola will attach the strategies and have as one document for next meeting. This information will be reviewed and voted on at the next Decat meeting-Tuesday-March 22, 2005.

VII. Review of Funding Sources

A. CPPC and PCA spreadsheets were distributed for information.

VIII. Other

A. By-laws were reviewed to note permitting voting via telephone. It was noted that meeting by conference call was allowed only if impractical or impossible – these meetings would need to follow open meeting Iowa requirements.

IX. Adjourned

Stu moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat, so adjourned.