

# Decategorization Governance Board

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Shane Walter - Chair

Nola Aalberts - Coordinator

## Minutes

March 22, 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. New members were welcomed. Members present: Pat Penning, Randy Bosch, Dan Watson, David Van Ningen and Kristal Phillips. Staff present: Nola Aalberts and Joy Poppema.

#### II. Review Minutes

The minutes from February 18, 2005 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Pat, Dan seconded, motion carried.

#### III. Old Business

##### A. PCA Grant- 501 c 3

The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws are at the State Attorney General's Office. These papers are being processed with a minor change of a code noted. There will be a \$500 fee for processing the IRS 501-c-3 papers.

##### B. New Members

Shane will hold an orientation for new members at 9:30 AM prior to the next meeting.

#### IV. Decat/Juv Justice

A. DHS Update – Pat distributed three reports. The report showing all money coming in and all current contracts was reviewed. Orange City Summary was reviewed. As a whole the child welfare expenditure is on track for the region. The deficit for Shelter has gone down. Overall deficit for Sioux Cluster is up from December. The third report was FY05 Decat Contract tracking as of March 21, 2005. Funds left in Safe & Stable Families is good through 9-30-05 but not allowed to be carried over. An additional amount of state fund for \$16,735 from child welfare dollars will be put into Family Specific Wrap Around funds. These funds are used to focus on keeping children in the home and Family Team Meeting assist in the process. Nola noted that “bonus bucks”, “chamber bucks”, “Wal Mart cards”, and payment to utility and electrical companies will be used from these funds. The Facts Plus showing actual contracts was distributed. Tracker – Hope Haven requests transfer of \$3,000 from CJPJ's \$44,000 contract to cover Plymouth/Cherokee services. This will be tabled till next meeting so that the contract can be reviewed.

Pat made a motion to transfer the Girl Power Contract of \$1,000 to TANF funds. Dan seconded, motion carried.

B. Fiscal Services – There is discussion regarding the provision of Fiscal Agent services for Family Specific services being done through SHIP. SHIP will provide fiscal services for 4%. Sioux county provides these services for 6% for Decat funding. Nola will bring a contract with SHIP back to the board at the next meeting. Pat notes that the Coordination and Fiscal Agent contract should be in Des Moines by May.

#### **V. Budget Contract FY05**

A. George Little Rock – Central Lyon – Girl Power under TANF \$1,000  
Central Lyon Summer Youth Employment Project \$2500- CJJJ  
Mid Sioux- three counties - \$5900(Plymouth \$2000, Sioux \$2000, Cherokee \$1900)-Decat  
FTM – under Decat \$4,000 Plains Area Mental Health.

Randy made a motion to approve George-Little Rock-Central Lyon contract, Dan seconded, motion carried

David made a motion to approve Central Lyon Summer Youth Employment Project, Dan seconded, motion carried.

David made a motion to approve Mid Sioux \$2,000 for Plymouth County, Dan seconded, motion carried.

David suggested that in the future is should made to clear to the Planning Councils that funds should be focused on 6 years and above because funding is low and Empowerment which focuses on 0-5 age group is well funded.

David made a motion to approve a contract for Family Team Meeting with Plains Area Mental Health for \$4,000 using TANF funds. Pat seconded, motion carried.

#### **V. Empowerment Report**

A. The FY06 budget is based on last year's funds and all carryover has been allocated. There is a 3% increase for programs and salaries. There remains a \$20,000 cash reserve. At this point there is no discretionary money available.

#### **VI. CPPC**

A. Inwood, Washington High School program and a prenatal videos program by Cherokee Hospital and Public Health are all doing well. LeMars Estates has slowed down. It is hoped that with warmer weather the group will begin to function again. It was noted that the public image of Le Mars Estates has become more positive.

B. New communities for Prevent Child Abuse (PCAI): Cherokee – Marcus-After School Program, Plymouth-Hinton- playground equipment in conjunction with preschool, Lyon – George Little Rock after school program. PCAI will be visiting with Plymouth PC and the Hinton community on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Sioux is struggling with a second community – possibly looking at Sioux Center School System regarding eating disorders and cutting.

#### **VII. Comp Strategies**

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A. Things are in good shape and moving ahead, it was noted that Planning Councils have been awarding funds according to the goals that PEM has established.

## VIII. New Business

FTM requests for information – better reimbursement mechanism for the whole region. Discussion on funding noting that first Family Team Meeting requires more funding. It was also noted the providers are not reimbursed for attending coordination meetings or support meetings. There was a question regarding the possibility of raising the rate from \$30 to \$35 for facilitator and \$20 to \$25 for co-facilitator. There is still no reimbursement for travel time and the rate for mileage is 29cents per mile. There was a suggestion that there maybe quarterly meetings of facilitators to share ideas and lunch may be provided. The average Family Team Meeting cost is \$470 in our cluster at this time. The state has established a flat rate of \$200.

## IX. Other

A. A report showing meetings that Nola has attended since the first of the year was distributed per Shane's request at the time of her evaluation. It was noted that reporting to Decat Board twice a year would suffice.

B. Dan made a motion to set the meeting time for Decat to be 10:00am instead of 9:00 am as previously voted upon, Kristal seconded, motion carried.

## X. Next Meeting

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am with orientation for new members at 9:30am.

## XI. Meeting Adjourned