

Decategorization Governance Board

O R A N G E C I T Y C L U S T E R
CHEROKEE , LYON , PLYMOUTH and SIOUX Counties

Shane Walter - Chairperson

Nola Aalberts - Decat Coordinator

Minutes

April 25, 2006 • 10:00 a.m.

Board Room-Downstairs

Iowa State Bank - Orange City, IA

I. Welcome/Call to Order

Those in attendance were: Shane, Pat, David, Randy, and Sharla Boone, Staff present: Joy Poppema, Nola Aalberts

II. Review & Approve Minutes 2/28/06

Minutes were reviewed. The target was changed from 133 to 123 target children. Randy made a motion to accept the minutes, Pat seconded. Motion carried.

III. Old Business

A. Time for board to bring items from minutes for discussion

The recommendation by the Board to develop long range results. Nola distributed the motion from the minutes from Sioux PC. Dan recommended contacting CJJP to gather information since they helped develop the comp strategies that we have based our funding on.. The question was raised on how to fund long range results. The tracker program does have long range information. It was noted that the Planning Councils and Board will meet to have a planning session. It was suggested to have an intern collect this data, which would give us an idea of cost and time continue to work on this issues. Nola will begin this process.

IV. Decat/JJ Reports

A. DHS Update/Financial

Pat shared information regarding the budget, looking at a big waiting list for group care. There are 5 children on the waiting list for this cluster. Need to start assessing why the increase in children needing group care. Of the 134, 73 are DHS and 61 are JCS children. Shelter numbers are down. Pat will be looking at the reasoning and looking for intervention. Nola distributed the Facs Plus. Nola noted that \$60 is left for hair stats and requested additional funds. Nola requested an amendment to add patches to the amendment for the UA's. Pat made a motion to amend the UA contracts with each county to include patches and pricing, Randy seconded. Motion carried.

Additional wrap around funds will be line item transferred to hair stat. A listing showing all contracts was distributed.

Nola distributed the Decat FY07 budget. It was noted that we are short \$5000 plus. Pat noted there should not be an issue with taking money from carryover to make up the difference. Question arose on the general percentage for administration. David noted that we should ask Empowerment to be flexible, in regards to funding from year to year. David made a motion to include as income in this budget the difference from carryover, Pat seconded. It was noted that fiscal agent fees are applied for in funding but not always given. Motion carried. Nola will review administrative costs for previous years and suggest a percentage for future years.

B. DHS – Decat Rules Workgroup

Shane noted that the process is final and the handbook should be distributed in the near future.

C. DEC Grant

Information regarding team members and goals that have been established was circulated. Some supplies have been purchased for children and one meconium testing has been completed.

D. QSR (Quality Service Review)

Information on the September QSR was disseminated. Four case from Sioux County, 2 from Lyon, 3 from Cherokee and 3 from Plymouth-total 12 cases. Focus groups will be held in each county with Planning Councils pulling this together. Nola will handle the focus groups and Jane will handle the rest. Nola and Pat gave an overview of the process which looks at the system and strengths of the family to improve the whole process.

E. Update on Planning Council Performance Measures – covered earlier in the meeting.

V. FY 07 Allocation

A. JCS/Decat Funds

1. CJPJ Waiver

Cutting back on funds by \$43,000 JCS is asking us to waive all those to Woodbury and we will receive one tracker. It was noted that the tracker expenses is \$44,000 plus. David made a motion to waive the CJPJ monies to Woodbury Co in exchange for one tracker. Randy seconded, motion carried.

2. FTM-RFP

Looking at the possibility of an RFP on Family Team Meetings. Not much of an effect on this cluster, with the exception of the quality control. Nola will present info via email if needed.

VI. FY07 Contract

A. Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Pat made a motion to approve contacts as previously reviewed. Randy seconded, David abstained. Motion carried.

B. Plains Area Mental Health

There continues to be discussion about payment for moms for facilitation. The question has been raised if there needs to be a professional or a non drug user.

C. Hope Haven

Pat made a motion to approve contacts as previously reviewed. Randy seconded, David abstained. Motion carried.

VII. Funds for Planning Council

A. Cherokee

A request for funds of \$600 to fund the AI's Pal's curriculum in Cherokee school system. Question was raised as to why the school system can not purchase this curriculum. It was requested that Joyce should present info at the next meeting before making a decision.

VIII. Community Partnerships

A. Prevent Child Abuse Iowa –Neighborhood Network Hubbing grant/3rd Community

1. Sioux- Sioux Center- Family Fair

Third community and hubbing – Sioux Center Obesity Fair in the amount of \$5,000. A budget will be needed in order to make any decision. The budget will be emailed and then voted on electronically..

2. Plymouth - LeMars Com School-Love & Logic

Run Love & Logic before the end of June in the School system. Request \$2,000 (500 Decat, 1,500 PCA IA). An application and budget should be presented. This proposal will be emailed and voted on electronically. It was noted that a rule of thumb, a proposal needs to be in place before decisions of funding can be made.

B. Moms off Meth Report

8 moms participating regularly and very positive.

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IX. Comprehensive Strategies

A. Childcare Advisory Board

B. Parent Support Advisory Board

Things are going well.

X. New Business

A. Northwest Iowa Council for Families & Children

Semifinalist for Compassion Iowa grant. Had 1 ½ hour interview and will let us know in late May if funded.

B. Opportunities for board & public to bring up new items for discussion

Community Cares info presented by Pat, this is a preventive program to keep children out of the system.

Stu brought up an every month meeting. It was noted that it should be looked at on a month to month basis.

Family Team Meeting reports were distributed.

XI. Next Meeting: May 23, 2006

XII. Adjourn