

# Decategorization Governance Board

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CHEROKEE , LYON , PLYMOUTH and SIOUX Counties

Shane Walter - Chairperson

Nola Aalberts - Decat Coordinator

**“To provide security and success for children by strengthening families and communities.”**

## Minutes

August 29, 2006 • 10:00 a.m.

**Upstairs Conference Room-DHS/County Building  
211 Central Ave SE-Orange City, IA**

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**I. Welcome/Call to Order**

Shane called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Those in attendance: Pat Penning, David Van Ningen, Larry Weede, Dan Watson, Nola Aalbert, Joy Poppema, Cindy Hatch and Kim Rupp.

**II. Review & Approve Minutes**

Minutes from June 27, 2006 were reviewed. David motioned to approve, Pat seconded, motion carried.

**III. Old Business**

A. Nothing to discuss.

**IV. FY 06-07 Program**

**A. Family Circles –Cindy Hatch**

Nola introduced Cindy Hatch and Kim Rupp. Decat funded Family Circles in Cherokee County. A pamphlet regarding the program was distributed. Cindy explained Family Circles program. Participants and allies have positive changes in their lives and communities. Build community and build support systems. There are two allies and several families wanting to participate. First meeting is September 14, 2006. The office is in the Public Health Office in Cherokee, needs for the offices were discussed.

**B. Program Review**

This will be done in the whole service area. Nola & Denise will be looking at the contracts and comparing the year end report to the contract.

**C. Family Team Meeting Report**

There have been 124 Family Team Meetings and 90+ families. There is immediate access for Family Team Meetings. Still looking for more referrals that are not DHS cases. It was noted that there needs to be better awareness and education of the availability of Family Team Meeting and the process. Pat noted to look at the difference in rates between providers. There will be a quality assurance meeting with the agencies.

**V. FY 06-07 Contract**

**A. PSSF**

Nola reported there are funds that have not been used for Family Team Meetings with SHIP as fiscal agent and request for the release of \$11,000.00 in funds back to DHS. Pat mentioned when allocating next years funds swap funds with other counties for specific line items instead of returning to the state or transfer money to Family Child Advocate. Larry made a motion to release \$11,000.00 of PSSF funds to DHS, David seconded. Motion carried.

**B. UA Contracts**

1. Positives

There is not a good system in place when individuals test positive on the UA testing and further testing is needed. There are not enough funds to cover additional cost of sending the sample on. Pat noted that in Woodbury County the individual is responsible for the fees for further testing. If the test comes back negative the money would be refunded. "If a positive result and the family contest it..." David suggested asking Woodbury County, Siouxland District Health for their policy and do the same. David made a motion to amendment to the contract regarding the protocol for positive testing. Pat seconded, motion carried.

2. Payment - see above.

**VI. Decat/JJ Reports**

**A. DHS Update/Financial**

FACS plus was distributed. Pat reported that DHS is still completing FY06 financial reports.

**B. DEC Grant-Training**

The Dec Team has served 17 children since May. Meconium testing has been done for a few cases. Barb Staver, Linda Mummer, Shelly Goebel, representation from Hospital, Sheriff's Dept. serve on the team. Training for emergency place child care homes will be taking place this month. EMS is purchasing Tyvak suits; the hospital did a shoe drive for the children. Good collaboration.

**C. QSR Draft Schedule**

Final draft and invitational letter were distributed. The QSR Decat focus group is September 12, 2006 at 9:30-11:00AM at Iowa State Bank Building, Orange City, Iowa. If you are invited through the Planning Councils, need not attend both.

**D. Decat Contracting**

Al's Pals application was distributed. The request for Al's Pals for \$1750.00 will be reduced to \$620.00 for one curriculum instead of two. This will be conducted in the elementary school system and not feasible to transfer the original curriculum purchased by Empowerment from place to place. The program is prevention in social behaviors. Larry noted it is a good fit with other programs already in place. Dan noted it is social skills which are much needed. Pat noted the outcomes should be related to Child Welfare. Pat made a motion to purchase one kit as long as specific Child Welfare Outcomes are added to the application. David seconded, Larry abstained, motion carried.

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Family Solutions Services Inc. application was distributed. This proposal is for facilitating Family Team Meetings. They have one credentialed person for Family Team Meetings. They were formerly Visanet. Pat asked about references, it was requested to have some background information (business references and those who have had family team meetings) and have Lori Carlson become involved at the beginning. Nola will bring back to the next meeting.

## **VII. FY 07 Allocation**

### **A. JCS/Decat Funds**

#### **1. CJPJ Waiver**

Pat signed the waiver for Juvenile Court Services funds to go to Woodbury County for the YES Center for the tracker program. Dan commented \$2,343.00 should be returned to supplement the tracker dollars. Dan will get back to Nola regarding the process for transferring back.

#### **2. Tracker Report**

The reports for Sioux/Lyon and Plymouth/Cherokee tracker reports were distributed for review. Nola questioned the Sioux City claim and Sutherland – O’Brien claim on Cherokee report. Dan will check on those and get back to Nola.

## **VIII. Community Partnerships**

### **A. Review Executive Committee meeting**

New application/reporting form was distributed for review.

## **IX. Comprehensive Strategies**

### **A. Childcare Advisory Board**

An early childhood conference in November in Orange City. Been put together by this advisory board. CEU’s will be given. Expecting 150 participants.

### **B. Parent Support Advisory Board**

Parent Partners has a group that comes in to train DHS workers and those who have exited successfully from the DHS system who would be willing to walk alongside those entering the system. CPPS will be contracting for this program. Lakes Area and Sioux Cluster are possibilities because of collaboration. Nola noted there has to be a good selection process as this is a paid person helping those in the system.

## **X. Northwest Iowa Council for Families & Children**

### **A. Training**

## **XI. New Business**

### **A. Opportunities for board & public to bring up new items for discussion**

All child advocates have been hired and will be starting soon.

**XII. Next Meeting - Sept 12 after 11:00 if needed.**

**XIII. Adjourn**