

CLINTON/JACKSON DECAT BOARD MEETING

May 25th, 2012

DeWitt, Iowa

Board Members Present: Judge Phil Tabor, Kathy Biscontine, Mary Drees, Scott Hobart, Lonnie Luepker, Charleen Smith, Jill Davisson and Jenny Kreiter, Coordinator.

Quorum having been established, Judge Tabor called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Introductions: It was great to have Charleen back to the meeting!

Review of 1-27-12 Minutes

Lonnie Luepker moved to approve the minutes. Kathy Biscontine seconded. Motion carried. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Review of 2012 Budget

Jenny presented the 2012 budget. A discussion was held around the current budget and expectation of possible carry forward. Gary Lippe and Scott Hobart will send transfer letters to our Board Chair and Jenny when they are completed. Jenny will forward this information to the Board for review and vote to accept or decline the transfer. Scott Hobart moved to approve the budget as presented. Charleen Smith seconded. Motion carried. A copy is attached to these minutes.

3rd Quarter Contract Updates

The Board Members reviewed and discussed the 3rd quarter contract document and report update. Judge Tabor and Kathy Biscontine provided information about youth and families involved in the Juvenile Court System and lack of access to needed services specifically in Clinton and Jackson Counties. Scott Hobart and Judge Tabor provided information about the current funding situation in the State of Iowa in regards to services to youth and families. They provided factual information on the cost of shelter beds, the need for access to placement options for youth and the current lack of options across the State of Iowa. Judge Tabor provided a systematic narrative to the Board Members about how lack of funding and lack of access to needed services for at risk youth impacts emergency room visits, local police/sheriff, jail/detention use from a youth, staff and cost perspective. Jill Davisson provided information on the mental health redesign and the negative impact it will have on Clinton County residence. The Board discussed the Step In Program and current strengths and weaknesses the program is having in serving youth. Judge Tabor, Kathy Biscontine, Mary Drees and Jenny Kreiter are working with local staff in varying capacities to work through identified weaknesses. Judge Tabor has recently met with a local provider who will be serving at risk youth through a home visitation program.

FY13 Budget Recommendations

Mary Drees recommended to not reduce the funding to current FY12 contracts that we intend to provide a FY13 contract or amendment. Mary Drees identified Parent Partners, Family Team Meeting, Transportation to non FSRP youth, Step In Program and the Coordination contracts as priorities for DHS.

Scott Hobart identified Victim Restitution, Functional Family Therapy, Transportation to non FSRP youth and the Step In Program as priorities for JCS. The Board acknowledged these recommendations and will move forward once we receive transfer information. Jenny brought a request from Lynn Bopes to the Board to fund a Mental Health First Aid Training in Maquoketa with a target audience of law enforcement and case management staff in Jackson County. The cost of this training is \$1500. Judge Tabor made a motion to approve the proposed FY13 budget including \$1500 for MHFA training in Jackson County, stipulating review and Board member vote on transfer letters from DHS and JCS when they are received. Lonnie Luepker and Scott Hobart seconded. Motion carried. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Coordinator Monthly Activity Report

Jenny presented this report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

New Business

Jill requested that Jenny provide binders for each board member with past meeting packets at our next meeting.

Next meeting date:

Our next meeting will be August 17th, 2012.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:05PM by Jill Davisson.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Kreiter
Clinton/Jackson DECAT Coordinator