

CLINTON/JACKSON DECAT BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2012

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Board Members Present: Judge Phil Tabor, Brian Bopes, Gary Lippe, Mary Drees, Cheryl Curl, Dr. Mike Healy, Lonnie Luepker and Jenny Kreiter, Coordinator.

Board Members Excused: Scott Hobart, Jill Davisson, Larry Koos

Guest: Michelle Curran

Quorum having been established, Judge Tabor called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Introductions: Those in attendance at the meeting introduced themselves.

Board Membership: Charleen Smith and Kathleen Biscontine have resigned from the Board. Various Board Members thanked them for their years of service to our area. Brian Bopes has agreed to serve on our Board. Gary Lippe moved to accept Brian's nomination. Dr. Mike Healy seconded. Motion carried.

Review of 8-17-12 Minutes:

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

Clinton/Jackson DECAT Annual Service Plan: The Board Members were provided a copy of the FY13 Plan. The Members reviewed the document and discussed our efforts to increase the number of youth who are reunited with their parents in a safe, stable and healthy environment. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Financial Report:

Jenny presented the current budget and expenditures. The Board had accepted a JCS transfer with the intention of transferring those identified funds to CJPJ for the purpose of providing Functional Family Therapy to identified families in Clinton and Jackson Counties. Brian Bopes moved to accept the budget as presented and transfer \$60,000 to CJPJ for the purpose of FFT. Cheryl Curl seconded. Motion carried. A copy is attached to these minutes. The Board Members reviewed the Coordinator's monthly activities report.

FY13 1st Quarter Contract update: Jenny submitted a document with performance measures and outcomes of all contracts funded by the Clinton/Jackson DECAT Board. Judge Tabor provided information about youth who enter the juvenile court system and access to services. Judge Tabor has met with Robert McColley, Supervisor of the Step In Program, numerous times to discuss youth who arrive at one of the emergency rooms and ER physicians who call him requesting a commitment. Judge Tabor explained the process in accessing the Step In Program and the importance of that being the first

call for support for youth and families. The Step In Program is set up to provide services to families in crisis and has access to support services that other programs do not. Step In Program Supervisors and workers have been educating school and hospital personnel about the program through meetings and brochures. The whole focus is to keep the youth in their home and community with services and support. Placements for youth are not available nor are they the first step in dealing with a youth in crisis. Judge Tabor provided the Step In Program phone number which can be accessed at anytime, 563-593-1109.

Community Plan Update: Jenny provided the Board Members with two years of local survey information from providers and contract holders along with demographic information from Clinton and Jackson Counties.

Functional Family Therapy: Michelle Cullen provided our Board Members with a brief over view of Functional Family Therapy and the positive impact it has on families. This program is an empirically grounded, well-documented and highly successful family intervention program for dysfunctional youth. Target populations range from at-risk preadolescents to youth with very serious problems such as conduct disorder, violent acting-out, and substance abuse. Brian Bopes gave the Board Members information on who is able to access the service. Jenny will include data and statistics regarding families who participate in this program in Clinton and Jackson Counties in her 2nd Qtr. Report to the Board.

Next meeting date: Jenny will email Board Members to secure our next meeting date.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM by Judge Phil Tabor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Kreiter
Clinton/Jackson DECAT Coordinator