

CLINTON/JACKSON DECAT BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2013

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Board Members Present: Judge Phil Tabor, Brian Bopes, Mary Drees, Scott Hobart, Lonnie Luepker, Larry Koos, Jill Davisson and Jenny Kreiter, Coordinator.

Board Members Excused: Cheryl Curl, Gary Lippe, Dr. Mike Healy

Guest: Connie Murphy

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

Introductions: Those in attendance at the meeting introduced themselves.

Review of 11-9-12 Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

Jenny presented the current budget and Coordinator's activity report. Larry Koos moved to accept the budget as presented. Judge Tabor seconded. Motion carried. A copy is attached to these minutes.

FY13 2nd Quarter Contract update: Jenny submitted a document with performance measures and outcomes for all contracts funded by the Clinton/Jackson DECAT Board. Judge Tabor, Brian Bopes and Scott Hobart provided information about prevention services which defuse youth/families when they are in crisis, youth who enter the juvenile court system and access to services. Discussion and information was shared about the Step In Program, Functional Family Therapy and youth who can access the Victim Restitution Program. Mary Drees provided an update on the Parent Partner Program and that it was going to be a statewide contract in FY14. It was acknowledged by the Board Members that the current contract which is held by Dubuque DECAT for Parent Partners which provides services in Clinton and Jackson Counties will end on June 30, 2013. Larry Koos and Judge Tabor discussed and shared information about YWCA Domestic Violence Programming in Clinton and Jackson County. Both Clinton and Jackson County Board of Supervisors approved funding to support this vital service in our area.

FY14 Contract Planning: The members discussed future funding and current contracts providing services to youth and families. It was agreed that we are moving in the right direction of providing individualized services to reduce abuse, neglect, out of home placements, juvenile delinquency and increase family reunification services. It was acknowledged that continued lack of funds does not allow the Board to provide short term services to our eleven school districts for after school/summer

programming which focus was on low achieving, high risk youth. The board members will continue to track this need.

New Business: Mary Drees has completed Jenny's evaluation. The individual Board Members evaluation of the Coordinator will be placed in her human resource file at the Clinton County Administration Center. No concerns were noted and all of the Coordinator's performance measures had been met.

Next meeting date: May 17, 2013 – 1:00pm at the Francis Banta Waggoner Community Library.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM by Jill Davisson.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Kreiter
Clinton/Jackson DECAT Coordinator