

Communities 4 Children Decategorization  
Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 1:00 PM  
Carroll County DHS Office/Conference Call  
608 N. Court St. Suite C  
Carroll, IA 51401

Neil Bock called the Communities 4 Children meeting to order at 1:00 PM on Thursday February, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Carroll County DHS Office, in Carroll.

ACGG Members Present: Dawn Rudolph and Thetia Hall-Polking, Neil Bock, Everett Grasty, Tom Southard, Michelle Thorn by phone was Jayne Wilson and Melissa Nation. Visitors were Regina from New Opportunities. Decat Coordinator: Mollie Scott  
Everett Grasty made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dawn Rudolph. All in favor, by phone Jayne and Melissa motion carried.

Neil Bock made a motion to approve the minutes from the ACGG Decat Board meeting of 12/22/15 seconded by Tom Southard. All members in favor by phone Jayne and Melissa, motion carried.

Tom Southard made motion to approve the financial report seconded by Everett Grasty. All members in favor, by phone Jayne and Melissa motion carried. Board had discussion of the contract DCAT1-14-029 Therapy Place funds not being spent. The Board advised Coordinator to follow up with them to see what funds they are planning to get spent before June 30, 2016. The Board also advised Mollie to check with the other contracts to see if they are in need of additional funding before June 30, 2016. The contracts should respond by March 4, 2016 with an amended budget.

Public Forum, Regina from New Opportunities gave an update ACG Youth Mentoring s has their Facebook page up and running and has helped with new recruitment for the program. She has also stated that they are planning to a Mandatory training for Mentors in March and a bowling event for mentees and mentors to attend.

Jeannie Running from the Family Resource Center shared a flyer for Mollie to share with Board about the Active Parenting classes schedule in April. She also shared with Mollie that Stewards of Children just completed training in Audubon.

Mollie Scott gave the Coordination report (including CPPC):

- January 5th Greene Coalition meeting
- January 7th Conference Call for Prevent Child Abuse of Iowa coordinators shared their ideas of what they are going to do for April's Prevent Child Abuse month
- January 13 Audubon Coalition meeting. Then the Public Health meeting for county survey to be completed.
- January 20th Carroll Coalition meeting followed by Local Planning group with 6 members present. Voted to hold the LPG every other month with Coordinator still attending the Coalition meeting.
- January 21st Webinar on Service Procurement get review of contract. Coordinator has review contracts to make sure everything was in order with them.
- February 2nd Greene County Coalition canceled due to weather.
- February 12th Poverty Simulation in Denison has been moved to March 11, 2016.
- February 17th Carroll Coalition presenter was Plains Area Mental Health shared the services they have to offer.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Lemonade for Life in Carroll is full at this time with 25. There is a waiting list.

Old Decategorization Business

Family Assistance contract was reviewed seeing that they have spent 34.75% of funds at this time. The Board would like to continue to keep an eye on contract. Seeing if there becomes a need to increase funding do to health care needs.

New Decategorization Business:

Second quarter reports were reviewed:

KIDS with a Connection-ISU Extension Greene County: Serving 11 children in the second quarter. Began a monthly newsletter in November to mentors: What Are Those KIDS UP to Now? 75% of children referred to the mentoring program will be matched with adults if permission is received from parents. Because of the Rotary Club interest in partnering with KIDS, we are exploring the possibility of an in-school mentoring program to facilitate a group of mentors helping children with academic achievement. 60% or greater of children mentored have shown an improvement in their grades. 100% of children in the program have increased social opportunities in the community as indicated by attendance at Game Nights, Polar Express Adventure, Shop with a Cop, and mentor logs of activities. Quarterly reports were submitted on time. Percent of funds used to date 37.76%.

Active Parenting- Family Resource Center: 20 children served 10 families. The goal this year was to hold a minimum of three (3) trainings of Session XI – Active Parenting for School Success. This is a stand-alone Session. It encourages a positive environment for children to have for homework and encourages family talks to keep communication open between parents and children. Four trainings of Session XI have been scheduled. One is scheduled in Manning, one in Coon Rapids, and two in Guthrie County. Three of the four trainings were held. One in Manning, one in Guthrie and one in Coon Rapids. Attendance was low; however, 10 families were affected and over 20 children. All of the attendees were parents, a few were child care providers who care for children and a few were respite care providers who care for children with special needs. Percent of funds used to date 39.25%.

Community Family Team Meeting/ Youth Transition Decision Making-Therapy Place: Despite attending meetings, making calls, emailing numerous possible referrals workers, sending out flyers, no referrals this quarter. Percent of funds used to date 0%.

New Opportunities Mentoring: Served 39, 10 matches in progress, 0 mentors on waiting list, 7 mentees on waiting list, 17 applications out (4 mentees and 13 mentors). ACG Mentoring received its full/renewal (2 year) certification through 2017. Certificate is on file with the DCAT Coordinator. Mentors and mentee parents will be invited to attend the Love and Logic series that will be offered at

least once in Audubon, Carroll, Guthrie, and Greene Counties. The program has launched a social media page where parents are given information on community events and resources as made available for all 3 counties. All reports were submitted on time. Percent of funds used to date is 39.22%

Carroll County Mental Health Services in the Public Schools-LSI: 24 children have been served. 100% of the school based referrals will have a collaborative communication between the Contractor and the local school personnel and/or JCO within five (5) business days from date of receipt of referral from the beginning of the school year through October 31, 2015, and fifteen (15) business days from the date of receipt of referral beginning November 1, 2015. This performance measure was met, as collaborative contacts occurred with all eight students referred this quarter. Academic Performance: Grades for the 2nd Quarter of this academic year will not be posted until late January 2016; therefore we cannot compare 1st and 2nd Quarters. Behaviors: Between the 1st and 2nd Quarters of this school year, 71% of participating students experienced improvement in behavior with lower numbers of behavioral incidents from one quarter to the next. Unexcused Absences: 16% of students decreased unexcused absences between the 1st and 2nd Quarter. Total Absences: between Quarters 1 and 2, 20% of students decreased total absences. Tardis: between Quarters 1 and 2, tardiest increased, with 42% of students decreasing tardiest. Percent of funds used to date is 25.82%.

Steward s of Children: Family Resource Center: Over 50 children will be affected by this training with 10 participants. Stewards of Children training was held on December 10th in collaboration with St. Anthony's Regional Hospital. There were 10 participants. The majority of them were nurses attending. There were nursing CEU's available. There was also two staff from the H.O.P.E.S. program. Between all of the participants there were over 50 children that would be reached with the information shared. Percentage of funds used 28.82%.

Love and Logic-New Opportunities: Served none at this time. The Love and Logic facilitator attended the facilitator training in Colorado in October 2015. Planning has begun for sessions to begin in the 3rd quarter. The facilitator is also planning to observe sessions in another area to watch a series delivery in action. Percentage of funds used 24.11%.

#### Board of elections

Tom Southard made motion to nominate Todd Nelsen as Chair and Neil Bock as Vice Chair. Dawn Rudolph seconded all in favor, by phone Jayne and Melissa motion carried.

Coordinator shared a proposed budget for FY17 with funds of \$98,749.00. Boards reviewed and ask to put agenda for the next meeting in April.

Coordinator Review form was shared with Board. It was agreed to turn into Todd Nelsen's email by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

School Based contract DCAT1-15-135 asked for clarification with work being before and after school by coordinator. Tom Southard made motion is to allow the coordination work before and after school as long as the work being reported is been verified by supervisor Amy Davis. Seconded by Everett Grasty, all in favor, by phone Jayne and Melissa motion carried.

Motion was made by Tom Southard to adjourn meeting, seconded by Dawn Rudolph. All in favor, by phone Jayne and Melissa motion carried.

Next ACGG Meeting April 21, 2016.