

Communities 4 Children Decategorization  
Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 at 1:00 PM  
Carroll County DHS Office/Conference Call  
608 N. Court St. Suite C  
Carroll, IA 51401

Todd Nelsen called the Communities 4 Children meeting to order at 1:00 PM on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at the Carroll County DHS Office, in Carroll.

ACGG Members Present: Dawn Rudolph, Neil Bock, Everett Grasty, Todd Nelsen and Michelle Thorn by phone was Tim Ross and Melissa Nation. Visitors were Regina from New Opportunities, Jeanie Running from Family Resource and Julie Gore from CAASA. Decat Coordinator: Mollie Scott

Everett Grasty made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Neil Bock. All in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried. Michele Thorn made a motion to approve the minutes from the ACGG Decat Board meeting of 2/18/16 seconded by Everett Grasty. All members in favor by phone Tim and Melissa, motion carried.

Neil Bock made motion to approve the financial report seconded by Everett Grasty. All members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

Public Forum, Regina from New Opportunities gave an update ACG Youth Mentoring with 43 active mentees at this time. She is doing a Love and Logic training in Audubon started in April.

Jeannie Running from the Family Resource Center shared they are planning a Stewards of Children training in April for Carroll County. She also reported that for Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) they delivered pinwheels and pinwheel gardens around the four county areas to promote Child Abuse Prevention month for the April. For CBCAP connection with CPPC the Parent Time Out program has been used heavily by parents in a wide variety of crisis needs. It is a nice program to offer to our families in need.

Julie Gore from CAASA said she was there if there were any questions about the funding request she made to the Board.

Mollie Scott gave the Coordination report (including CPPC):

- March 1<sup>st</sup> Webinar Scope of Work writing deliverables and performance measures
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Lemonade for Life training at New Opportunities in Carroll
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Guthrie County LPG
- March 11 Poverty Simulation training in Denison co-hosted by Northern AEA
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Carroll LPG and Coalition
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Attended training for Consensus Scoring in Des Moines
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Greene LPG
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Audubon LPG
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Carroll LPG presented to Coalition information about Decat and CPPC

#### Old Decategorization Business

Family Assistance contract was reviewed seeing that they have spent 44.87% of funds at this time. The Board has been watching these funds to make sure the contract has enough funds to cover DHS requests for FY16.

#### New Decategorization Business:

Coordinator Review report was shared by Todd Nelsen, stating that Mollie had a good review with 8 members from both Boards returning review. Ranell Drake and Rick Hunsaker and him-self recommended that Mollie receive a 3% increase to pay for Coordination services. Motion was made by Neil Bock to increase Coordination pay by 3% effective date April 5<sup>th</sup> 2016, seconded by Dawn Rudolph. All in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

Third quarter reports were reviewed:

*KIDS with a Connection-ISU Extension Greene County:* Serving 12 children in the third quarter. Coordinator continued monthly Game Nights in Extension Meeting Room and these are well-attended by mentors and mentees. Coordinator continued monthly newsletters to mentors: What Are Those KIDS Up to Now? Newsletter also modified slightly and sent to members of the Mentoring Advisory Board beginning in March 2016 to bring them in closer contact with the program. Advisory Board Meeting held in March with 6 of 9 member's present and interesting discussion. Member from law enforcement spoke about increased child protection issues in the county and increased number of child predators in the county. Mentors are increasing usage of KIDS-purchased theater tickets and other KIDS-purchased opportunities: local production of Wizard of Oz, local movies, upcoming touring production of Annie. Mentors are becoming more energized as result of game nights, opportunities for activities suggested in the newsletters, and special events such as Celebration of Mentoring. Percent of funds used to date 61.44%.

*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 training was held 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 54.89%.

*Community Family Team Meeting/ Youth Transition Decision Making-Therapy Place:* One was done in the Third quarter. Information was shared with Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie County Alternative Schools. Information was sent to the principal at Kuemper High School, Parent Partners and the nurse at Audubon Schools with no response. Percent of funds used to date 1.99%.

*New Opportunities Mentoring:* Served 43, 9 mentees on waiting list, 1 mentor applications out, 1 mentor in process. The Carroll County community based program has 24 matches this quarter. This is one match higher than last quarter. Referrals have slowed down as school will soon be ending for the year as well as many matches have been completed. Ongoing contact with the parents of each mentee has proven the matches are successful and fulfilling our project goals. 14 parents have provided survey information to date and we plan to finalize that data for the 4th quarter. The mentoring coordinator was contacted and able to assist two families with local resources who could assist with emergency food and domestic violence issues this quarter. There are 3 children on the waiting list and 1 (male) mentor application out.

The Audubon County school adult-match program has 7 matches. This is one less match than last quarter. The match closed because the mentee became involved in sports and no longer felt he needed a mentor in the school program. There are 3 children on the waiting list at this time and no available mentors.

The Guthrie County community based program has 5 matches. This is an increase of 4 matches since last quarter. The mentoring coordinator has established a great partnership with the elementary school principal in the county as well as teachers in the school district that have referred many students to the program. Launching a face book page and participating in local parenting groups and swap/selling pages on social media has helped launch this program. There are 3 children on the waiting list at this time and one mentor in progress.

Mentors in the program have requested more group activities and have started assisting the mentoring coordinator in planning those activities. We are looking to schedule a trip to the zoo and a bowling party for the 4th quarter for all 3 programs. Program participants were able to enjoy a pajama/movie party this quarter. Percent of funds used to date is 67.56%

*Carroll County Mental Health Services in the Public Schools-LSI:* 29 children have been served, out of these twenty-nine students, one had been officially discharged and three are in discharge process, all scheduled for one additional closure session. A mental health training session for all Teachers' Assistants at Carroll High School was facilitated on Wednesday, February 17th and again for all Teachers' Assistants at the Carroll Middle School on March 2nd. Training focused upon approaches and techniques to address students exhibiting maladaptive behaviors in classroom from a trauma informed perspective and mastery of life tasks, along with training for self-care approaches/techniques on part of staff that support their success with students they serve. 29 of 29 participating students were fully engaged in services and attending sessions. There were a total of 140 consultation sessions provided this quarter, including 100 consultations with students, ten family consultations and 24 faculty consultations. Sixteen student/family cancellations or No Shows were reported, yielding 87% kept appointments for student/family consultation. Percent of funds used to date is 53.68%. Stewards of Children: Family Resource Center: Over 89 children will be affected by this training with 26 participants. Stewards of Children training was held on February 9th in Audubon. There were 16 participants. The majority of them were Audubon Child Care Staff attending. Between all of the participants there were over 39 children that would be reached with the information shared. Percentage of funds used 54.89%.

*Love and Logic-New Opportunities:* 21 Families have been served. At least 1 Love and Logic series will be provided in each county (Audubon, Carroll, Greene, and Guthrie)

Classes were held in Carroll County as follows:

Location: New Opportunities/Carroll Dates: Tuesdays- February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 1st (snow date March 8th)

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Classes were held in Greene County as follows:

Location: Greene County Early Learning Center/Jefferson

Dates: Tuesdays-March 15, 22, 29, April 5, & 12

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Classes are being held in Audubon County as follows:

Location: The Children's Nest/Audubon

Dates: Thursdays-April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, & 12

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Classes are scheduled to be held in Guthrie County as follows:

Location: Seventh Day Adventist Church/Guthrie Center

Dates: Tuesdays-May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and June 7th

Time: 6-8 p.m. Percentage of funds used 47.05%.

*STEPS Incentive and Awareness Program:* Zion Recovery. Served 4 children in the third quarter with activity night with family's members attending a movie night at the Atlantic Theater. Incentive gift cards will be purchased and awarded to the Audubon County participate, as she continued to move through the "steps" of STEPS by being successful in her sobriety and family activities to get closer to reunification with her children.

Board had no questions at this time per the third quarter review.

Request from ACG Mentoring for an FY16 increase of \$10,000.00 for contract was review by Board. Everett Grasty made to accept the increase of \$10,000.00 to ACG mentoring contract. Seconded by Dawn Rudolph, all members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

Request for new funding from CAASA and Family Crisis Center were reviewed by no motion for approval was made.

Renewal of funding FY17 contracts: Motion was made by Michelle Thorn to renew the Coordination contract DCAT1-13-010 for the amount of \$23,120.00, seconded by Neil Bock. All members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

Motion made by Everett Grasty to renew the contract Kids with a Connection DCAT1-14-103 for the amount of \$11,217.00, seconded by Dawn Rudolph. All members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

Motion was made by Neil Bock to renew the contract Active Parenting DCAT1-16-037 for the amount of \$4,999.00, seconded by Everett Grasty. All members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

Motion was made by Michelle Thorn to renew contract for ACG Mentoring DCAT1-14-105 for the amount of \$25,000.00, seconded by Dawn Rudolph. All members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

Motion was made by Everett Grasty to renew contract Family Assistance DCAT1-16-013 for the amount for \$10,000.00, seconded by Neil Bock. All members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

JCO Transfer Letter of Funds was read by Michelle Thorn, for the amount of \$50,000.00 to be used for the School Based Mental Health contract, for the FY17 and FY18. Motion was made by Dawn Rudolph to accept the transfer letter, seconded by Tim Ross. All members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

Motion was made by Everett Grasty to renew the School Based Mental Health DCAT1-15-135 contract in the amount of \$25,000.00, seconded by Dawn Rudolph. All members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

Therapy Place contract DCAT1-14-029 was not approved and Board advised Coordinator to send a nonrenewal letter informing the contract was not approved. It was advised to have Therapy Place apply for the CPPC funding for the Community Family Team Meetings.

Community Partnership for Protecting Children

FY16 mini grants request were reviewed by the Board. Motion was made by Michelle Thorn to accept the request from CAASA for the amount of \$4,500.00 to market the CAASA program to the Carroll area with promotional items and games and the request from Family Crisis Center for the amount of \$4,500.00 for Family Crisis Center for marketing items to children and families of services they offer. Seconded by Neil Bock, all members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried. After the motion the Coordinator found a third request from ISU Extension Greene County for the STEAM program. The motion to approve the CAASA and Family Crisis Center was then resend by Everett Grasty and seconded by Dawn Rudolph. All members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

Motion was then made by Dawn Rudolph to approve the mini grant request from CAASA for the amount of \$4,000.00 and the Family Crisis Center for \$4,000.00 and ISU Extension Greene County STEAM program for the amount of \$1,800.00. Seconded by Michelle Thorn, all members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

Motion was then made by Michelle Thorn to release the FY17 mini grant requests to Audubon, Carroll, Greene and Guthrie Counties. Seconded by Everett Grasty, all members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried.

The Coordinator then read a letter announcing the AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Children program that would start September, 2016 – August 2017. The Board is being invited to take part because of our connection with CPPC. At this time the Board is not interested in having the AmeriCorps Partnering to Protect Child member.

The CPPC Proposed Plan was review by Board. The Plan is due May 15, 2016. The Coordinator has a few more items to finish and then will send the final copy by email to Board members. Motion was made by Michelle Thorn and seconded by Dawn Rudolph to approve the FY17 Budget for the Proposed Plan. All members in favor, by phone Tim and Melissa motion carried. CPPC FY 17 budget was \$15,800.00 for mini grants, \$1,000.00 for travel, \$100.00 for training, \$2,100.00 for supplies and \$1,000.00 for fiscal fee. Total \$20,000.00

Motion was made by chair to adjourn meeting.

Next ACGG Meeting June 16, 2016.