

**SCOTT COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION
AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS**

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MEMORANDUM

Date: 05/26/2023

To: Scott County Administration and Board of Supervisors

RE: Restorative Justice Programs Contract Renewal

History- Program Description

The Scott County Restorative Justice program, has two components which target different populations and systems. Both of these program components are designed to lower detainment. The first component is the Auto Theft Accountability Program, which is a pre-adjudication diversion program for first time auto theft offenders, which utilizes Restorative Community Conferencing to repair harm with victims. The Second component is the School-Based Restorative Justice program, which is a suspension diversion program which utilizes Restorative Mediation.

Auto Theft Accountability Program Component - Description and Outcomes

This program component is a restorative justice concept in which victims and offenders are brought face to face in a neutral setting. Staff then facilitate a meeting to discuss the harm that has been done and create a plan for how the offender is to repair the harm. The youth offender will have three months to complete the plan. If the offender completes the plan, they will have their charge dismissed. However, if at any point they fail to progress, they will revert back to court proceedings.

The program accepted its first referral in April of 2019. The program has had one hundred and two (102) referrals since inception. Sixty six (66) referrals have completed a restorative community conference, forty three (43) referrals have completed the entire program successfully, and fifteen (15) referrals are actively on-track to complete the program. Of those that have completed the program successfully, 86% were still without a new offense 6 months post discharge, and 78% were still without a charge one year post discharge.

School Based Restorative Justice Program Component Description

The Scott County School-based Mediation Program is a suspension diversion program implemented in the secondary schools of the Davenport Community School system. Certain incidents that would typically be incidents resulting in out of school suspension, will now be handled as an in-school suspension and those involved will participate in a Restorative Mediation circle.

In the circle, the two (or more) youth are brought together to learn about why the event happened and then develop a plan to repair the harm that has been done and ensure it does not happen again.

Through this process, students will learn the impact their behavior has on others and a resolution will be formed prior to entering regular classes to ensure violence does not occur in the future

The program accepted the first referral in January 2021. Since that time, the program has received two several hundred referrals. The program responds to referrals from all secondary schools in Davenport, Bettendorf, and North Scott school districts. The program receives an average of 26 referrals a month during the school year. Approximately 92% of referrals are successfully mediated and no further conflicts occur among the parties.

Capital Costs- This program will incur no capital costs as it will be provided in the Scott County Juvenile Diversion Programs space and in the community schools.

Offsetting Revenue

On-going operating expenses for this program are reimbursed by an inter-governmental contract with Iowa Department of Human Services. (Contract attached) Decategorization Board. All staff time, training, mileage, equipment, and supplies for the program will be reimbursed by the contract up to \$140,000 annually. Davenport Community Schools also provides supplemental funding for up to \$50,000 annually.

I am recommending the Scott County Board of supervisors approve a contract extension, which would grant another year of funding to continue these services. The resolution and contract would need to be signed by the Scott County Board of Supervisor's Chairperson by July 1, 2023.

Jeremy Kaiser, Director

Scott County Juvenile Detention & Diversion Programs

Fourth Amendment to the Scott County Restorative Justice Programs Contract

This Amendment to Contract Number DCAT3-22-109 is effective as of July 1, 2023, between the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Agency) and Scott County (Contractor).

Section 1: Amendment to Contract Language

The Contract is amended as follows:

Revision 1. Contract Duration. The Contract is hereby extended from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Section 2: Ratification & Authorization

Except as expressly amended and supplemented herein, the Contract shall remain in full force and effect, and the parties hereby ratify and confirm the terms and conditions thereof. Each party to this Amendment represents and warrants to the other that it has the right, power, and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Amendment, and it has taken all requisite actions (corporate, statutory, or otherwise) to approve execution, delivery and performance of this Amendment, and that this Amendment constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation.

Section 3: Execution

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth above and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, adequacy and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties have entered into the above Amendment and have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Amendment.

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| Contractor, Scott County | | Agency, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services | |
| Signature of Authorized Representative: | Date: | Signature of Authorized Representative: | Date: |
| Printed Name: Ken Beck | | Printed Name: Liam Healy | |
| Title: Scott County Board of Supervisors - Board Chair | | Title: Eastern Iowa Service Area Manager | |

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| Agency, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services | |
| Signature of Authorized Representative: | Date: |
| Printed Name: Jancee Harvey | |
| Title: Division Director of Family Well-Being and Protection | |

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 8, 2023

CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That the Scott County Juvenile Detention and Diversion Programs will provide the Restorative Justice Program for youth through a contract with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services ending June 30, 2024. The contract can be renewed for three more years with the final year ending on June 30, 2027.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect on July 1st, 2023.