

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 2019

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Ainsworth were present.
2. **MINUTES** : **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2019.**
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **FAMILY COMMUNITY OUTREACH (FCO) DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Brent DeMoe, FCO Director, was accompanied by Abby Warren, Prevention Coordinator; Stephanie Gilbert, Early Learning Family Engagement Supervisor; and Alinna Ghavami, Healthy Communities Coordinator. He thanked his team and stated that they put all of the data together that is in the booklet that has been handed out, but they will just go over the highlights. Stephanie stated that the Resource center is constantly changing to meet the needs of the community. They saw approximately 5,000 people in the fiscal year 2018-19. They are going to implement a new tracking system so they can better track what funds are being used for what services. They have a new partnership with DHS that has allowed them to offer parenting classes for parents with older kids. They received \$45,000 from DHS to implement this. They also received \$35,000 from the Willamette MBA program which will be used to train 8 new ASIST trainers. Abby stated the Falls City Direct Connect program has been very steady. They get about 5 new riders per month. They will be implementing a third day into the schedule specifically for Veterans.

Service Integration (SI) has served 1,080 families and 6,912 individuals. They currently have 15 different funding sources contributing to 6 SI teams. In 2018-2019 the SI program has an additional \$27,000. They were also able to identify a need for dental services from attending city meetings and they have partnered with Capitol Dental to provide on-site dental services as well as tele dentistry for students in Falls City Schools Pre-K to 8th grade. Brent informed the Board that he hopes to increase business participation in SI. He wants them to participate to help get word out to their clients that there are resources available, not to ask them for money. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that he would like to participate in the West Salem SI team.

Dana Goodale, School Based Mental Health Supervisor, informed the Board that they are seeing more kids now than they ever have and there is a very large population of these kids that they have been tracking the reasons for the visit. The largest visit focus type is emotional regulation at 35%. In the fiscal year 2018-2019 they completed 210 suicide screenings and 60% of them came from elementary age children. Central School District hired a full time Therapist at the High School. They are focusing more on self-care for these counselors because their job is very difficult. Dana also was part of the group who went to Alaska after they had the big earthquake and provided support for those kids who were involved and their parents. Commissioner Pope has asked that we find some way to articulate the good things being done in all our special courts while still keeping things confidential. Brent stated that they have so much data and they will start thinking of ideas to do that.

Brent informed the Board that the Court Care was denied by legislation and they will have to cut some days but they will continue to look for funding. They have already written a couple Grants and are waiting to hear about them. Brent stated that Polk County is very

unique in all the programs they fund and offer and he is thankful to the Board for supporting his team and the work they do.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

- a) Commissioner Pope informed the Board that they received a Proclamation from the Mayor of Falls City recognizing them for the Direct Connect Transportation which provides rides to the residents of Falls City.
- b) Commissioner Pope addressed a letter that was received from ODOT stating that the state was choosing a no build option. He would like to send a letter to the state letting them know that the Polk County Board of Commissioners do not agree with the no build option and would like it on the record. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Mordhorst agree.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: July 30 , 2019