### POLK COUNTY

**POLK COUNTY LOCAL ADDICTION PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**June 7, 2023 - 12:00 Noon**

**Courthouse Conference Room Hybrid/Virtual**

## 1. OPENING AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE

Jodi Merritt called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Members Present:

**Kerry Hammerschmith, PCBH**

**Jodi Merritt, PCCC Director**

**Annie Owen, FCO**

**Jill Dale, Regional Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention**

**Isaiah Haines, Monmouth PD (virtual)**

**Sam Hittle, PCCC Office Manager**

**Abby Warren, FCO Prevention**

**Naomi Biggs – Public Health Administrator (virtual)**

**Mark Davis, PCBH (virtual)**

**Aaron Felton – DA**

**Hector Garza Jr, Peer Support Specialist, BHRN**

**Kara Butler, Recovery Program Manager, Youth ERA (virtual)**

Members Absent:

**Katie Martin, DHS**

**2. Minutes Approved for MAY 2023.**

**MOTION:** **MARK DAVIS MOVED, NAOMI BIGGS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 2023.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. BHRN Discussion**

Kerry introduced newest member, Hector Garza to the Behavioral Health team. Hector has a lot of knowledge in the community connecting folks with employment; he has made some great connections and will be a huge asset to the Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN). Hector’s role at the county will be a BHRN Peer Support Specialist to communicate with partners in the community and to help get the clients connected with resources.

BHRN is a different treatment model than outpatient treatment. BHRN is a low-barrier substance use disorder treatment, a harm reduction service, supports folks with housing and referrals to outside services and more. The client will need to undergo an assessment to be able to fall under the BHRN treatment. BHRN does not provide medications to clients, it is solely a peer driven network that assists clients with referrals and connecting them with the appropriate services. The clients insurance will get billed for services and then the resource network will be billed.

Kara, Recovery Program Manager oversees six BHRN’s throughout the state and has been able to give a lot of knowledge and feedback as how other counties are working regarding the resource network. Jodi asked if BHRN provides mental health services to clients. Kerry said that there has been a lot of discussions and workgroups regarding mental health services being a part of the network, and as of right now there is not a clear answer.

Next steps for BHRN, Kerry identified getting Hector on board, developing the basic tools; screening and assessment needs and reaching out to community partners. Using our partners will be a huge benefit in getting BHRN up and running and will help our community. Partnering with FCO and Jill, using FCO’s prevention strategies and Jill’s wealth of knowledge and connection to Yamhill County will be a great tool for the resource network and the clients. As BHRN develops, the community partners will have an outreach and advertise on social media and other advertisement options.

**4. Round Table**

~ Annie Owen (FCO) Annie would like to update the group on the data she received regarding the Student Health Survey. Please see the attached Word document for the information.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Next LAPPC meeting date is July 5, 2023

Minutes: Sam Hittle