### POLK COUNTY

**POLK COUNTY LOCAL ADDICTION PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday August 2, 2023 - 12:00 Noon**

**Courthouse Conference Room Hybrid/Virtual**

## 1. OPENING AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE

Jodi Merritt called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

Members Present:

**Jodi Merritt, PCCC, Director**

**Annie Buse, FCO, Coordinator**

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

**Sam Hittle, PCCC, Office Manager**

**Abby Warren, FCO, Community Training & Education Supervisor**

**Naomi Biggs, Public Health Administrator (Virtual)**

**Mark Davis, PCBH, Supervisor (Virtual)**

**Katie Martin, DHS Child Welfare (Virtual)**

**Cydney Nestor, District Manager for Marion, Polk & Yamhill Counties (Virtual)**

**Kara Butler, Youth ERA, Recovery Program Manager**

**RJ Pollard, Youth ERA, Program Director**

Members Absent:

**Aaron Felton, DA**

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

**Kerry Hammerschmith, PCBH, Manager**

**Isaiah Haines, Monmouth PD**

**2. Minutes Approved for JUNE 2023**

**MOTION:** **MARK DAVIS MOVED, ABBY WARREN SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 2023.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Safe Sleep Presentation**

Cydney provided the group with a presentation regarding Safe Sleep, a harm reduction model. She is looking for partners to prevent sleep related infant deaths in Oregon. SUID (Sudden Unexpected Infant Death) in Oregon, the last 2 years there have been 60 child fatalities, 30 of which were infants who died in their sleep. A majority of those deaths substance use was a factor. If newborns can live to the age of 1, the risk of SUID is greatly reduced. Cydney’s goal is to come together as community partners to work together, focus on harm reduction, being explicit about risks with medications or substance use concerns and support homeless moms and newborns. In addition, reminding families about the need and importance of safe sleep practices.

Jill asked Cydney if they have reached out to Salem Health, MOMS program in Marion County, and HIV Alliance. Cydney stated that they are working with Salem Health, Terry and Carmen.

Naomi shared with the group that public health used to have a home visit program, where they would visit clients in their home. They have not had this program since COVID, however they are in the recruitment process to fill this position. This individual will be able to go out in the community to conduct home visits and have access to have conversations with new moms around safe sleep practices. They are hopeful that the Family Connects position will be filled by September.

Abby asked Cydney if there are Safe Sleep workshops or training that would be helpful for parent education. Cydney said that she was not sure and will find out for the group. As far as training with community partners, Carmen from Salem Health would be a great partner.

Cydney shared the CIRT (Critical Incident Review Team) link if anyone is interested. <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/child-fatality-review/pages/default.aspx?utm_source=ODHS&utm_medium=egov_redirect&utm_campaign=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.oregon.gov%2Fdhs%2Fchildren%2Fcirt%2Fpages%2Findex.aspx>

Cydney Nestor’s email address is [Cydney.A.Nestor@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:Cydney.A.Nestor@odhs.oregon.gov)

**4. BHRN Update**

Removed from the agenda.

**5. Round Table**

~ Abby Warren (FCO) Abby informed the group that they have a new position in their department that they filled to connect with clients who are unhoused or who are at risk of being unhoused. She identified that this position has been very helpful for the department and for the clients to have one person helping with this matter. There has been a large number of clients who have been evicted from their home or landlords selling the property. Abby also identified that they have received additional funding for their pilot program for housing and security for folks in the community who are seeking help. In addition, they have received 2 grants for Suicide Prevention Efforts. This includes funding for messaging campaigns, which will include a total of 5 months, each month will be a different theme, and the campaign will play September to January. January is high suicide month, so it’s important for the campaign to play through January. More details to come regarding the campaign.

Service and Integration will return in September.

~ Annie Buse (FCO Prevention) Annie shared that this summer they have had a student program; Dallas Youth Garden. For students to learn how to garden, gain new skills, working in a team, to be able to learn the agriculture process and job skills in general. They are holding an open house this Saturday August 5, 2023, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm for the students to show the public what they have been growing and take a tour of the garden. Annie also identified an event at the beginning of September that they are currently working on, more details in come regarding this event.

~ Jill Dale (Regional OD) Jill shared that with FCO’s help, in a few weeks they are starting a fentanyl campaign. This includes posting on the website, social media, handing out giveaway cards, stickers and information about fentanyl. This campaign is youth friendly; they received input form Yamhill County youths to help create the campaign. This is a “toolkit” for youths and families.

~ Mark Davis (PCBH) No update at this time.

~ Naomi Biggs (Public Health) No update at this time.

~ Katie Martin (DHS Child Welfare) Katie stated that if any agencies or departments are seeking training for mandatory reporting to let her know. Katie also shared that they have finally hired an Outreach Worker and that she is excited to have the help. This new hire will help with getting folks engaged in treatment and work with them with prevention.

~ RJ Pollard (Youth ERA) There’s a new diverse drop-in center, this support group meets every Tuesday. In addition, they are launching a self-harm recovery group to help folks with eating disorders and other self-harm concerns. Lastly, they currently have 46 community partners who have rsvp’d for Punx in the Park, they are seeking to have at least 60 partners attend this event.

~ Jodi Merritt (PCCC) Jodi identified that her department has received their state funding, which has pushed the department into reduction. This has an impact on the services that they provide, i.e. housing, treatment and an overall general basic need.

Jodi also shared with the group that her department has been working with Dave Guile and have partnered with FCO to identify current resources as well as deficiencies/barriers for those clients involved with the criminal justice system in Polk County. PCCC has had focus groups with current and past clients, surveys with clients, administrator and PO’s. Jodi stated that she is pleased with the feedback from clients and the number 1 issue that the clients identified in the survey is stress. In addition, the clients stated that they did not know how to access resources. Jodi would like to unpack this a little more to find out what needs to change, potentially doing a warm hand off to the Resource Center to ensure that the clients are receiving the help and resources they need.

Lastly, Jodi informed the group that she has not been able to find Narcan.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Next LAPPC meeting date is Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Minutes: Sam Hittle