### POLK COUNTY

**POLK COUNTY LOCAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday September 4, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Courthouse Conference Room Hybrid/Virtual**

## 1. OPENING AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE

Jodi Merritt called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**Those in Attendance:**

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| Abby Warren – Family Community Outreach |
| Annie Buse – Family Community Outreach |
| Jodi Merritt – Community Corrections |
| Kari Wilhite – Public Health |
| Sam Hittle – Community Corrections |
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**Attending on Video:**

Christina McCollum – PacificSource

Jennifer Lief – Health Services

Katie Clemo – DHS Child Welfare

**2. Minutes for August 2024**

Minutes we’re not approved due to not having a quorum. August 2024 minutes will be approved at the October meeting.

**3. BHRN Update**

Jennifer Lief updated the group regarding BHRN, they are getting up and running and have brochures and other printed materials that they would like to share with this group. The brochures are client based, but also beneficial for your staff members to know about BHRN. If anyone would like printed materials, let Jennifer know by email and she can get the materials to you and your department. Jennifer stated that since Amanda has taken over the Behavioral Health Resource Network program, she has done a great job getting everything on track.

**4. Community Event Discussion**

At the last LADPC meeting, the group discussed potential resources from Janelle Lawrence at Oregon Impact and Chief Haines also shared with the group regarding Opioid funds. Abby identified that she would like to start planning a prevention awareness community event in the next year. Annie has reached out to Tall Cop regarding event options and will share with the group with more details.

Abby asked the group if anyone has any other ideas or experiences they want to share. Jennifer stated that several years ago there was a clean and sober prevention event that was graduation based in the local high schools. Another great training that Jennifer identified was in Marion County, called Silver Tsunami. The Silver Tsunami training was about older adults in drug use and prevention, it was a great training and not typically something the community sees, usually the trainings are focused on youths. Jodi identified a community event that Albany Police Department coordinated last year regarding fentanyl education for youths and parents. There was a great turnout for this event and the youths were interested in the education.

Christina stated if there’s any funds needed for the event, that Willamette Health Council could potentially provide a donation to support our efforts. Also, another one that Christina has seen in the past is Song for Charlie, they are really helpful and partner with the schools. Jodi stated that Isaiah sent a report that identifies the states prevention funds that they receive and how much they’ve actually were dispersed to them.

Some goals for the future community event is, a well-publicized and advertised event in hopes to receive a large turnout, partner with the local schools and potentially have youths receive credit for attending and incentives for youths such as snacks and beverages.

**Action Item:** Abby and Annie will continue researching and developing the community event.

**5. Department Reports**

~ Department of Community Corrections (Adult & Juvenile) – Jodi Merritt shared with the group that the Community Service Program is partnering with The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Polk County Sheriff’s office to host an event. The event is called Buckets of Brass and it will coincide with National Public Lands day on September 21, 2024 from 9am – 12pm. It will take place off of Gooseneck Road and there will be raffles with prizes, all supplies are provided, and lunch is also provided. For more information, the Sheriff’s office posted the event on their Facebook today.

~ FCO – Abby Warren shared that September is Suicide Prevention Awareness month. They have their coffee cup sleeves in the local coffee shops. Reminder, that Abby has the window clings that say 988 and if you would like to have some materials for your offices to let her know. Lastly, the Fentanyl Free Oregon yard signs and pencils are available online for free.

~ PacificSource – Christina McCollum stated that they are doing a presentation called Trouble Brewing for substance use in older adults. The webinar is being held on October 9, 2024. Christina will share the flyer with the group.

~ DHS Child Welfare – Katie Clemo identified that September is also National Recovery month. The ROCC is hosting an event at the River Front this Saturday, September 7, 2024 called Hands Across the Bridge. It’s an event to celebrate those that we’ve lost due to addiction.

~ Health Services – Jennifer Lief stated that they are working on the crisis expansion and the BHRN project.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Next LAPPC meeting date is October 2, 2024

Minutes: Sam Hittle