### POLK COUNTY

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

**October 2, 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  Abby Valencia – Family Community Outreach Intern |
| Amber Mcclelland – DHS |
| Annie Buse – Family Community Outreach |
| Jill Dale – Regional Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention |
| Jodi Merritt – Community Corrections |
| Sam Hittle – Community Corrections |
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**Attending on Video:**

Amanda Stephens – Health Services

Isaiah Haines – Monmouth Police

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| Katie Clemo – DHS Child Welfare |
| Mark Davis – PCBH |

**2. Minutes Approved for AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024**

**MOTION: ISAIAH HAINES** **MOVED, JILL DALE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Deflection Program Update**

September 1, 2024 was the implementation of the re-criminalization of specific possession of drugs. Counties across the State were provided an opportunity to apply for a grant for the Deflection program through Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Polk County worked with all of our law enforcement partners across all jurisdictions. In addition, the District Attorney’s office, Behavioral Health, BOC and Community Corrections were included in the planning of the program. The Deflection video was presented to the group. The video was organized by Chief Mason from Independence Police Department and was put together by law enforcement as a training tool for the officers in the field in order to help them understand the Deflection process.

As of September 16, 2024, Jodi received updated information as far as the number of citations. There has been 6 citations, 5 individuals, however those individuals did not qualify for the Deflection program. Jodi identified that at this point, we have not received any Deflection referrals.

For individuals that are put on supervision, Community Corrections will be partnering with Behavioral Health to ensure that the individual is getting the support they need to get through the treatment program and providing them with all the resources that are available. The program is designed that once the individual has completed treatment they are closed and off supervision.

Abby Warren asked if there is a Deflection video for the community or other agency partners. Jodi stated that there is not currently a video, however the Deflection team plans to discuss this and potentially create a video for the community and other agency partners.

Part of the grant funds include machines for detecting drugs for the law enforcement officers. Chief Haines identified that the police departments are looking at Narc Ranger and went over how these work. These machines would be much safer to use rather than having to open a container of drugs to identify what kind of drug the individual is possessing. Once the machine identifies the drug, a property receipt prints out with the information. Jill asked if going through toxicology would still be required. Chief Haines stated that they would still have to go through toxicology because the machine is only used for a presumptive positive. Therefore the drugs would still need to be sent to the lab for confirmation. Jodi added that the presumptive positive gives the DA’s office the ability to actually file the charges, if that’s what needs to happen while they wait for the crime lab to test the drug.

Annie asked if the Deflection program applies to youth. Jodi stated that Measure 110 was silent on youth and HB 4002, which they re-criminalized and the development of the Deflection program, it continues to be silent on youth. Jodi identified that when juveniles are approached by law enforcement with drugs on them, the officer would refer them to the Juvenile Department to go through our Diversion Program called Sanction Court.

**4. Community Event Discussion**

Annie shared with the group the information that she received from Tall Cop, who is Jermaine Galloway, a former law enforcement officer and is now an expert and emerging drug trends for the nation. There is also other contractors we could hire as a speaker for the community event that wouldn’t cost as much as Jermaine.

Abby identified that Polk County received some funding related to opioid settlement dollars that’s really intended to be spent through the year 2027. This is the beginning stages of planning and allocating where these funds will go towards. More information to come regarding these funds. Chief Haines identified that he spoke with the City Manager and Monmouth currently has $60,000 in opioid funds. These funds are for prevention efforts and could potentially be used for the community event.

Mark stated that Tall Cop is geared more towards parents, teachers and police officers and not really intended for youth. Mark identified that Eric Martin from MHACBO is an excellent presenter.

Action Item – Chief Haines to verify the expiration date of when the funds need to be spent.

Action Item – Annie/Abby reach out to Tall Cop and ask what type of offerings they may have and what he recommends. If they have the ability to do different sessions and figure out who the audience is (parents and youth, or just youth, or to the partners). Also, reaching out to the schools to see what the needs are.

Action Item – Mark send Eric Martin’s information out Jodi/Sam.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Next LAPPC meeting date is

Minutes: Sam Hittle