### POLK COUNTY

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

**Wednesday November 6, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Community Corrections Conference Room Hybrid/Virtual**

## 1. OPENING AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE

Jodi Merritt called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Those in Attendance:**

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| Annie Buse – Family Community Outreach |
| Jennifer Lief – Health Services |
| Jodi Merritt – Community Corrections |
| Kari Wilhite – Public Health |
| Mark Davis – PCBH |
| Sam Hittle – Community Corrections |
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**Attending on Video:**

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| Amanda Stephens – Health Services |
| Amber Mcclelland – DHS  Christina McCollum – PacificSource  Isaiah Haines – Monmouth Police |

Jill Dale – Regional Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention

Katie Clemo – DHS Child Welfare

**2. Minutes Approved for October 2024**

**MOTION: MARK DAVIS** **MOVED, JENNIFER LIEF SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2024.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Deflection Update**

Jodi updated the group regarding the Deflection Program. The Deflection team met recently and decided to hold off on any modifications to the program until they can gather enough data. The team will meet again in January to look at the data and decide if any modifications need to be made to the program. The Deflection team opened it up for social referrals from law enforcement. This is an opportunity for law enforcement while on a call, if they are not charging the individual, they can have a connection and engage the individual in treatment and services. So far there have been 5 referrals via citation from law enforcement. One of those referrals is eligible for the program and is currently pending contact. In addition, there has been 1 social referral from Dallas Police Department. Overall in Polk County, there’s been 22 drug enforcement misdemeanor citations, all of which have been for meth with the exception of 1, which has been for fentanyl.

Please continue educating staff about the Deflection program and using the social referrals. Majority of the citations that are being filed in court either have secondary charges, live out of Polk County, have a pending warrant or are currently on supervision. Jodi identified that her understanding is with the new deflection and recriminalization efforts, there have been about 3 or 4,000 warrants that have been cleared in the state of Oregon.

**4. Community Event Update**

Annie identified that FCO’s interns have been helping her with a variety of different substance use related prevention. The interns have created a parent survey that has been previously used at Central High School. This survey might be a good tool to use to survey our community to see if they have specific topics that they want to look at to help this group with ideas for the community event.

The group identified the timeframe of when we would like to see the event take place; September/October/November of 2025, depending on Tall Cop’s schedule and venue schedule. We would also like to see a two part training take place, one being held for professionals, potentially an all day event for this group. The other one being held for parents and youths, this could be a late afternoon/early evening due to school and sports. As far as venues, Western University, The Gate, the auditorium at the high school and the Academy building were identified as options for the event. We could look at The Gate for the parents and youths and then Western for the professionals. Also identifying what the capacity is for the venue and making sure that the Polk County community is the top priority for the event. In addition, we would like to have Tall Cop do the community assessment, to go out to local shops to find products.

Once we narrow down the time frames of the two sessions and the location we can answer additional questions related to the event; i.e., will there be food/drinks provided at the event. Jill identified that it would be beneficial if the group came up with a plan for what we are going to do as a result of his assessment.

Action Item: Annie – will check with Western University regarding the capacity, timeframe and if firearms are allowed for the law enforcement officers to attend the event.

Action Item: Annie – scheduling Tall Cop and narrowing down the time of the two sessions.

**5. Department Reports**

~ FCO – Annie Buse announced that the Fall City Resource Center is open to the public where there is a variety different partners, such as Public Health and adult Behavioral Health and other partners. In addition, Annie stated the FCO is beginning the adoptive family project for the holidays. Youths and families can register online if they need extra resources this holiday. Also, FCO is looking for people who want to volunteer time or who would also want to adopt a family. Mark and Jodi asked Annie how to schedule office space in the new Falls City building. Annie will connect Mark and Jodi with the contact person.

~ PCBH – Mark Davis provided the group with BHRN flyers, if your department would like flyers, please let him know. Mark stated that his department hired their last BHRN peer and are officially fully staffed.

~ Health Services – Amanda Stephens stated the peers are working with folks in the community, taking referrals and also mentioned the BHRN flyers to help get the word out in the community that they are here to help.

~ Public Health - Kari Wilhite identified that there are WIC services in the new Falls City building, also they will be doing an immunization clinic in the new building. In addition, they will have an immunization clinic just for migrant farm workers.

~ Health Services - Jennifer Lief identified that they’re still getting there schedule set up to respond to crisis in teams of two, which they have the ability to do during the day. But they are currently trying to get the afterhours up and running. They are waiting for the MOU between the Union and HR to be able to do this. Lastly, Jennifer shared that having clients and staff members that are in crisis, to call 988 for services. When folks call 988, that call is routed to Northwest Human Services, where a number of people that assist. At times, if no one is available to take the call, the call is then routed to the Portland office.

~ Monmouth Police Department – Isaiah Haines shared with the group that they are hiring and the department will continue to receive free Narcan for their officers. In addition, MPD is doing a leave behind program, which means that if officers respond to an OD call, they would leave behind Narcan at the residence. Chief Haines identified that last week MPD responded to two OD’s at separate places. Jennifer asked if situations like overdoses or when you leave behind Narcan, are these supposed to be referrals so crisis could follow up with the individual. Jodi stated that she doesn’t believe a pathway has been established.

Action Item: Jodi/Isaiah – look back at the Deflection meeting notes to see if a pathway was established to connect folks in the field to crisis.

Kari asked the group if a person from Fire/EMS has ever been involved in LADPC, because a person in that field would be a great addition to have in the meetings.

Action item: Kari will reach out to Frank at Polk County Fire.

~ DHS Child Welfare – Katie Clemo emailed the group a collaborative values inventory survey. There’s a QR code on the flyer to access the survey, it will be open until November 27th. The survey helps gather information on specific beliefs about serving families and SUDs who are also involved or at risk of being involved with child welfare. Please share this survey with your teams and departments.

~ PacificSource – Christina McCollum shared with the group that there is a documentary that is being filmed in Polk County, the title is No Room to Grow Old. It’s a documentary on older adults and aging and homelessness, coming in February 2025. In addition, there are 3 events in Salem starting next week that people are welcome to attend, Christina will send these events out to the group.

~ DHS – Amber McClelland no update at this time.

~ Regional Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention – Jill Dale asked Dr. Soto to present to her group of regional providers for the December meeting. This group meets the morning of the first Friday of each month. She would like him to give a new picture of what’s happening specifically in Polk County, for example, the new overdose rates, etc. Jill just finished putting together the Opioid summit last month with some great speakers and had about 100 medical and addiction providers come to this event. Lastly, Jill shared with the group that if anyone is interested in doing an overdose fatality reviews, there is a conference in February 2025 in Portland, free of change.

~ Polk County Community Corrections (Adult & Juvenile) – Jodi Merritt stated that there is not an update for the Juvenile Department. For Community Corrections, they have one officer graduating from the academy this Friday, then he will be back to the office next week to start supervising cases. In addition, Corrections has a new Office Specialist that started in the office this week. Lastly, Corrections received their first Drug Enforcement Misdemeanor case on Supervision.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Next LADPC meeting date is December 4, 2024

Minutes: Sam Hittle