### POLK COUNTY

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

**Wednesday December 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 1:03 p.m.

**Those in Attendance:**

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| Abby Warren – Family Community Outreach  Amanda Stephens – Health Services  Aaron Ferguson – Reconnections Counseling  Christine Felt – Reconnections Counseling  Frank Ehrmantraut, Polk County Fire District |
| Jill Dale – Regional Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention |
| Jodi Merritt – Community Corrections  Justine Lara Rodriguez – Reconnections Counseling |
| Mark Davis – PCBH |
| Sam Hittle – Community Corrections, LADPC Coordinator |
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**Attending on Video:**

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| Amber Mcclelland – DHS |
| Isaiah Haines – Monmouth Police |

Katie Clemo – DHS Child Welfare

**2. November minutes were not approved due to not having a quorum. November 2024 minutes will be on the February agenda for approval.**

**3. Deflection Update**

Jodi provided a Deflection update to the group. The Deflection team meets quarterly and will meet again in January. Since September, there has been 1 social referral and 5 law enforcement citation referrals, 4 of them were disqualified based off of the program disqualifications, 3 of the 4 live out of county and 1 was already on supervision with Polk County Community Corrections. The fifth referral did not respond after attempting to reach out. Jodi received statewide data, overall the state has received 282 Deflection referrals, which does not seem like a lot, however keep in mind that some programs are not operational yet. Of the 282 referrals, 42 are missing data, 188 were determined eligible, 166 enrolled, 20 did not complete, 2 have completed and 144 are still in the program. Polk County DA’s office has received a total of 35 citations for drug enforcement misdemeanors (DEM). 13 of those 35 are currently pending, 7 they declined to prosecute, they have completed 11 dispositions, 1 is still under review and 3 have issued probation agreements.

**4. Community Event Update**

Abby provided an update on the community event that the group is planning for next year. Annie scheduled the event for October 15th and 16th of 2025 with Tall Cop being the speaker. On the 15th the community scan will take place and then that evening (6:30 to 7:45 pm) will be a community presentation, this event will be held at The Gate in Independence. This event for the community will be free for folks to attend, Abby stated that the prevention program will be able to cover the fees associated with a meal. Abby added that they have been thinking about adding a community fair before the presentation starts. Possibly bringing in some partners in to provide some information to the community.

Day 2 of the event on the 16th, will be for professionals. This day will be at Western Oregon University, 8:30 to 11:30 am, then a lunch break and resuming at 12:30 and ending the day at 3:30 pm. Chief Haines with Monmouth PD is working with Annie on filling out the appropriate paperwork in securing the speaker for the event. The group briefly discussed different options on how to advertise the event and to start advertising as early as August of 2025. Lastly, the group would like to have the ability for the attendees to register for the professional event, with our community being top priority. This will help us have a head count and then open the registration up for professionals in other counties.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next LADPC meeting date is February 5, 2025

Minutes: Sam Hittle