

**POLK COUNTY  
POLK COUNTY LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL  
May 2, 2022 - 12:00 Noon  
Courthouse Conference Room**

**1. OPENING AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Sheriff Garton called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Those in attendance:**

Morgan Smith, Co. Counsel  
Mark Garton, Sheriff  
Jennifer Lief, HS Division Manager  
Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner  
Alison Kelley, Liberty House  
Bob Mason, City of Independence Interim City Manager  
Lee Warren, PO Supervisor  
Tim Park, Judge Protem  
James Parr, Lay Citizen  
Katie Martin, DHS  
Charles Luukinen, Ret. Judge/Lay Citizen  
Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director  
Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner  
Brian Latta, City of Dallas  
John Cummins, OYA  
Aaron Felton, DA  
Isaiah Haines, Chief of Police, Monmouth  
Katy Hupy, Specialty Court Coordinator  
Skip Miller, Chief of Police, Salem  
Noelle Carroll, Health Services Director  
Tom Simpson, Chief of Police, Dallas

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 7, 2022**

**MOTION: JEREMY GORDON MOVED, LYLE MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF February 7, 2022.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. PROGRAMS PRESENTATION:**

Jennifer Lief, Health Services Division Manager, went over a presentation that highlighted their programs for Crisis Response. Ms. Lief gave some background information on HB2417 and that it funds 988 calls. 988 is the new 911 for mental health crises and is a national roll out. She also talked about the funds that will be received from HB2417. The timeline for the Crisis Response Enhancement is in March/April they should have received rules, but they have not received anything yet. By June, CMHPs are supposed to submit their plans, timelines and, funding requests to enhance their services and teams in alignment with the requirements. The soft rollout of 988 is August 16, 2022 and by the end of December 2022, it should be up and fully running. Ms. Lief stated if we are ARPA compliant and our services align with best practices, we will qualify for the Medicaid Match, which is a goal for the entire State of Oregon. She then went on to discuss the other programs they are offering.

**4. JUNE MEETING TO DISCUSS SB 48:**

Sheriff Mark Garton recommends having a meeting in the month of June to discuss Senate Bill 48 further.

**5. MEMBERSHIP – DEFENSE ATTORNEY & CITY MAYOR:**

Someone stated that they needed to fill two different positions, Defense Attorney and City Mayor. They stated

that the presiding Judge needs to appoint the Defense Attorney, however, Judge Hill is not present. Mark Garton stated that he can speak with Judge Hill another time.

Mark Garton and Commissioner Mordhorst stated they think it would be beneficial to start having a specific topic each month to meet and discuss. Someone stated they think it would be great to have Jennifer Lief back in a year to give an update on everything they are currently working on.

## **6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**a) Community Corrections** – Cassy Polen is resigning and Jodi Merritt will be reassigning the LPSCC coordinator job that she has been doing.

**b) Court/Drug Court** – Judge Hill won't be available this month for warrants.

**c) Sheriff Office** – Currently down 2 FTE positions, but there are people in training right now

**d) District Attorney** – Matt Wilson is now a Chief Deputy Attorney and Alicia Eagen is stepping away from full time work. They are down 4 lawyers right now, which is 50% of their staffing.

**e) Board of Commissioners** – Commissioner Gordon thanked everyone who participated in last week's Homelessness Prevention meeting. Commissioner Mordhorst thanked Cassy for her years of service.

**f) Health and Human Services** – There has been a huge increase in Crisis Response and they have been extremely busy.

**g) Dallas Police** – Provided staffing updates.

**h) Monmouth Police** – Provided staffing updates.

**i) Independence Police** – There is a new class starting at the Academy and the director of the Academy has resigned and they currently have an interim Director.

**j) City Government** – Provided information about filling the City Mayor position that is open and stated that Kim Fitzgerald may be interested in it.

**k) OYA** – No updates.

**l) DHS** - No updates

**m) Victim Services** – Liberty House is doing well. They are still down 2 FTE positions. There are starting to do a deep needs assessment, demographic, so it meets everyone's needs.

**n) Sable House** - Provided some data and statistics going over their crisis calls and housing.

**o) Salem Police** – Provided staffing updates.

## **7. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm. The next LPSCC meeting date is June 9, 2022.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda  
Approve: June 9, 2022