### POLK COUNTY

**POLK COUNTY LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**November 7, 2022 - 12:00 Noon**

**Board of Commissioners Main Conference Room**

## OPENING AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

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

**Those in attendance:**

Mark Garten - Sheriff

Lyle Mordhorst - BOC

Greg Hanson – BOC

Tim Park – Judge

Norm Hill - Judge

Brian Latta - City of Dallas Manager

Noelle Carroll –Health Services Director

Kerry Hammersmith –Behavioral Health

Jodi Merritt – Community Corrections Director

Lee Warren – Community Corrections

Bob Mason - Police Chief

Uncha Kim – Courts Administrator

John Cummins - OYA

Matt Jarvis-Defense Counsel

Isiah Haines – Monmouth Police Department

Charles Luukinen – Judge

Sam Hittle – LPSCC Coordinator

Amber Mcclelland – DHS Program Manager

Alison Kelley – Liberty House

Attending on video:

Skip Miller Police Chief

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 1, 2022**

**MOTION:** **GREG HANSEN MOVED, BRIAN LATTA SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF August 1, 2022.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. Public Safety Levy:**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, stated that Polk County will be seeking reauthorization for the Public Safety Levy during the May 16, 2022 elections. Mr. Hansen provided some background information on the process and what the current rate is. Next he went over the amount that Polk County will most likely be asking for.

**4. Mosman Ruling Discussion:**

Judge Park stated that the Mosman Ruling affects those who are at the Oregon State Hospital on order from a court in regards to aid and assist to their criminal defense and then proceeded to give some background information on what this ruling means. Kerry Hammersmith stated that the goal of the Mosman Ruling was to get people in more rapidly so that they are in compliance with the Federal requirements and focuses on a timeframe based on legal charges rather than mental health recovery. Ms. Hammersmith stated that it is 90 days out, 6 months out, and 1 year out per Measure 11 and the concern is that people will be released before they have had time to stabilize their mental health. Sheriff Garton stated that currently in the Polk County Jail there are a dozen or so inmates who are higher needs and the jail is not set up to work as a hospital. He stated that he just wants people to know what is happening the how it will be effecting them and the county as a whole and that there is nothing they can do about it. Someone asked about the 90 day, 6 month, and 1 year triggers. Misdemeanors are 90 days, non-Measure 11 felonies are 6 months, and Measure 11’s are 1 year.

**5. Rapid Court Docket Overview:**

Judge Park stated that for the last 6 weeks Polk County has had a rapid docket and then he explained what a rapid docket is and what it was designed for. Judge Hill wanted to amplify what Judge Park spoke about and how the rapid docket gets all the players in place and allows the community to make a decision about whether or not, for that particular person’s conduct, whether they can meet the best community response for the criminal response. He also stated that he wanted to make sure people understood that we are not ignoring criminal behavior, they are doing it in a way that it doesn’t get lost in the system. Judge Park stated that he wants to give a lot of credit to the people on the tea, because they work so hard and deserve a lot of credit. Sheriff Garton asked how people are getting selected for the rapid docket. Judge Park stated that there are a couple different ways and provided some examples. Commissioner Mordhorst asked if the clock starts for the hospital stay when someone enters court, or if it is when they are admitted to the hospital. Judge Park stated that the hospital seems to think that it starts when they say it starts and that it is not very clear. Sheriff Garton stated he thought it would be a good idea to go around the room to hear from everyone and what is going on in their department with this.

**6. Department Reports:**

**Parole/Probation –** Jodi Merritt talked about when they are notified and what that looks like when someone is released into their care.

Isiah Haines stated that they are dealing with the same things that everyone in the room is dealing with but that they are working on hiring bodies and keeping people in seats.

Bob Mason stated that he wanted to make it clear that there is not a new homeless camp located inside of Independence. He stated that he received a call from someone’s PO asking him to go meet him at this homeless camp and he wanted to check it out. He stated that there are a few people staying inside one of their parks but it is not a homeless camp and he just wanted to put that out there. He stated that they have had an uptick of people moving to town who are not doing well with their behavioral health.

**Court/Drug Court –** Judge Hill stated that they are almost fully staffed and that feels really good. Rapid docket is up and running and they have made some changes to the pretrial release to reflect that they are holding the right people.

John Cummings said Mclaren is hiring like crazy and stated if you know anyone who is looking to work and work full time, their youth facility is hiring.

Matt Jarvis stated that Amy Bingum from their office is on the rapid docket response and they are in the process of rearranging her caseload. He stated that they are looking to hire one more attorney, but when they contracted with the state, they agreed to a case weight limit, which means most of their attorneys are quickly approaching that limit.

**Child Welfare –** Amber Mclelland stated that child welfare has some job openings, but not inside of Polk County. She stated that there is a need for resource homes, especially homes who are equipped to support youth who have a high level of needs. She is asking to please send them her way if you know of anyone.

**Liberty House –** Alison Kelley stated that they are holding steady. They have had a couple of part time medical providers retire, so they have a couple recruitments looking for a FT MD or DO and a FT Nurse Practioner/Physician’s Assistant. She stated that she has heard from a couple different people about a misconception about the age group that Liberty House serves, and wanted to make sure people know that they serve ages from birth/infants to age 18 in the clinic. If someone has a developmental disability, they have seen older than 18 up to the age of 23 in their clinic, even for forensic interviews. The Hope and Wellness program will see birth/infants through adulthood.

**Health and Human Services –** Noelle Carroll stated that for BH in particular, they have been losing staff at an increasing rate these days which is putting pressure on their programing, particularly outpatient at the same time the state is ready to fund that department to expand.

**City of Dallas –** Brian Latta stated the city and county are currently working together for homelessness and HB 2143. This year the City of Dallas implemented a Resource Officer into the schools and that is going well. On the law enforcement side, they are continuing to hire.

Judge Charles Luukinen – Spoke about measure 114 and the questions that he is getting asked about it. Sheriff Garton responded saying that there will be an increase in staffing needs and said that there is no funding being provided from the state for this.

**Salem Police –** Skip Miller stated that Salem is down 17 officers right now and by January they will be down by 24 officers. He stated that in Salem, they have 2 officers that are dedicated to the homeless outreach service teams.

**Board of Commissioners –** Commissioner Mordhorst stated that as a board, they were asking if we wanted to receive the releases from the hospital when they’re not enabled and if we do received, what we do with them. As of right now, they are really questioning, what happens if we don’t accept them. There are several counties right now, facing these same questions. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that he would like some input and Judge Hill responded. He stated that he presumes that there will be motions filed and the courts will ultimately be confronted with this and his expectation is that the DA’s office with the county are working on that.

**Sheriff Office –** Sheriff Garton stated that they are currently down 4 positions, but have had people graduate from the academy. He stated that their jail numbers have been right around 100.

**7. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 pm. The next LPSCC meeting date is February 6, 2023.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda

Approve: February 6, 2023