### POLK COUNTY

**POLK COUNTY LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**August 5, 2024 - 12:00 Noon**

**Board of Commissioners Main 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:**

Mark Garton – Sherriff

Lyle Mordhorst – Polk County Commissioner

Sam Hittle – LPSCC Coordinator

Treven Upkes – Salem PD

Jessica Fitts – Community Member

Alison Kelley – Liberty House

Jeremy Gordon – Polk County Commissioner

Robert Mason – Independence Police

Greg Hansen – Polk County Admin Officer

Aaron Felton – Polk County District Attorney

Noelle Carroll – Health Services

Amber Mcclelland – DHS

Rebecca Shaw – Court Operations Supervisor

**Attending on video:**

Isaiah Haines – Monmouth PD

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 6, 2024:**

**Motion: Commissioner Mordhorst moved to approve May 6 2024 meeting minutes, Treven Upkeys seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board.**

**3. Crisis Service Update**

Sheriff Garton stated that Jennifer’s update regarding the Crisis Service will be moved to the next LPSCC meeting on November 4, 2024.

**4. Deflection Program Update – Added Agenda Item**

Sheriff Garton went over what the plan/process looks like for Polk County regarding the Deflection Program, this is all contingent on the Board of Commissioner approving it after they get the Grant Documents from the CJC. Sheriff Garton also went over the guidelines in order for someone to qualify for deflection. Funding has been approved as of yesterday. Lastly, Sheriff Garton stated that the plan is to go live on September 1, 2024.

**5.** **JRI Progress Reports and Approval**

Greg Hansen stated that included in their packets are two progress reports, one involves mental health/behavioral health services in the jail and the other involves Liberty House. Mr. Hansen stated that these both require approval in order for Jodi Merritt to send off to the state. Alison Kelly stated that she wanted to bring to the attention of this council the complexity of the cases they are seeing at Liberty House and she explained what she meant by that.

**Motion: Aaron Felton moved to approve the JRI Progress Reports, Treven Upkeys seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board.**

**5. Department Reports:**

* Community Corrections – Sam Hittle: No updates at this time.
* Courts – Rebecca Shaw: No updates at this time.
* Sheriff’s Office – Mark Garton: Mark gave an update on staffing levels.
* District Attorney – Aaron Felton: DA Felton stated they were doing well in terms of staffing levels. He stated that several of his deputy DA’s recently had some training at a conference.
* Board of Commissioners – Commissioner Jeremy Gordon: Jeremy wanted to express his gratitude to the deflection taskforce for all their hard work and for working together. Commissioner Mordhorst agreed with Commissioner Gordon.
* Health Services – Noelle Carroll: Noelle stated that they are hoping to expand their walk in services for crisis at the academy building to be open on the weekends. She also said they are breaking ground on an addition to their building.
* Salem PD – Treven Upkes: Treven stated they are hiring 2-4 positions in August and potentially 10 positions in October. They are continuing with their gun violence reduction initiative because they are still seeing a lot of firearms coming in to play. He stated that to prepare for the election this fall, they are sending three people to the National Tactical Officer Association for some training in policing and crowd control. Commissioner Mordhorst asked about their funding and Officer Upkes answered his question. Sheriff Garton asked about their gun violence reduction initiative and to explain that more and Officer Upkes talked more about what that looks like.
* Monmouth PD – Isaiah Haines: Chief Haines stated they are currently down a Community Service Officer and he is hoping this is a position they will be hiring for soon.
* Independence PD – Robert Mason: Robert stated they established a Public Safety Fee that will start January 1, 2025 and he talked about who was going to be the new police chief starting the new year as well. He stated that National Night out is coming up and that FCO is going to be participating this year.
* Department of Human Services – Amber Mcclelland: No updates at this time.

**5. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm. The next LPSCC meeting date is Monday November 4, 2024

Minutes: Nicole Pineda

Approve: November 4, 2024