### POLK COUNTY

**POLK COUNTY LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**November 4, 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 12:02 p.m.

**Those in attendance:**

Mark Garton – Sheriff

Lyle Mordhorst – Polk County Commissioner

Sam Hittle – LPSCC Coordinator

Jeremy Gordon – Polk County Commissioner

Jessica Fitts – Community Member

David Shein – Dallas City Council

Robert Mason – Independence Police

Treven Upkes – Salem PD

Aaron Felton – Polk County District Attorney

Jodi Merritt – Community Corrections Director

Alison Kelley – Liberty House

Tom Simpson – Dallas PD

Juventino Banuelos – Independence PD

UnCha Kim – Courts Administrator

Rochelle Findler – Program Manager

Rebecca Shaw – Court Operations Supervisor

John Cummings – OYA

**Attending on video:**

Jennifer Lief – Behavioral Health

Noelle Carroll – Health Services

Rochelle Juarez – Acting Executive Director Sable House

Amber Mcclelland – DHS

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 5, 2024:**

**Motion: DAVID SHEIN moved to approve August 5 2024 meeting minutes, AARON FELTON seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board.**

**3. Crisis Service Update**

Jennifer Lief, went over a presentation on how to access crisis services in Polk County. She stated that their crisis services are called Mobile Crisis Intervention services (MCIS) and that it encompasses everything related to their mobile program. Next, she explained what the Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams (MCIT) and Mobile Response Stabilization Services (MRSS) are. The presentation went over the crisis continuum, Oregon Health Authority’s vision, options available for individuals in crisis by calling, texting or chatting online, what happens when you contact 988, mobile response and stabilization services, how community members and first responders access crisis services in Polk County, and what MCIT does and what MCIT doesn’t do. Ms. Kelley thanked Ms. Lief for her presentation and stated that she was curious down the line in 6-12 months to learn about utilization data and she went over the types of calls she is interested in knowing about. Ms. Lief responded to her statement.

**4. 2025 Meeting Dates**

Mark Garton noted that the meeting dates for next year are on the agenda.

**5. Department Reports:**

* Community Corrections – Jodi Merritt stated that there is one PO who will be graduating the academy and there are no other updates.
* Courts – UnCha Kim stated that the Courts have a lot of things going on with House Bill 2001 and 4002 and a number of other things, but that there isn’t much info to share at this time. She wanted to introduce their new Program Manager, Rochelle Findler.
* Sheriff’s Office – Mark Garton stated that they started their Woods Deputy position again and that it is funded through Timber Company Funds and the City of Falls City is paying for some of it. He also talked about how they are helping BH right now in terms of training for crisis teams when they go out in public to deal with people in maybe volatile situations.
* District Attorney – Aaron Felton gave a staffing update and said they have an opening for an Office Specialist and that their Office Manager retired last week. The new Office Manager started already and she was promoted from within. Lastly he talked about the trainings his staff has been going through.
* Board of Commissioners – No updates
* Health Services – Jennifer Lief spoke about the training crisis with the Sheriff’s Office. She also said she saw walls going up on the new building and she thought that was exciting. Next, she stated that she currently has one person over in Community Corrections who is providing Jail Diversion Case Management and she feels that has been going well. She talked about what that person’s role and responsibilities are with the individuals prior to release.
* Dallas PD – Tom Simpson stated that they are fully staffed. Next, he talked about their facilities project and how they are currently working through plans with architects to design a space for a new police station and he talked about what the next steps will be for the City. Tom stated that they are currently holding tours of their facility and there is a place on the website that you can sign up for that.
* Salem PD – Treven stated that they are in election season right now and that they are working with OSP, FBI coordinating, getting info, but as of right now, there are no credible threats. He stated that they are also hiring.
* Independence PD – Robert stated that Juventino Banuelos is the next Chief and he will be at the next meeting. He also wanted to thank Grand Ronde for hosting some active shooter training this past week and he heard good things about it. He said that they are hosting an instructor development course for the new MILO System that DPSST has acquired.
* Dallas City Council – David Shein talked about finalizing the design for the new police station within the next month or so. He also reiterated what Tom went over for the new police station and getting voters on board.
* Department of Human Services –No updates
* Sable House – Rochelle stated that they are currently hiring for two Advocate Case Managers positions and that their shelter is currently full.
* Liberty House – Alison stated that they are currently serving a lot of kids and that they are in a good position staffing wise. Next, she explained that they are a private nonprofit and explained what that meant. She stated that they have been formally recommended to the National Children’s Alliance (NCA) Board of Directors, and their board meets in January and that they can’t wait to get their stamp of approval on their organization. She wanted everyone to know how thankful they are for all of their partnerships and that they’re all in it for the kids.

**5. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 pm. The next LPSCC meeting date is Monday February 3, 2025

Minutes: Nicole Pineda

Approve: February 3, 2025