### POLK COUNTY

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

**April 2, 2025- 1:00 p.m.**

**Courthouse Conference Room Hybrid/Virtual**

## 1. OPENING AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE

Jodi Merritt called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Those in Attendance:**

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| Abby Warren – Family Community Outreach  Amanda Stephens – Health Services |
| Annie Buse – Family Community Outreach  Christine Felt – Reconnections Counseling |
| Frank Ehrmantraut – Polk County Fire District  Janette Marsh – Reconnections Counseling |
| Jodi Merritt – Community Corrections |
| Kari Wilhite – Public Health |
| Sam Hittle – Community Corrections, LADPC Coordinator |
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**Attending on Video:**

Amber Mcclelland – DHS

Christina McCollum – PacificSource

Isaiah Haines – Monmouth Police

Jill Dale – Regional Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention

Mark Davis – PCBH

**2. Minutes Approved for NOVEMBER 2024, DECEMBER 2024, FEBRUARY 2025 and MARCH 2025.**

**MOTION:** **AMANDA STEPHENS** **MOVED, ABBY WARREN SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2024, DECEMBER 2024, FEBRUARY 2025 and MARCH 2025.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. ATTENDANCE**

Discussion regarding membership and the LADPC bylaws.

**MOTION: KARI WILHITE MOVED, AMANDA STEPHENS SECONDED, TO APPROVE REMOVAL OF RYAN POLLARD AND ELIJAH CALVILLO FROM THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE LADPC MEMBERSHIP.**

Jodi will meet with the Board of Commissioners and recommend that Ryan and Elijah be terminated from Member-at-Large LADPC membership.

**4. DEFLECTION UPDATE**

Jodi has reached out to Frank Ehrmantraut at Polk County Fire regarding setting up a meeting to identify a pathway for Deflection clients. Jodi added that she would like Amanda Stephens from BHRN to also be included in this meeting. Lastly, Jodi identified that Deflection has had 13 referrals and 2 clients have completed.

Jodi will send out the latest Deflection report to the LADPC team.

**5. BHRN UPDATE**

Amanda Stephens provided an update for the Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN). BHRN is a network of providers in the community. Currently the network is Polk County Behavioral Health and Youth Era. The BHRN peer supports provide services for folks under the age of 21 with drug and alcohol use, it does not have to be a diagnosis. Also, they provide screenings, assessments, low barrier, STD treatment, housing and harm reduction within Polk County. For any youths that need peer support, a referral is sent to Youth Era to assist.

BHRN has Narcan they can distribute to people and they do not have to be enrolled in BHRN services. In addition, they have a wide variety of other resources to help folks with harm reduction at no charge. Clients can call the Academy building and ask to talk to a peer, the peer can then do a screening over the phone or they can meet them in person.

**6. COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATE**

Annie provided the group and update regarding the Community Event that is scheduled for October 15th and 16th of 2025 with Tall Cop. The event committee met on March 11th, 2025 and discussed the professional’s day and who we thought would take priority for attending the event. The committee also discussed the event space and the amount of attendees and have narrowed it down to the Pacific room at WOU. A save the date will be created for the event with an early bird registration for Polk County to register by September 1 and then open up the registration to outside counties. The next event committee meeting is scheduled for April 7th, 2025.

Kari asked if there will be recommendations given and next steps after Jermaine presents. Annie stated that a lot of times Jermaine will provide what to expect in the coming months. In addition, the LADPC group has talked in the past about continuing education and other opportunities after the event.

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

~ Department of Community Corrections (Adult & Juvenile) – Jodi Merritt announced that the upcoming OJDDA Annual Juvenile Conference save the date is ready to share. Registration will open mid-May. Please share with all of community partners and juvenile involved professionals. For Community Corrections, Jodi provided a staffing update.

~ FCO – Abby Warren shared with the group that Fam Jam is taking place on April 26th from 10am – 2pm at Polk County Fairgrounds. Open to any families with children under 5 years old and also for expecting parents. Family fun even with a variety of vendors and booths. Abby will send out a flyer for the event.

~ Health & Human Services – Kari Wilhite provided a staffing update. Amanda Stephens stated that the same day access is still closed, but are hopeful to re-open the access in May. Lastly, Amanda stated that MDT is having their spring training on May 2, 2025.

~ Monmouth Police Department – Isaiah Haines provided a staffing update. Also Isaiah stated that they sent a couple of officers to ride training which is advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement training and then a few more officers are going to the DUII Conference this week.

~ Department of Human Services – Amber McClelland provided a staffing update. Also Amber stated that they are changing their A&D outreach worker and Iron Tribe is going to be their new contract and will be going out with their CPS workers and meeting with families.

~ Regional Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention – Jill Dale shared with the group that on April 4th at 7:00am, Dr. Jill Pearson will be speaking. Dr. Pearson worked at Salem Health for many years in the NICU. She is now going to be working for Marion County and is a pediatrician and is an expert on newborns and kids. This presentation will be beneficial for folks who work with moms and pregnant people and want to know more about when parents use drugs and alcohol.

Lastly, Jill also stated that she sent out a save the date for the Pain Summit that is scheduled for October 14th, 2025.

~ PacificSource – Christina McCollum shared that they had their third SUD Forum for Polk and Marion County SUD Providers. They are just starting out and are trying to build some priority areas. First priority area that they identified is transportation for members.

~ Polk County Fire District – Frank Ehrmantraut stated that they have seen a significant increase in overdoses. It is taking quite a bit more measures to take care of folks, Naloxone is not working, and they are having to intubate them and are taken to ICU. Frank said that they have seen 4 or 5 overdoses in this area in the last month.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Next LADPC meeting date is May 7, 2025

Minutes: Sam Hittle