### POLK COUNTY

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

**June 4, 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  Janette Marsh – Reconnections Counseling  Jenn Huntsman – DHS Child Welfare |
| Jill Dale – Regional Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention |
| Jodi Merritt – Community Corrections |
| Kari Wilhite – Public Health |
| Sam Hittle – Community Corrections, LADPC Coordinator |
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**Attending on Video:**

Christina McCollum – PacificSource

Mark Davis – PCBH

**2. Minutes Approved for APRIL 2025.**

**MOTION:** **AMANDA STEPHENS MOVED, KARI WILHITE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 2025.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Deflection Update**

The Deflection team met last week for their quarterly meeting where they identified the criteria for the completion for the social referrals. In addition, they discussed a DA decline pathway that they previously identified; Jodi and the DA will follow up to ensure the referrals are sent to Deflection. CJC has approved the grant extension through 9/30/2025. Frank Ehrmantraut from Polk County Fire District 1 will be ordering equipment for nasal Narcan administration and an airway management device to help with trainings. In addition, IDP and Amanda Stephens are working together to create a Deflection video to help answer questions regarding the pathway to BHRN. Lastly, the team decided to implement a way for the Deflection team to have a second look at cases. The DA will look at the PC statement and determine if the crime / individual should have a second look. If it is determined yes, send to the Deflection team to contact the client. If the team is unable to get ahold of the individual, send it back to the DA’s office to continue their process. The group also agreed to offer the individuals with pending labs to go through the Deflection program.

Jodi shared the Deflection power point with the group and identified the programs timeline and statistics. The Deflection program was implemented on September 1, 2024, since then Polk County has had 14 referrals. Jodi stated that the pathway to Fire/EMS and BHRN Social referrals are pending as they work through some barriers. Jodi met with the Behavioral Heath Coordinator from Grand Ronde who is now the Deflection coordinator for the tribe.

Lastly, Jodi briefly went over the HB 3069. CJC is amending their criteria for all grant funding. 85% of State allocated funding will be available by formula for 2025-2027 biennium, there would also be a requirement to identify the number of folks the grant would serve and explain how we came up with that number. In 2027-2029, the grant will provide 25% of Deflection funds and the remaining will be competitive funds by formula. In addition, CJC will be requiring a public safety plan that describes each county’s approach to, and defining goals for, reducing individuals’ involvement with the criminal justice system.

**3. Prevention Programming & Tall Cop Update**

Annie shared with the group that her department received Opioid Settlement funds. Annie met with several folks in the community (schools, local chambers, Fire/EMS, faith community, etc.) and had conversations around opioids to see what the community needs. The common theme was that folks wanted to know what resources are available. In addition, education was also discussed in Annie’s conversations, for example, what are opioids, what is Narcan, what if opioids gets into someone’s system, etc. Annie also identified that being in a small community; many folks know each other and tend to go outside of Polk County to find the resources to avoid being stigmatized. Annie stated that she was not aware of those gaps or the need to be able to continue to provide opportunities like Tall Cop and other resources. Lastly, Annie stated that having those conversations that will drive her opioid funding and it would look like collaborating with members of LADPC and others in the community.

Annie updated the group regarding the Tall Cop event that is in October 2025. She verified that the continuing education credits are available for professionals. Registration is now open; please share the flyer with your partners. Jill asked about a CME credit for medical professionals. Annie and Abby will look into that and let the group know. As Annie was having the opioid conversation with the local librarian, they chatted about what it looks like after the Tall Cop event to continue the education in the community.

**Action Item:** Annie and Abby look into the CME for medical professionals.

**3. Department Reports**

~ Regional Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention – Jill Dale, no update at this time.

~ DHS Child Welfare – Jenn Huntsman stated that Tuesday June 10, 2025, Church at the Park in Monmouth is having their ribbon-cutting event from 3-5pm. RSVP online.

~ Health Services – Amanda Stephens shared that the same day access for mental health is now open. She also stated that she has taken over Complex Care.

~ Health & Human Services – Kari Wilhite, no update at this time.

~ PCBH – Mark Davis, no update at this time.

~ FCO – Abby Warren, no update at this time.

~ Reconnections Counseling – Christine Felt, no update at this time.

~ Department of Community Corrections (Adult & Juvenile) – Jodi Merritt stated that she has not spoken BOC about the two LADPC members; however, she will chat with them soon. Sam Hittle shared with the group that registration is open for the 2025 OJDDA Conference. Sam shared the registration information with the group; please share it with your partners.

**Action Item:** Jodi to meet with BOC regarding the LADPC membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next LADPC meeting date is August 6, 2025 (July was cancelled due to the Holiday week).

Minutes: Sam Hittle