

P.A.T.H.S Meeting
March 13, 2024
12:00-2:00pm Polk Resource Center
1407 Monmouth Independence Hwy, Monmouth

Voting Members		
Michael Cherry, Tribal Council-Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Absent	Brian Latta, City Manager-Dallas Present	Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner- Polk County Present
Amy Houghtaling, City Council, Falls City Absent	Rebecca Salinas-Oliveros, City Council, Monmouth Absent	Sarah Frost, Interim City Manager- Willamina Absent Mardette Cook, Code Enforcement, Willamina Present
Kenna West, City Manager-Independence Absent Kathy Martin-Willis, Independence Present	Ashley Hamilton, Chief Program Officer-Mid-Willamette Community Action Agency Present	Christy Wurster, City Manager - Monmouth Present Bridget Meneley, City Manager - Willamina Absent
Staff Support		
Brent DeMoe, Director-Polk County Family & Community Outreach Department Present	Stephanie Gilbert, Program Manager- Polk County Family & Community Outreach Department Present	Marianne Bradshaw, Consultant Present Grace Akin, Resource Connector- Polk County FCO Present
Ryan Pollard, Homeless Prevention and Outreach Community Coordinator - Polk County FCO Present	Elaine Lozier, Homeless Alliance Absent Jan Calvin, Homeless Alliance Absent	Jessica Blakely, Salem Housing Authority Absent Kristin Kuenz-Barber, Northwest Human Services Present

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions Commissioner Gordon
- Public Comment (if any) Commissioner Gordon
 - Discussion around providing snacks and drinks for all attendees - not just for voting members. PATHS group will be updated by Ryan Pollard soon for a conclusive answer.
- Organization Updates All
 - Church at the Park - Proposal for Homeless Shelter has been published. Full Report going to Homeless Alliance. Hosted 2 Informational Webinars that were completed and had good community attendance.
 - Catholic Community Services - Compass Points - Ran into wetlands barrier for affordable housing development in West Salem, project on hold. Looking for other opportunities for affordable housing development now.
 - Northwest Human Services - Launched Street Outreach team and has a new van. Hosted the first ever vision clinic at the Polk Community Resource Center and helped 25 people.
 - City of Monmouth - Received \$1.2 million for infrastructure on Riddle Rd.
 - City of Dallas - Received over \$1 million to complete a sewer project. Also received \$750,000 for Polk Community Development Corporation Mill Station project.
 - Community Action Agency - David's House opening soon and will host an open house on March 27th. A vigil will be held to honor David's memory, details to come later. Polk County FCO will help provide funds for food/refreshments during David's House open house. Rapid Rehousing update: Polk County Rapid Rehousing team has helped house

44 households. The HOME Youth Services Rapid Rehousing team has housed 4 unaccompanied youth/young adults from Polk County in the last 60 days.

- City of Independence - Removed city requirement for water deposits. A homeless gentleman, Red, recently passed away.
- City of Willamina - Renovation for a large pond that is eroding, looking to have \$1.7 million going towards the project.
- Commissioner Gordon - In partnership with Polk County FCO, there's been 4 City Council presentations on the 5 Year Strategic Plan to Prevent and Address Homelessness that have been completed. Presentations have gone well and they have another presentation coming up on March 21st at 1:30pm for the Confederate Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Council.

- EO Updates Commissioner Gordon
 - Plans for Polk County Rapid Rehousing clients to rapidly move to section 8 housing vouchers for long-term rental assistance. More information to come as Polk County FCO will be working with West Valley Housing Authority.

- For all of the Rapid Rehousing Programs, Marion and Polk Counties, a total of 99 households are enrolled into the program or are housed.

- Homeless Prevention & Outreach Data Ryan Pollard

- Successes - Increased data collection, many client success stories of moving towards positive direction/housing, and great collaboration amongst community partners including City Police and Code Enforcement.
- Barriers - Improve data collection around barriers to someone getting housed/getting into shelter. Improve how data is shown to the community outside of an excel spreadsheet. Improve and provide accurate and clear information on what Literal Homeless and Imminent Risk of Homelessness means in accordance with how data is collected (ex: couch surfing but literal homeless needs to be clarified). Improve tracking data for seniors.

- Sub-Committee Update Ryan Pollard

- Rural Polk Outreach Team - Map tracking system in process of being established for everyone doing street outreach in Rural Polk County. Increasing street outreach to more rural areas such as Willamina, Falls City, and the Confederate Tribes of Grand Ronde will be a goal.

- Polk Homeless Services Meeting - Bi-Monthly meeting happening during months when PATHS does not meet. First meeting in February went well.

- Adjourn

Next Meeting May 8th, 2024