

P.A.T.H.S Meeting
May 8th, 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 Lisa Leno, 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 Present	Rebecca Salinas-Oliveros, City Council, Monmouth Absent	Sarah Frost, Interim City Manager- Willamina Absent Mardette Cook, Code Enforcement, Willamina Absent
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 Present
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 Jan Calvin, Homeless Alliance Absent
Ryan Pollard, Homeless Prevention and Outreach Community Coordinator - Polk County FCO Present	Grace Akin, Resource Connector- Polk County FCO Present Elaine Lozier, Homeless Alliance Absent	Jessica Blakely, Salem Housing Authority Absent Kristin Kuenz-Barber, Northwest Human Services Absent

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions Commissioner Gordon
- Public Comment (if any) Commissioner Gordon
- Approval of minutes Voting Members
 - January Meeting Minutes approved
- Chair, Vice Chair, and Voting members Commissioner Gordon
 - Kenna West no longer Vice Chair - Representation for PATHS group is now Kathy Martin-Willis for City of Independence.
 - Motion to approve Amy Houghtaling as new Vice Chair by group, Commissioner Jeremy Gordon approved (first), Kathy Martin-Willis approved (second).
- Voting member updates Voting Members
 - Commissioner Jeremy Gordon - Crisis team to come on-line soon.
 - Polk County Family & Community Outreach - New website in progress for the Polk Community Resource Center. Provided Data on homelessness in Rural Polk County (see pc-paths.com for PDF).
 - Community Action Agency - Rapid Rehousing for Polk County, over 52 households housed. David's House is good to go for youth as soon as DHS licensing gets finished. Already has enough youth in Coordinated Entry to fill the house and reach capacity.
 - City of Dallas - Sewer project in route after receiving funding, running through 240 acres around the DMV to open up land. The City of Dallas Planning Commission met to discuss

- Carson Commons and the opening date is still set for 2025.
- City of Independence - Budgeting improvements for City Council underway.
 - City of Monmouth - Applied for a AARP Grant to help improve downtown areas and access sites. Christy Wurster's last day is June 12th.
 - City of Falls City - New resource center being established. Still has a few things needed before becoming operational. Goal is to open late Summer of this year. Happy Dance is May 18th from 4-7pm.
 - City of Willamina - Willamina night out will be happening August 6th. Kona Ice and other vendors will be there.
- PATHS meeting times Commissioner Gordon
 - Keeping meetings quarterly
 - With months between meetings, the PATHS group would like updates periodically. A newsletter was recommended by the group for Ryan Pollard to create and send out.
 - Sub-Committee Update Ryan Pollard
 - "Sub-Committee" name to regular meetings
 - Homeless Alliance funding Commissioner Gordon
 - The Homeless Alliance received funding and will start to hire staff to develop a Coordinated Entry team.
 - New Emergency Order funding to be coming in 2025.
 - Organization Updates All
 - Church @ The Park - Creating an advisory board to help with discussions around Polk County shelters for Monmouth & Dallas. Monmouth Landlord signed a lease with C@TP for 14 rooms and offices - housing 14 individuals. Project is still underway.
 - Catholic Community Services - Next Tuesday, Legislators to tour Hill Crest place for possible housing opportunities.
 - Adjourn

Next Meeting to be determined