

## Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2020

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 317 Board met via Tele-Conference

- Present:** Jeff Griffith, Chair, Dr. Tom Davis, Deborah Dreifort, Dr. Steven Evans, Dr. James Gaskell, Dr. Joe Gay, Paul Grimes, Greg Polzer, Roger Stivison, and Jaqueline Stobbs
- Absent:** Tonya Bowden, Candy Kemmerer, and Heidi McIntire
- Guests:** Betsy Anderson, WFR/SG, Kelly Cooke, MSP, Chelsea Hackney, JWCRH, Ellen Martin, HRS, Sherry Shamblin, HHC, and Richard Wittberg
- Staff:** Earl Cecil, Amanda Conrath, Svea Maxwell, Beth Mohammed, Kim O'Rourke, Diane Pfaff, and Sherri Tyree

Mr. Griffith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**I. Adoption of Agenda**

**21:07:01**

Mr. Grimes moved to approve the agenda; Dr. Gay seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**21:07:02**

Dr. Gaskell moved to approve the June 22, 2020 board meeting minutes; Ms. Stobbs seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**III. Public Comment – None**

**IV. Agency Updates**

**1. Sherry Shamblin, Hopewell Health Centers**

Ms. Shamblin reported they were working with the schools in the event they open in the fall. She updated the members on their construction project in McArthur to move the behavioral health clinic to the primary care site and that HHC has bought an old school property in The Plans to be remodeled by 2022 to consolidate their children programs. Ms. Shamblin also reported the Adam-Amanda House is full with a waiting list and Our House is taking residents.

**Richard Wittberg**

Mr. Wittberg said he is working with Hopewell Health Centers in Washington County on strategic planning with the recovery community. He said he would like to assist agencies become a 501(c)(3).

**2. Ellen Martin, Health Recovery Services**

Ms. Martin reported relapses and overdoses are rising but no deaths have been reported. She also announced July is NAMI designated Minority Mental Health Month. Ms. Martin thanked Dr. Gaskell for his help with a staff member that tested positive at a residential facility and said there is no evidence of anyone else being infected.

**3. Kelly Cooke, My Sister's Place**

Ms. Cooke said they are focusing on keeping their shelter numbers down and they are renting two- and three-bedroom apartments with several people in each of them. She also said there are currently two people in the shelter. Ms. Cooke said they have wanted to have a transitional program for a long time.

**4. Chelsea Hackney, John W. Clem Recovery House**

Ms. Hackney said they have a few beds open and will be checking their waiting list for residents and said the current residents are adapting well with masks and meetings outside are going well. She also discussed their virtual fundraiser.

**5. Betsy Anderson, Women for Recovery/Serenity Grove**

Ms. Anderson they are at capacity and the waiting list includes mostly people coming out of the prison system. Ms. Anderson said a peer support specialist's brother tested positive and she is quarantining while a resident cancelled her pass to see her children for their safety. She also said they are having outside meetings.

**V.**

**Staff Updates**

**1. Diane Pfaff, Deputy Director**

Ms. Pfaff said the Recovery is Beautiful masks were well received. She also said the Board Annual Report is in the board packet. Ms. Pfaff reported an application process by the Ohio Controlling Board is funding \$22.5 million dollars through Cures funding directly to Medicaid providers.

**2. Amanda Conrath, Fiscal Manager**

Ms. Conrath discussed tracking of COVID-19 expenses for possible reimbursement by the county. She said the expenses total approximately \$200,000 and were partially funded by the Ohio Heritage Foundation. She said she could provide details in the financials.

**VI.**

**Committee Reports**

**21:07:03**

**1. Ad Hoc Personnel Committee**

Mr. Griffith reported the committee had met via Zoom and recommends hiring Diane Pfaff, Deputy Director, as Executive Director beginning October 1, 2020. Dr. Davis moved to approve the nomination; Dr. Gay seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**VII.**

**Old Business**

**1. Board Member Terms**

Mr. Cecil reported on openings in Athens and Hocking Counties and one Athens County appointment who has not yet taken the oath of office.

**2. Executive Committee Appointments**

Mr. Griffith said he has appointed Ms. Stobbs and Dr. Evans to serve on the Executive Committee with Ms. Kemmerer, Mr. Polzer and himself.

**3. Budget Update**

Mr. Cecil stated that the Board's SFY 2021 allocations from the state were funded at the same levels as last year, except for a small increase in one allocation. Flat funding was the assumption used in preparing the budget that was approved in June.

**4. SFY 2021/2022 Community Plan**

1. Ms. Tyree reviewed the results of the Community Plan survey sent to stakeholders.

2. Ms. Pfaff said the Community Plan would be aligning with the Health Department in the future and will be more statistical. She shared local priorities on screen and briefly reviewed the priorities. Mr. Grimes asked if there is another Adam-Amanda House being planned, Ms. Pfaff said she is not aware of any plans. She also said the Community Plan would be brought to the Board in September for approval.

**VIII.**

**New Business**

**1. Additional Appropriation**

**21:07:04**

**Resolution 21-07-01**

Mr. Cecil explained Resolution 21-07-01 Additional Appropriation to increase the General Fund appropriation for Transfers Out by \$130,000. Mr. Grimes moved to approve Resolution 21-07-01; Ms. Dreifort seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**2. Fund Transfer**

**21:07:05**

**Resolution 21-07-02**

Mr. Cecil explained Resolution 21-07-02 Fund Transfer to transfer \$130,000 from the General Fund to the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation fund. Dr. Gaskell moved to approve Resolution 21-07-02; Dr. Gay seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**IX.**

**Adjournment**

**21:07:06**

Mr. Grimes moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Stobbs seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Earl L. Cecil  
Executive Director

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Jeffrey R. Griffith  
Chair