



Staff Updates: November 2023

Training/Staff Development

- Board staff are learning more about Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) through a series of trainings offered by our Association (OACBHA). Sherri and Diane have been appointed to the state CCBHC advisory board and attend monthly meetings. David Schenkelberg, Hopewell Health Centers also sits on the advisory board. OhioMHAS has a federal grant to develop standards for Ohio. Hopewell Health Centers also has a direct CCBHC grant.
- In September, Diane attended a two-day retreat for Board directors that was facilitated by our Association—OACBHA. The retreat provided training for new directors and time with Director Criss.
- Marissa and Svea attended the National LOSS Team Conference in Columbus with local LOSS Team members.
- Kim C. attended the following training opportunities: Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Center's webinars *Compassion Fatigue and Burnout for Rural Providers* and *Leveraging the Capacities of Peers in Rural Substance Use Services*, *Practicing Harm Reduction for Justice Involved Clients*, Treatment Advocacy Center's *Ohio AOT Monitors Meeting*, and *Partnering with Hospitals in AOT*.

Grant Management and Planning

- Planning and contract development are underway for our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) crisis grant focused on improving crisis services in the Board area.
- Staff are working with providers to close out SOS 3.0 and update project plans for SOS 3.2.
- We continue to do fine-tuning of our new contract management process through Smartsheet. The new dashboard and processes will increase efficiency over the long-run. This is a snapshot of our tracking dashboard.

Contract management portal



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Collaboration and Relationship Building

- Marissa and Svea attended the Logan-Hocking School District School Health Clinic construction update meeting and site visit with other project partners on September 11th.
- Kim C. attended Vinton and Hocking Co. Domestic Violence task force meetings.
- Diane attended Athens, Hocking and Vinton county Family and Children First Council meetings. The Board is a mandated member of the Councils and these meetings coordinate care for families with children with complex needs.
- The eight Boards that are assigned to Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare (ABH) were called to OhioMHAS for a meeting to discuss the access issues related to state hospital care. The Jefferson and Belmont-Harrison-Monroe Boards will now be assigned to the

Heartland hospital in Stark County in an effort to improve access. The eight “AppCare” boards also held their quarterly networking meeting in October.

- Marissa and Diane attended the Youth Mental Health Summit on Suicide Prevention at the Chieftain Center in October. This was an excellent opportunity to network with school staff and learn about new resources.
- Marissa and Diane attended Judge Moses’ Drug Court program graduation at the Hocking Hills Lodge. Twelve people completed the program. The stories of recovery and healing were very powerful.
- Kim C. attended Judge Payne’s Vinton Co. Drug Court program graduation commencement.
- Another round of COVID-19 testing kits have been distributed to agencies.
- Staff attended Gathering Place’s Community Recovery Event held 9/26/2023.
- Kim C. met with the Athens Sherrif Office to discuss community crisis response.
- Kim C. and Sherri met with representatives from Ohio University to advocate for additional mental health coverage for insured OU student community members.
- Staff met with Linda Sistrunk, social worker with Marietta Memorial Hospital to discuss collaboration in light of the new emergency department that will open in Athens.
- Kim C. continues to represent the Board at quarterly Vinton Co. Overdose Fatality Review Board meetings; the most recent was held 11/1/23.
- Kim C. attended the Ohio University Counselor Education Advisory board meeting held 11/7/2023.
- Marissa and Kim C. attended Athens Hope’s First Responder Panel discussion 11/15/23.

Capital Investments and Infrastructure

- Staff have been working closely with the OMHAS Capital Office and local providers to finalize two capital applications, one in Hocking County and one in Athens County.

Care Coordination

- Kim C. continues to work closely with Community mental health providers Adam & Amanda Respite house and Appalachian Behavioral Health staff to assist in care coordination and discharge needs. Kim provides guardianship navigation and group home placement assistance.
- Kim C. met with representatives from My Sisters Place to discuss a client’s rights / grievance concern.

Operations

- Staff continue to review stored records and dispose of records in accordance with the records retention schedule. Cleaning out obsolete furniture, equipment and supplies is a priority as we prepare for the office renovation project.