

317 Board
Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board

Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2024

Meeting Was Held In-Person and Virtual

Present: Tonya Bowden, Chair, JoAnna Carter, Jayne Darling, Ralph Evans, Dr. Joe Gay, Dr. Ron Luce, Tamara Norway, Patricia Robinette, Anne Rubin, Robert Salizzoni, Shei Sanchez, and Jacqueline Stobbs

Absent: Heather Batin, Dr. Tom Davis, Maeve Gallagher, Rhea Hopstetter, and Robert Orth

Guests: No in-person guests

Virtual: Betsy Anderson, SG, Kim Dement, ISBH, Kelly Madewell, MSP, Dr. Sherri Shamblin and Nick Walters, HHC/988

Staff: Amanda Conrath, Kim Crum, Svea Maxwell, Marissa McDaid, Beth Mohammed, Diane Pfaff, Abby Powell, Intern, and Kim Robinson

Ms. Bowden called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and introduced new board member Robert Salizzoni.

I. Adoption of Agenda

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Dr. Gay moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Darling seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Approval of Minutes

24:03:55

Dr. Luce moved to approve the February 26, 2024 board meeting minutes; Ms. Rubin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Agency Updates

1. Dr. Sherry Shamblin and Nick Walters, Hopewell Health Centers

Dr. Shamblin introduced Mr. Walters who provided an update on 988 data from 2023, referencing the state report and local data provided in the board member packets.

2. Kelly Madewell, My Sister's Place

Ms. Madewell provided an update on the Hocking County domestic violence task force meetings that are held monthly with an attendance of 30 members. The meetings included the Hocking County Sheriff and Commissioner Ogle and discussion on resources for victims and the group is developing plans on how to address domestic violence.



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Ms. Madewell also reported that they have received a \$30,000 grant from the Domestic Violence Network to support and improve their work with human trafficking victims.

3. **Kim Dement, Integrated Services for Behavioral Health**

Ms. Dement reported they have hired Alex Bishara as their new Chief Operating Officer. She also reported that they have served 3213 distinct clients from AHV counties in 2023; she also shared diagnosis served data on screen.

4. **Betsy Anderson, Serenity Grove**

Ms. Anderson reported the house is full with a waiting list, and they have a double amputee in residence who they are able to serve thanks to the renovation that includes ADA accessibility. This resident is Serenity Grove's 57th resident. She also reported that Sister's Health Foundation is facilitating peer learning among recovery houses. They will be meeting first at Serenity Grove.

V.

Staff Updates

1. **Amanda Conrath, Fiscal Manager**

Ms. Conrath announced that the annual audit begins onsite Tuesday. She also explained that the Fraud Risk Assessment the members received by email is required by the state auditor's office; if assessments are not received by all board members the audit will have a continuation and the board will have additional costs. Ms. Conrath offered a paper copy for those who would prefer this method. Ms. Conrath also reported that the Board has applied for \$130,000 in new state funding for recovery houses. She also provided an update on SOS 3.2 funding to date and distributed a paper report on the spending.

2. **Kim Crum, Community Services Coordinator**

Ms. Crum reported on two new funding opportunities offered by OhioMHAS. The Board has been awarded \$37,000 for the Landlord Incentive program, the approval for the Landlord Mitigation funding has not been received.

3. **Marissa McDaid, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist**

Ms. McDaid reported the LocalHelpNow app is being upgraded and should be completed in late May or early June.

4. **Diane Pfaff, Executive Director**

Ms. Pfaff reported on the following:

- County levies-Ms. Pfaff reported the March 19th primary election included two new behavioral health levies in Lucas and Cuyahoga counties. Lucas County levy passed with 52.5% of votes, Cuyahoga County passed with 71% of votes, Athens Seniors Citizens had a new levy which passed with 59% of votes, and Alexander Local Schools had a 1% income tax renewal levy that failed with 55% of votes against the levy.
- Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment (IDAT) court funding is required by ORC for OVI traffic cases. Judge Griffith from Vinton County reported they have a surplus of funds of \$109,000 and is requesting to utilize the funds for criminal cases for substance use disorders costs and treatment. Ms. Bowden suggested that the funding could also be used for mental health guardianship programs for required

classes and court costs. Board members expressed agreement that there is a surplus that can be used for other SUD related needs.

- Staff and ten people from the OMHAS visited two potential sites for group homes owned by Brian Casey, Alternative Living Solutions. One is a former nursing home in Vinton County and the other is the former Arcadia Acres Nursing Home in Hocking County. Capital funding could potentially be used to develop these sites.
- The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services offered an invitation-only opportunity to submit a funding application for \$125,000 for mobile crisis services. The application is due on April 8th and funding will continue through September 2026.

VI.

Contracts and Construction Reports

Construction

1. Ms. Maxwell reported on the following:

- Replacement windows are delayed at least two weeks. Phase 3 includes finishing the floor installation which should be this week, finishing trim work, and other touch-ups. Roof update included shingles being replaced early March, fascia and other repairs will be completed based on weather conditions. Also, no significant roof problems were identified in the process.

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- Furnishings should be delivered mid-May. The final cost for the furnishings including finishes, delivery and set-up is \$44,689.94. This did not include staff desk chairs as they could not be bundled since the staff chairs include wheels that are compatible with the new flooring. The price for the chairs increased at the beginning of the year and our cost on those chairs is now \$5,510.36. After a brief discussion Ms. Stobbs moved to approve the additional cost of \$5,510.36 for staff chairs due to compatibility with the new flooring; Mr. Evans seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Ms. Pfaff explained the handout that summarized the following contracts:

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- Vinton County Health Department SUD Crisis Funding for Post Overdose Outreach Team (PORT)-\$20,000.
- Outreach Crisis and Counseling Services (Carlson Center)-\$62,500-Withdrawal Management.
- Health Recovery Services-\$126,751.15—SOS Carry-over funding pending notification from OhioMHAS.
- Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail-\$5,036—OhioMHAS reimbursement for behavioral health medication.
- Athens Real Estate Company—15% of gross monthly rents and other maintenance costs billed hourly.

Ms. Sanchez moved to approve all contracts; Ms. Robinette seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Pfaff also reported on operations contracts that were renewed under the Board

delegated authority to approve contracts up to \$25,000:

- Myles Cleaning Services-Annual contract renewal-\$5,550-no increase in rate.
- John W. Clem Recovery House-Mowing services for board office and Respite-\$250 per week-no increase in rate.
- Fine Landscaping-Landscape and snow removal services-\$13,000-includes Spring and Fall clean-up, grounds maintenance, gutter cleaning, snow and ice removal. There is no increase in rate.

VII. Old Business

1. Executive Director Evaluation

Ms. Bowden reminded the members the due date for submitting the evaluation form was March 22nd and eleven had been submitted, which is the most that has ever been returned. She said the submission due date is being extended to Wednesday, March 27, 2024 and new members who feel uncomfortable with answering questions may use the “Unable to Answer” option.

2. Planning for SFY 2025

Ms. Pfaff reviewed the summary of prevention services in Hocking County that was in the board packet.

VIII. New Business

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1. FY 2024 Budget Amendment Resolution

Ms. Conrath explained the budget amendment includes the following revisions:

- Access Success \$2,850
- Indigent Patient Funding \$5,000
- Crisis Funds \$2,800
- SUD Crisis Stabilization \$93,500 (Carlson Center, VC Health Dept., HRS)
- Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail Medication Reimbursement \$5,036

Ms. Stobbs moved to approve Resolution 24-03-24 FY 2024 Budget Amendment; Dr. Gay seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

IX. Other

Dr. Gay discussed the Vinton County overdose death data he summarized for board members. He said deaths have risen dramatically in three years and patterns are similar in all counties. There were 33 deaths in Athens County in 2023 and feels an intervention is needed.

X. Adjournment

Dr. Luce moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Stobbs seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane Pfaff
Executive Director

Tonya Bowden
Chair