

STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024

Annual REPORT



**Athens-Hocking-Vinton
Alcohol, Drug Addiction and
Mental Health Services Board**

www.317Board.org

About the 317 Board



The Athens-Hocking-Vinton Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services “317” Board is one of 50 county-level authorities on behavioral health across Ohio. These boards plan, fund, and evaluate a network of non-profit providers that provide the communities they serve with quality prevention, treatment, and recovery supports related to mental health and substance use disorder.

State Fiscal Year 2024 Governing Board

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Anne Rubin, Athens County
Robert Salizzoni, Hocking County
Shei Sanchez, Athens County
Jacqueline Stobbs, Hocking County

* Board Chair for FY 2024

Thank you to the following board members who ended their service on our board during FY 2024:

- Dr. James Gaskell

From our director...

Dear Community Partners,

I am pleased to provide this annual report on the highlights from SFY 2024. In addition to the core services provided by the Board, this past year also included the opportunity to implement several new quality initiatives—a comprehensive assessment of our crisis system, increased use of data for decision-making, and a new capacity-building initiative in Hocking County.

All of the Board’s work is done in partnership with local non-profits, government agencies and community advocates who are dedicated to improving the well-being of families and communities. Together we are working to spread the message of hope and to address the critical behavioral health needs in Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties. Thanks for your role in this work!

A handwritten signature in cursive script.

Diane Pfaff, Exective Director

Board Staff

Diane Pfaff | Executive Director
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Community Collaboration & Partnerships



The 317 Board partners with courts, community coalitions, schools, and other government and non-profit organizations to assess and prioritize various service needs in our region.

The Board's extensive partnerships included involvement in community coalitions:

- Athens County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Athens HOPE (Helping Overcome substance use disorder through Prevention and Education)
- Hocking County Prevention & Recovery Task Force (previously Opiate Task Force)
- Vinton County Prevention & Recovery Coalition
- Tomcat Bridgebuilders

The 317 Board is mandated to serve on the child fatality review boards of Athens, Hocking, and Vinton counties. Additionally, the Board serves on Vinton County's Overdose Fatality Review Board which helps local stakeholders better understand and treat the overdose epidemic.

Thanks to support from The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS,) International Overdose Awareness Day was acknowledged with events in Athens, Hocking, and Vinton counties in August of 2023. These events helped community members remember loved ones lost to overdose and brought resources to individuals in recovery. Part of the funding from Overdose Awareness Day was utilized to purchase 300 Good Samaritan Law handouts for the counties' Overdose Outreach Teams to distribute.



In September 2023, the Board utilized a workplace wellness mini grant from the Ohio Association for Behavioral Health Authorities to offer nature therapy walks for area behavioral health employees. Nicole Kennedy, LISW-S, guided 23 employees from various partner agencies including My Sister's Place, Health Recovery Services, and Hopewell Health Centers in a guided wellness exercise.

The Board debuted its 16-ft. portable coloring mural in May 2024. The wipeable mural is used to advertise the 988 Crisis Line and the 317 Board website at outdoor community events. In FY 2024, the Board provided mental health and 988 resources and promotional items at community events including:

- Vinton County Jr. Fair Kids Day
- Hocking County Kidpalooza
- Athens County Kidfest
- Glouster Community Day of Hope

Support for Quality Community Services



Treatment

Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance are the primary funding sources for clinical behavioral health services. In SFY 2022 reports from Ohio Medicaid, 6,386 residents in the Board area received behavioral health services paid by Medicaid with a total payment amount of more than \$20 million dollars.

For those who are uninsured or underinsured, the Board provides funding to Hopewell Health Centers and Health Recovery Services to provide care using a sliding fee scale. In SFY 2024, these agencies provided care to 679 unique individuals and were paid \$949,406.00.

The Board also manages various special grant programs that leverage existing resources to ensure specific groups access the care they need:

- The **Community Transition Program (CTP)** assists previously incarcerated individuals in continuing their treatment upon reentry into the community. In FY 24, the Board served 35 individuals by providing case management, housing, transportation, and other basic needs.
- The **Access to Wellness** program aims to meet the needs of individuals involved in multiple systems (i.e. criminal justice, developmental disability, veterans, etc.) In FY 2024, Access to Wellness served 22 individuals, 18 of which were unhoused.
- **Access to Hospitalization** serves individuals who are unable to afford inpatient psychiatric treatment. In FY 2024, this program served 36 individuals.

- The Board funds **treatment courts** in all three counties that provide individuals with access to evidence-based treatment and recovery supports. In SFY 2024, 21 individuals completed treatment court in Vinton County, 84 in Hocking County and 34 in Athens County.

Recovery Supports

Recovery houses provide a safe place for people in early recovery to grow among sober peers. The Board provides funding to support six recovery houses for men and women. In SFY 2024, there were 75 successful discharges across all three counties.

Social support and community connections are essential to well-being and recovery. The Board provides funding for the following organizations that aid individuals in their mental health and substance use recovery journeys:

- Athens Photo Project
- Home Away From Home (Integrated Services)
- NAMI Athens
- New Beginnings (Integrated Services)
- Rural Action
- The Gathering Place
- The Hive (Integrated Services)
- Sojourners Care Network

SFY 2024 also saw an investment in supportive housing. One million dollars in capital funding was reserved for the Board from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for The Woods at Dairy Lane which will feature 16 permanent supportive housing units.

Hocking County Capacity Building

The Board awarded more than \$400,000 in one-time capacity building grants with the intent to increase supports in Hocking County. Projects included:

- The establishment of Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) at the Hocking Hills Inspire Shelter.
- The purchase of a van to support 13 individuals at Integrated Services for Behavioral Health's Home Away From Home peer house.
- The expansion of Athens Photo Project peer-to-peer workshops supporting mental health and substance use recovery in Hocking County.
- The purchase of two vehicles for Health Recovery Services to transport families and children engaged in substance use treatment. This funding also supported summer youth and family prevention programming.



Crisis Care & Data-Driven Response



Left: 2023 CIT graduates, Below Community partners gather at Lake Hope Lodge for the Board's 2023 Annual Meeting.



Crisis Services

Creating a quality crisis services system for individuals experiencing mental health issues is a primary focus for the The 317 Board. The Board contracts with Hopewell Health Centers to respond, stabilize and support anyone experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis in our community. In SFY 2024, \$1,416,050 was invested to provide assessments, residential stabilization, groupwork, and wraparound services for individuals in mental health distress.

The Adam-Amanda Crisis Stabilization Unit/Respite Center had 202 admissions, and the Hopewell Health Centers crisis team provided 1,642 mental health crisis assessments, averaging more than 130 responses per month.

Overdose Response

The Board hosted an Overdose Response Team Regional Gathering in January of 2024, bringing together the teams from Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties to learn from one another. Thanks to funding from the Board, the three outreach teams connected with 120 individuals who they were able to assist by referring them to treatment, supplying harm reduction supplies, or providing information on social service resources.

CIT Training

The Board held its 21st annual Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training course in November. As a result, 450 law enforcement officers and first responders have been trained to recognize, de-escalate, and engage with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. All attendee evaluations showed improved understanding in each aspect of the training.

Data-Driven Decisions

The Board implemented an online platform to gather, analyze, and report data to:

- Facilitate discussions with community partners
- Effectively advocate for local needs
- Inform state and federal stakeholders

Some of the Board's data-driven decisions from SFY 2024 included:

- The creation of community crisis partners meetings in Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties with law enforcement, first responders, emergency departments, call centers and mental health clinicians to shape services to meet the unique needs in each community.
- The support of a domestic violence task force in Hocking County, allowing My Sister's Place to address a growing need for services for domestic violence victims.

Quality Improvement

The Board leveraged a \$489,876 federal grant offered by OhioMHAS to assess community needs and address quality improvement opportunities in the crisis response system. This effort focused on improving care in the emergency departments at OhioHealth/O'Bleness and Hocking Valley Community Hospital and re-orienting the crisis system toward increased community response. The grant also supported similar work in the Gallia-Jackson-Meigs ADAMH Board.

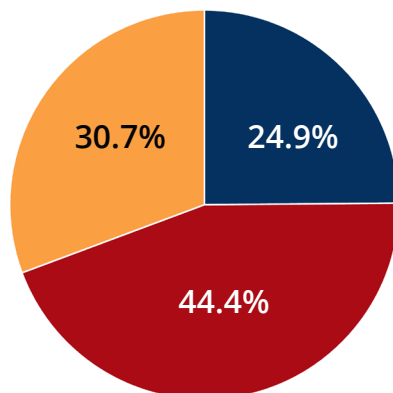
"I valued the opportunity to learn more about mental health and how to approach people experiencing mental illness in a thoughtful way." - CIT Attendee

Fiscal Overview



The 317 Board had a **\$15,928,005 million** budget in SFY 2024 composed of local, state, and federal funding.

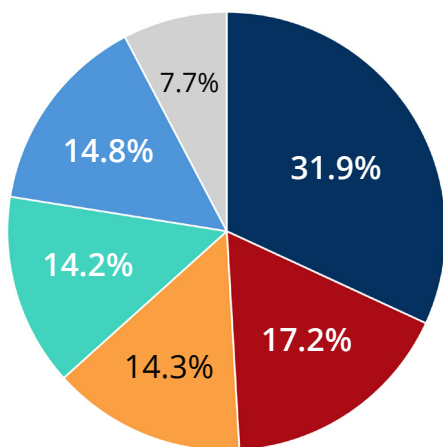
General Fund Revenue



Federal: \$3,961,061
 State*: \$7,079,682
 Local/Other: \$4,887,262

*State revenue includes the in-kind value of state psychiatric hospital stays.

General Fund Expenses



State Psych. Hospital (in-kind): \$4,723,686
 Health Recovery Services: \$2,547,444
 Hopewell Health Centers: \$2,111,625
 Additional Contract Agencies: \$2,100,435
 Projects: \$2,190,798
 Board Operations: \$1,138,946

Additional Contract Agencies:

- Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
- John Clem Recovery House
- My Sister's Place DV Shelter
- NAMI - Athens
- Scenic Hills Senior Center
- Sojourners Care Network
- Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail
- TASC of Southeast Ohio
- The Athens Photographic Project
- The Gathering Place
- Vinton County Senior Citizens
- Women for Recovery (Serenity Grove)

Projects:

- Access to Wellness
- Addiction Treatment Program (ATP)
- BH Week of Appreciation
- Board Property Maintenance
- County Health Departments
- Conditional Release
- COVID Mitigation
- Crisis Flex Funding - EMS
- Crisis Text Line Promotion
- Family & Children First Council
- Forensic Monitoring
- Guardianship
- Hocking Opioid Task Force
- Housing Recovery and Supports
- Indigent Patient Funding
- MAT Hocking County
- Mental Health Court
- Metropolitan Housing Authorities
- Out of Panel Providers
- Probate Attorney
- Public Awareness
- Rural Action Partnership
- SOR 2.0 Overdose Awareness
- SUD Crisis Stabilization
- Sheriffs Offices
- Specialized Docket
- Trauma Informed Care Trainings
- Vinton County Project Boost
- Workforce Development Trainings

★★★★ In 2023, The 317 Board achieved a four-star rating from the Ohio Auditor of State's StaRS rating system monitoring transparency in government. This is the highest achievement in the Open and Transparent Government Award. The Auditor of State exit interview concluded in September 2023 and resulted in no findings or concerns thanks to the Board's superb fiscal management.

317 Board Network of Care

Clinical Treatment Providers

- Health Recovery Services
- Hopewell Health Centers
- Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
- My Sister's Place
- TASC of Southeast Ohio

Residential Programs

- Adam-Amanda Rehabilitation Program
- Bassett House
- Carlson Center
- Connett Road Group Home
- My Sister's Place
- Rural Women's Recovery Program

Recovery Homes

- John W. Clem House
- Briggs House
- Groundwork Residences
- Mike's Bridge House
- Our House
- Serenity Grove

Criminal Justice Partners

- Overdose outreach programs in Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training
- Drug court programs in Athens, Hocking, and Vinton counties
- Southeast Ohio Regional Jail
- Vinton County Sheriff's Office
Mental Health Deputy

Crisis Services

- Hopewell Health Centers Crisis Call Line and Assessment
- Hopewell Health Centers + Athens County EMS Mobile Crisis Team
- My Sister's Place Domestic Violence Hotline

Peer and Family Support Programs

- Athens Photo Project
- Home Away From Home
- NAMI Athens
- New Beginnings
- Rural Action
- The Gathering Place
- The Hive
- Sojourners Care Network

Community Coalitions & Prevention Activities

- Athens County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Athens HOPE
- Health Recovery Services Prevention Programming
- Hocking Prevention & Recovery Task Force
- Hopewell Health Centers Trauma-Informed Schools and Handle With Care programs
- Tomcat Bridgebuilders
- Vinton County Prevention & Recovery Coalition
- Vinton County Schools Partnership

Senior Programs

- Scenic Hills Senior Center
- Vinton County Senior Citizens

Other Collaborating Partners

- Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare
- Athens County Reentry Task Force
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Boards of Developmental Disabilities
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Children Services
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Job and Family Services
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Family and Children First Councils
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Health Departments
- Athens, Hocking, and Vinton County Metropolitan Housing Authorities
- Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville
- Veterans Services