



Athens-Hocking-Vinton

Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board

ARPA FINAL REPORT – BOARD SUMMARY

Overview

Through ARPA funding, the Athens-Hocking-Vinton (AHV) Board and regional partners implemented targeted investments to strengthen the behavioral health crisis response system across Athens, Hocking, Vinton, Gallia, Jackson, and Meigs counties. Efforts focused on improving patient safety, enhancing care environments, increasing system coordination, and building data-driven decision-making capacity.

Key Investments & Outcomes

1. System Coordination & Data Infrastructure

TBD Solutions (Consulting & System Development)

- Launched monthly multi-county Crisis Partners Data Meetings
- Provided technical assistance on crisis data collection and cost-of-care modeling
- Supported development of Crisis System Assessment & Recommendations
- Delivered tailored regional reports and system improvement briefs
- Strengthened cross-county collaboration and problem-solving
- **Total Investment:** \$221,499

Hopewell Health Centers

- Developed custom crisis reporting tools (call center & residential services)
- Increased transparency and real-time system insight
- Enhanced data-sharing capacity with partners and stakeholders
- Supported non-Medicaid services and staff time at the crisis stabilization unit
- **Total Investment:** \$25,160

2. AHV Board Leadership & System Development

- Led grant implementation and regional coordination efforts
- Established data collection infrastructure across crisis system partners
- Deployed Smartsheet platform for multi-agency data tracking
- Created standardized reporting on:
 - Crisis response utilization
 - Response times
 - Incidents of violence (staff and self-harm)
 - Call dispositions
- Developed MOUs and contracts with hospital partners
- Facilitated collaboration with healthcare systems to improve emergency department response to mental health crises
- Built a sustainable, data-informed framework for ongoing system improvement

3. Hospital-Based Safety & Environment Improvements

OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital

- Renovated ~950 sq. ft. across 5 behavioral health-safe rooms
- Installed ligature-resistant fixtures, furniture, storage lockers, and monitoring equipment
- Added handheld EPIC-compatible devices for safer documentation
- Created a therapeutic, calming care environment
- Served 600+ behavioral health patients (July–January sample)
- Reduced need for restrictive interventions (e.g., restraints, sedation)
- **Total Investment:** \$176,806



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Holzer Medical Center – Jackson

- Purchased two Big Wheel Stretchers and wardrobe lockers
- Improved patient comfort and safety for individuals on psychiatric holds
- Integrated alarm systems reduced elopements and falls
- Enhanced dignity and security for patient belongings
- **Total Investment: \$35,000**

Hocking Valley Community Hospital

- Renovated ~400 sq. ft. dedicated behavioral health crisis space in the ER
- Installed ligature-resistant furnishings and safety features
- Increased patient privacy and dignity during crisis care
- Supported over 1,800 hours of crisis care in 2025

Total Investment: \$31,410

Impact Summary

ARPA investments resulted in measurable improvements across the regional crisis system:

- **Enhanced Patient Safety:** Ligature-resistant environments, monitoring systems, and safer equipment reduced risk of harm
 - **Improved Patient Experience:** Greater comfort, privacy, and dignity for individuals in crisis
 - **Increased Staff Safety & Efficiency:** Safer documentation tools and improved visibility of patients
 - **Expanded Crisis Capacity:** Dedicated spaces and improved workflows for behavioral health patients in emergency departments
 - **Stronger Regional Collaboration:** Regular data meetings and shared infrastructure improved coordination across counties and agencies
 - **Data-Driven Decision Making:** New systems enable ongoing analysis, accountability, and continuous improvement
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Conclusion

The ARPA-funded initiatives have significantly strengthened the behavioral health crisis response system across the region. By aligning infrastructure improvements with data and collaboration, the AHV Board and its partners have created a more responsive, safer, and more effective system of care for individuals experiencing mental health crises.

These investments position the region for sustained progress, with a strong foundation for continued system integration, performance monitoring, and improved outcomes for residents.



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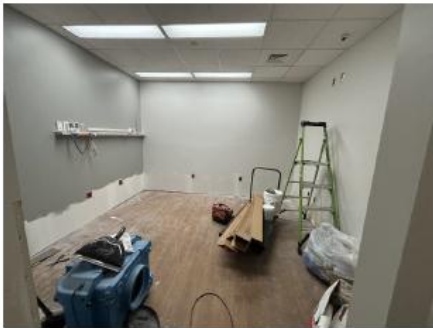
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Hocking Valley Community Hospital Emergency Department



OhioHealth O’Bleness Emergency Department

Behavioral Health Patient Room Renovation: Rooms In- Progress. *Glass window removed, sink removed, new paint.*



Behavioral Health Patient Room: Pre-Renovation





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OhioHealth O’Bleness Emergency Department

Behavioral Health Patient Room After Renovations: Garage Doors Installed in 5 rooms allowing them to remain intact for medical patients and ligature-resistant for BH patients - fixtures, furniture, storage lockers, and monitoring equipment

