

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

Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2026

Meeting Was Held In-Person and Virtual

Members Present: Rhea Hopstetter, Acting Chair, Heather Batin, Tonya Bowden, JoAnna Carter, Dr. Tom Davis, Dr. Ron Luce, Justin Maiden, Anne Rubin, Dimitru Sabaiduc, and Shei Sanchez

Members Virtual: None

Members Absent: Robert Orth, Maeve Gallagher, Patricia Robinette, and Robert Salizzoni

Guests Present: Stephan Cooke, AETNA-OhioRise, Peggy F., CJ Martin, Charlie Health, Linda Sistrunk, MHS, and Savannah Smith, Charlie Health

Guests Virtual: Nancy Dotson, HRS, Kelly Madewell, MSP, Dr. Sherry Shamblin, HHC, and Chelsey Young, JWCRH

Staff Present: Amanda Conrath, Kim Crum, Beth Mohammed, Diane Pfaff, Kim Robinson, Tisha Springer, Board COMCorps Volunteer, and Tamara Tate

Ms. Hopstetter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

27:07:01

Ms. Rubin moved to approve the July 27, 2026 agenda; Ms. Sanchez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Approval of Minutes

27:07:02

Ms. Sanchez moved to approve the June 22, 2026 Board meeting minutes; Ms. Batin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Public Comment

- A. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of the services offered by Charlie Health.
- B. Mr. Cooke discussed that Aetna's OhioRise program has an option allowing caregivers to select their own natural respite provider. When asked, did not have data on numbers in the Board area. Ms. Pfaff noted that respite options remain limited in the region, however ISBH's new respite program at The Hive, funded by the Board, is successfully addressing this need.



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IV. Agency Updates

A. Dr. Sherry Shamblin, Hopewell Health Centers

Dr. Shamblin reported that her team is in the process of understanding the new Medicaid limits and requirements. She also shared that Ohio University and its community partners, including Ohio Community Health Centers, were awarded the Rural Health Transformation Workforce Hub grant.

Dr. Shamblin further reported that a recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) site visit resulted in CMS recognizing the region's workforce development efforts as a "gold standard" and offering very few recommendations for improvement.

Lastly, Dr. Shamblin announced that HHC was designated a Community Star by the National Office of Rural Health Policy and will be recognized during National Rural Health Day in November.

B. Nancy Dotson, Health Recovery Services

Ms. Dotson reported that staff are working on year-end reports and preparing budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. She stated that they are awaiting notification of grant awards and State Opioid and Stimulant (SOS) funding.

C. Kelly Madewell, My Sister's Place

Ms. Madewell announced the Athena Ride for Women, a motorcycle ride fundraising event that supports emergency funding for clients.

D. Chelsey Young, John W. Clem Recovery House

Ms. Young reported on grant opportunities that would support the implementation of a GED program for residents. She also announced that the organization received a Community Reinvestment grant, which will be used to renovate the Briggs House in The Plains beginning October 1. Additionally, she shared that the organization has its third resident participating in the Habitat for Humanity work program.

V. Staff Updates

A. Amanda Conrath, Fiscal Director

Ms. Conrath reviewed the State Opioid and Stimulant (SOS) grant report. She reported that the current grant period will end on September 29, 2026, with the next funding cycle scheduled to begin on September 30, 2026. However, the Board has not yet received notification regarding the next round of funding.

B. Kim Crum, Community Services Manager

Ms. Crum reported that she worked with the Appalachian Children's Coalition to bring a PAX Tools training to Athens, which will be held at the Board office. She also shared that staff had the opportunity to tour the newly renovated rooms at OhioHealth O'Bleness, which will be used for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises. Ms. Crum shared the thank-you card received by the Board in appreciation of the project. Ms. Pfaff noted that ARPA funding was used to support the project.

C. Tisha Springer, COMCorps Volunteer

Ms. Springer provided a brief overview of the Overdose Awareness Day events. Events will be held in Athens County on August 31, Hocking County on August 26, Vinton County on August 27, and at Ohio University on September 1.

VI. Executive Director Report

- Ms. Pfaff referred to her report on the board member page on the website and in the members' notebooks. A flyer for a board member training was distributed.
- Ms. Pfaff reported on the property management meetings she, Ms. Maxwell, and Ms. Conrath held with Uptown Realty and Capstone to learn more about their services. Both companies declined to provide property management services due to the size of the properties and location. Despite this, the conversations identified some potential resources: Uptown Realty offered consulting services related to property management and development; Capstone discussed an initiative to establish a property management company specifically for nonprofit organizations that did not move forward as anticipated, but that might be worth discussing with local partners.

VII. Executive Committee Report

Ms. Hopstetter reported on the following:

Financials

27:07:03

Ms. Conrath presented a brief overview of the financial reports. She noted an issue with percentage calculations on one of the reports and stated that she would review and address the issue. She also reported that, after a year of maintaining two databases for due diligence purposes, the new database is now complete. Going forward, she plans to present reports from the new system.

The Executive Committee recommended approval of the SFY 2026 Financial Reports. Dr. Luce moved to approve the SFY 2026 April, May, and June financial reports as submitted and filed for audit. Ms. Bowden seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. Old Business

There was no report.

IX. New Business

A. Strategic Plan. Ms. Pfaff reviewed the Strategic Plan second quarter report.

B. SFY 2026 Board Budget Amendment

27:07:04

Resolution 27-07-01

Ms. Conrath reported that the Board was awarded additional SFY 2026 funding from OhioDBH for the Title XX program in the amount of \$20,456, bringing the total funding amount to \$101,152. These funds will be used to support claims submitted by participating agencies. She also reported that \$8,000 was received for the Women's Grant Program with Health Recovery Services. Ms. Batin moved to approve

Resolution 27-07-01 SFY 2026 Budget Amendment; Ms. Sanchez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. SFY 2026 Contract Authorization

27:07:05

Resolution 27-07-02

The SFY 2026 Contract Authorization resolution was presented for approval. Ms. Batin moved to approve Resolution 27-07-02; Ms. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. SFY 2027 Contract Authorization

27:07:06

Resolution 27-07-03

Ms. Conrath explained that the resolution is to approve an increase in the contract with the Fairfield ADAMHS for their database development and GOSH services provided to the Board. The contract has been increased by \$1,082, for a total of \$28,308. Dr. Davis moved to approve Resolution 27-07-03 SFY 2027 Contract Authorization; Ms. Batin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Prior Year Unutilized Levy Funding

27:07:07

Ms. Pfaff discussed unutilized levy funding from State Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, and 2025, totaling \$1,331,869. She explained that these funds could be invested in the three counties as one-time funding. Ms. Pfaff reviewed a proposal for how these funds might be allocated. After discussions about which strategies were ready to move forward and where more review was needed, Dr. Luce moved to accept the Prior Year Unutilized Levy Funding amount of \$1,331,869 and move forward with the Woods at Dairy Lane and public awareness recommendations, with additional recommendations to be determined. Ms. Batin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

F. Capital Assistance Application Authorization Resolution-Woods at Dairy Lane

27:07:08

Resolution 27-07-04

Ms. Pfaff explained the resolution authorizes the director and chair to sign required documents for the capital application. Dr. Davis moved to approve Resolution 27-07-04 Capital Assistance Application Authorization; Ms. Carter seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

G. Capital Assistance Resolution: HAPCAP Project

27:07:09

Resolution 27-07-05

Ms. Pfaff explained that DBH contacted the Board regarding the HAPCAP capital assistance project of a Head Start building in The Plains, and requested that the Board, as the state's local partner, monitor the project to ensure the building is used

as intended. Ms. Bowden moved to approve Resolution 27-07-05 HAPCAP Project Capital Assistance; Ms. Sanchez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

H. Board Member Profiles

Ms. Batin explained the process of the board member profiles.

I. Annual Meeting Nominations

The members separated into county groups to discuss the nominations. The members selected the following:

Rita Gillick Mental Health Advocate: Shayla Caudill

Valeria "Taffy" Marks Substance Abuse Prevention Advocate: Judge Laina Rogers

Athens County Behavioral Health Advocate: Kerry Pigman

Hocking County Behavioral Health Advocate: Tim Daugherty

Vinton County Behavioral Health Advocate: Kimberly Lopez

Vinton County Behavioral Health Advocate: Melanie Carte

A nomination for Lindsay Sparks came in after the deadline and may be recognized for an honorable mention or saved for next year's award.

X. Other

There was no other business to come before the Board.

XI. Adjournment

Dr. Luce moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Bowden seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane Pfaff
Executive Director

Rhea Hopstetter
Chair