



## Staff Updates: July 2024

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### New Initiatives

- Sherri worked with Svea and Marissa at the Board, and Hannah Russell at HRS, to build a monthly outcomes report for prevention services. Creating a data dashboard of prevention services in Athen, Hocking and Vinton counties is the first step to developing a comprehensive plan to implement evidence-based prevention plans in all three counties. This is one of the Board's priority areas in the community plan.

### Training/Staff Development

- Kim C. attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness 2024 virtual conference.
- Each staff person completed the Auditor of State Fraud Reporting System Information Training.
- Beth completed an Auditor of State Certified Public Records Training.
- Diane attended two webinars related to crisis services—one on behavioral health urgent care and another to discuss future training needs.

### Grant Management and Planning

- Staff are working on FY 2024 annual reporting requirements.
- Staff met to plan for state Overdose Awareness Day funding which will be used to support coalition events related to overdose awareness and media campaigns to focus on the dangers of drug additives such as fentanyl.
- Diane and Kim C. held a virtual meeting with the Ohio Children's Alliance to discuss their platform for respite referrals. Staff from the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation and the Sister's Health Foundation also joined the call. Diane and Kim C. also met with staff from Aetna (Managed Care Organization) to discuss how respite is reimbursed through OhioRISE. Training is being planned for later this fall to educate providers on how to bill for this service. Kim C. and Diane are also meeting with Children Services and FCFC partners to discuss respite.

### Collaboration and Relationship Building

- Diane and Kim C. continue to attend the Athens Foundation's Housing Insecurity Co-Create group. The group is working on an application for two million dollars in capital funding and has a committee working on interim solutions.
- Staff met with Chris MacNeal the current executive director of the South East Ohio Hope Center recovery community organization.
- Marissa and Kim C. provided 988 Crisis Line information and Crisis Text Line information at the Glouster Community Day of HOPE.
- Marissa attended the Athens County Care Coordination Network July meeting at OhioMeansJobs Athens to learn about their on-site services and new mobile computer lab.
- Diane presented on the Board's partnership with the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation at the Foundation's governing board meeting on Friday, June 28. The presentation was part of a panel that included Sister's Health Foundation and Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.
- Diane, Kim C. and Marissa met with Jack Pepper and Dr. Ortman at the Athens City-County Health Department to discuss avenues for collaboration.

- Diane, Sherri and Amanda attended the AppCare Collaborative meeting on July 10th. The regional mental health and SUD crisis funding was reviewed and distributed to Boards. Following this meeting, Diane attended Cheri Walter's retirement open house.
- Svea, Sherri and Diane met with staff from PATH Behavioral Health to learn about the services they can provide to the community. PATH is a for-profit agency that provides mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

### **Care Coordination**

- Kim C. continues collaboration with Ohio Network for Innovation (ONI) and the Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Board to transfer care for a high needs client who receives services from the Athens Developmental Disabilities (DD) Board, HHC's Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment team.

### **Operations**

- Svea continues to work with contractors for small clean up and finishing of renovation projects.
- Diane, Amanda, and Beth met with our Smartsheet consultant to begin work on the FY 25 Provider agency contracts.