

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

Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2024

Meeting Was Held In-Person and Virtual

- Present:** Tonya Bowden, Chair, Heather Batin, JoAnna Carter, Jayne Darling, Dr. Tom Davis, Ralph Evans, Maeve Gallagher, Rhea Hopstetter, Dr Joe Gay, Dr. Ron Luce, Robert Orth, Patricia Robinette, and Anne Rubin
- Absent:** Tamara Norway, Robert Salizzoni, Shei Sanchez, and Jacqueline Stobbs
- Guests:** Bradley Kennedy, Ohio Attorney General’s Office
- Virtual:** Michelle Allison-Smith, OMHAS, Betsy Anderson, SG, Shannon Brown, ISBH, Emily Clegg, OMHAS, Myranda Green, TBD Solutions, Ellen Martin, HRS, Jordan Pepper, NAMI, and David Schenkelberg, HHC
- Staff:** Amanda Conrath, Kim Crum, Svea Maxwell, Marissa McDaid, Beth Mohammed, Diane Pfaff, Sherri Tyree and Kim Robinson

Ms. Bowden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Adoption of Agenda**
24:06:68
Dr. Luce moved to approve the agenda; Dr. Davis seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- II. Approval of Minutes**
24:06:69
Dr. Luce moved to approve the April 22, 2024 board meeting minutes; Ms. Hopstetter seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- III. TBD Solutions**
Ms. Green gave a presentation regarding the Crisis System Assessment report. Dr. Davis asked about the lack of attention to children crisis services, especially in schools. Mr. Schenkelberg gave an overview of children’s crisis services. Ms. Allison-Smith said she is impressed with TBD Solutions and is available to help the plan move forward. Ms. Clegg said OMHAS appreciates the good work done by TBD Solutions.
- IV. Public Comment**
Mr. Kennedy said he attended for informational purposes.



V.

Agency Updates

1. David Schenkelberg, Hopewell Health Centers

Mr. Schenkelberg reported they had a successful Medicaid evaluation over the last two weeks, the evaluation occurs every three to five years.

2. Ellen Martin, Health Recovery Services

Ms. Martin said they have had been busy with inspections from OMHAS and the DEA which have gone very well. She also reported that they are waiting for the state to confirm funding for 2025.

3. Jordan Pepper, NAMI Athens

Ms. Pepper announced their NAMI Walk on October 5th which will be a fundraiser.

4. Shannon Brown, Integrated Services for Behavioral Health

Ms. Brown reported they had been approved for CARF Accreditation for three years. She said she is overseeing Intensive Home-Based Treatment (IHBT), which will roll out across an additional nine new counties including Athens, Hocking, and Vinton thanks to new grant funding. They have integrated IHBT with Intensive Family and Systems Treatment (IFAST).

VI.

Staff Updates

1. Kim Crum, Community Services Coordinator

Ms. Crum reported that she and Ms. McDaid attended the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) Spring conference which had a strong theme emphasizing the value of peer support. Ms. Crum announced that she and Ms. Pfaff have been working with the Athens Foundation on housing insecurity. The Athens Foundation is considering leasing sixteen rooms at the Extended Stay Hotel for a crisis shelter.

2. Amanda Conrath, Fiscal Manager

Ms. Conrath reported the Board audit is in the final stages and requested the members complete their Fraud Assessment which is required and will assist in completing the audit. She also reported on the SOS funding for agencies.

3. Sherri Tyree, Community Services Manager

Ms. Tyree reported she and TBD Solutions have been visiting stakeholders in Athens, Hocking, and Vinton counties. She also discussed the Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) collaborations and gathering crisis assessment data by age groups.

4. Marissa McDaid, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist

Ms. McDaid reported the Vinton County Health Department is distributing Naloxboxes throughout the county and shared an online map of the locations that she created. She also reported the purchase of a wipeable mural to use at events and she is now a certified instructor for the enCompass training.

5. Svea Maxwell, Deputy Director

- Ms. Maxwell reported the Board received \$25,000 in grant funding for the Bipartisan Safer Community Project Initiative from OMHAS. This is one time funding with a short timeframe running through mid-October. The goal is to develop a plan to strengthen our local behavioral health system's ability to respond to mental health crisis situations as they occur in the community.

- Office Renovation-Ms. Maxwell thanked the Board members for their support for the Board renovation which is complete except for a few small items and replacement of all window screens. She reported the renovation came in at less than 1% over budget which is outstanding.
- New Gas Meter-Ms. Maxwell reported on a gas leak and said Columbia Gas will install new lines and meters at the board office building as opposed to their current location at the Clem House.

VII. **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Pfaff reported on the following:

- Board Member Appointments- Dr. Davis, Ms. Hopstetter, Dr. Luce, and Ms. Rubin were reappointed to the Board.
- Personnel Policies-The policies were updated to reflect the O.R.C. changes that permit civil service employees to work at as precinct election officials.
- Behavioral Health Respite-There are no BH respite facilities in Southeast Ohio. Ms. Pfaff and Ms. Crum have had conversations with state and community partners to develop a plan to get a BH respite for the board area. This goal is in the current Community Plan.
- Partnership with EMS-A partnership with the Athens County Commissioners and EMS for Mobile Crisis is potentially ending due to the workforce shortage. Services will continue but will be staffed with Hopewell Health employees.

VIII. **Contracts and Construction**

Ms. Pfaff announced she signed contracts for with TBD Solutions and Kayla Sweeny, each for \$10,000 to implement the Safer Communities grant—one for planning and one for data.

IX. **Old Business**

- Ms. Bowden explained chair-elect nominating process. Ms. Batan nominated Ms. Hopstetter for 2026 Chair-Elect. Ms. Bowden called for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations from the floor; Ms. Bowden closed the nominations and declared Ms. Hopstetter as the 2026 Chair-Elect.
- Ms. Batin said she will speak with members regarding their interest in serving on the executive committee.

X. **New Business**

Ms. Pfaff reminded the members that the Annual Meeting awards nominations are due July 15th.

- **2024 Budget Amendment Resolution**

24:06:67

Resolution 24-06-27

Ms. Conrath reported that four additional funding amounts were added to this month's budget update: \$5,000 increase for Probate Attorney from unallocated levy; \$25,000 in funding from OhioMHAS for the Safer Communities Grant; \$49,000 additional funding from OhioMHAS for TASC, and \$14,000 additional Indigent/Hospital Access funding from OhioMHAS, for a total increase of \$204,800. Dr. Luce moved to approve the 2024 Budget Resolution; Ms. Hopstetter seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Appropriation Increase Resolution**

24:06:68

Resolution 24-06-28

Ms. Conrath explained the resolution is to increase the appropriation by \$62,000 for the construction fund which includes deep cleaning, gas line incidentals, final walk thru with Stockmeister, emergency repairs, etc. Dr. Davis moved to approve the resolution; Ms. Darling seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **FY 2025 Board Budget**

24:06:69

Resolution 24-06-29

Ms. Conrath explained the FY 2025 Board budget. The following reductions were made in the budget: \$900 in State Recovery Housing funding and \$7,000 in State Community Transition Housing funding. She said we are also still waiting on several funding sources. Dr. Luce asked if there is a way to pass the full budget at the start of the fiscal year rather than have changes nearly every month. Ms. Conrath explained the budget used to come out all at once, but now funding is released throughout the year. Ms. Pfaff added that funding is most uncertain at the time of a new biennium budget when big changes are most likely to occur.

Dr. Gay moved to approve the FY 2025 Board Budget; Ms. Hopstetter seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ms. Bowden, Yes, Ms. Batin, Yes, Ms. Carter, Yes, Ms. Darling, Yes, Dr. Davis, Yes, Mr. Evans, Yes, Ms. Gallagher, Yes, Ms. Hopstetter, Yes, Dr. Gay, Yes, Dr. Luce, Yes, Mr. Orth, Yes, Ms. Robinette, Yes, Ms. Rubin, Yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Contract Authorization**

24:06:70

Resolution 24-06-30

Ms. Pfaff explained the process of entering into contracts with provider agencies. Ms. Batin moved to authorize the executive director to enter into contracts with provider agencies as outlined in the resolution; Ms. Gallagher seconded. Dr. Davis commented that it is important for Board members to carefully review the list and abstain if needed. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **2025 County Budget**

24:06:71

Resolution 24-06-31

Ms. Conrath explained the county budget is based on a calendar year. Each June the Board must approve the 2025 calendar budget and submit the forms to the county auditor on or before July 20th. Dr. Gay moved to approve the 2025 County Budget; Dr. Luce seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ms. Bowden, Yes, Ms. Batin, Yes, Ms. Carter, Yes, Ms. Darling, Yes, Dr. Davis, Yes, Mr. Evans, Yes, Ms. Gallagher, Yes, Ms. Hopstetter, Yes, Dr. Gay, Yes, Dr. Luce, Yes, Mr. Orth, Yes, Ms. Robinette, Yes, Ms. Rubin, Yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Board Bylaws**

24:06:72

Ms. Pfaff explained the revisions in the bylaws. There are two major changes: changing the date of the Annual Meeting and adding board member reimbursement of expenses. There are several other minor wording changes. Dr. Davis asked for a copy of the Personnel Policy; Ms. Pfaff will have the policy posted on the member's page. Ms. Darling moved to approve the bylaws revisions; Ms. Gallagher seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Request for Qualifications**

24:06:73

Ms. Maxwell said she and Ms. Pfaff spoke with Praxia Partners (leading partner in developing The Ridges Plan) at the end of May. They are part of the New Community Authority to develop for the plan. She said land transfer approvals are anticipated for the end of 2024, which means that development can begin in 2025. Ms. Maxwell explained ORC 153 "Public Improvements": public authorities are permitted to prequalify professional design firms for Architectural & Engineering services. Dr. Davis moved to approve facilitating the Request for Qualifications; Dr. Luce seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

XI. Other

- Ms. Bowden said Linda Sistrunk, Marietta Memorial Hospital asked her to share that the Athens facility is open and accepting patients.
- Dr. Luce announced a OneOhio meeting in July.
- Ms. Batin presented an appreciation plaque to Ms. Bowden for her service as Chair in 2024.

XII. Adjournment

24:06:74

Dr. Luce moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Batin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane Pfaff
Executive Director

Tonya Bowden
Chair