



Staff Updates: November 2024

Training/Staff Development

- Svea attended the Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence (MACC) two-part Immigrant & Refugee Foundational Training on November 1st and 8th: Understanding the impact of migration patterns and immigration on the U.S.
- Diane, Amanda and Svea attended a PY24 (Plan Year) RHP (Recovery Housing Program) Information Session on November 14th. The *Ohio Consolidated Plan* governs how Development will distribute federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Kim C., Marissa and Andrea attended the Youth Well-being Summit: Resiliency 10/29/24 hosted by the Appalachian Children Coalition.
- Kim C. attended *The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Client: Developing Clinical Competency training series* hosted by the Community Center for the Def and Hard of Hearing.
- Kim C. attended *Non-Suicidal Self-Injury: Ethics and Legal Considerations for Counselors* by Dr. Victoria Kress hosted by the American Counseling Association on 11/15/24.
- Kim C. attended Lean Forward Veteran's Summit 2024 on 11/21/24.

Grant Management and Planning

- Kim C. met with Kathryn Smigielski the new Assistant Bureau Chief at the Bureau of Criminal Justice to discuss the Community Transition Program on November 20th.
- Kim C participated in the Vinton Co. Overdose Fatality Review Board meeting held November 6th.
- Kim C. continues to attend Family and Children First Council case review meetings in Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties. Diane attended the Vinton County Family and Children First Council meeting October 21st. The Board is a mandated member of the county Councils.
- Kim C and Diane had a discussion with staff from Integrated Services for Behavioral Health about their proposal to support families to become credentialed with OhioRISE to provide respite. They are also seeking funding from OhioMHAS.

Collaboration and Relationship Building

- Kim C. attended the Ohio University College of Health Science Gratitude Gathering November 24th
- Diane participated in the Specialized Docket training in Columbus on October 25th.
- Svea and Diane met with Athens City-County Health Department staff to discuss the Friendship Bench and opportunities for collaboration. The Health Department initiated this program with grant funding and is looking for funding to sustain the program.
- Diane was invited to participate in a conversation hosted by the Appalachian Children's Coalition to solicit stakeholder feedback on the work of the Coalition.
- Diane attended the OhioMHAS Planning Council meeting that was held in Athens on Friday, November 15th at the Voinovich School. The Planning Council provides feedback to OhioMHAS and is a requirement for federal block grant funding. The Gathering Place, Athens Photo Project and TASC of SE Ohio were featured speakers at the meeting.

Capital Investments and Infrastructure

- Diane and Svea met with Otis Cockron, Athens County Children Services, to learn about county bond funds for capital projects.
- Working with Ohio University, Svea secured a copy of the parcel survey for the property that will be conveyed to the Board.

Care Coordination

- Kim C. continues to work closely with community mental health providers Adam & Amanda Respite house and Appalachian Behavioral Health staff to assist in care coordination and discharge needs. Kim provides guardianship navigation and group home placement assistance.

Operations

- Diane, Svea, and Amanda met with a potential new insurance agency on November 13th to review policy needs for the Board properties.