

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

**Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 22, 2024**

**Meeting Was Held In-Person and Virtual**

**Present:** Tonya Bowden, Chair, Heather Batin, Dr. Tom Davis, Ralph Evans, Maeve Gallagher, Rhea Hopstetter, Dr Joe Gay, Dr. Ron Luce, Tamara Norway, Robert Orth, Anne Rubin, and Shei Sanchez

**Absent:** JoAnna Carter, Jayne Darling, Patricia Robinette, Robert Salizzoni, and Jacqueline Stobbs

**Guests:** Terra Blakely, ISBH

**Virtual:** Betsy Anderson, SG, Adrienne Crabtree, MSW Student, Kelly Madewell, MSP, Ellen Martin, HRS, Dr. Sherri Shamblin

**Staff:** Amanda Conrath, Kim Crum, Svea Maxwell, Marissa McDaid, Beth Mohammed, Diane Pfaff, and Kim Robinson

Ms. Bowden called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**I. Adoption of Agenda**

**24:04:59**

Ms. Gallagher moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Rubin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**24:04:60**

Dr. Gay moved to approve the March 25, 2024 board meeting minutes; Ms. Norway seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**III. Public Comment**

Ms. Blakely introduced herself as working at the Hive and gave brief updates on Home Away from Home and New Beginnings peer houses.

**IV. Agency Updates**

**1. Dr. Sherry Shamblin**

Dr. Shamblin thanked the Board for time at the March meeting for Nick Walters to provide updates on the 988 program. She also announced that HHC has been awarded an Ohio Department of Health (ODH) grant to continue services at Nelsonville-York schools for primary care and behavioral health services. Dr. Shamblin thanked the board for the Workforce Development grant that will conclude this year; she reported that HHC will fully sustain the Doctorial Fellowship program in partnership with OU. She also recognized Micki Lamb, director of child and adolescent site on Columbus Rd., as the recipient of the Chi Sigma Iota's supervisor of the year award.



2. **Ellen Martin, Health Recovery Services**

Ms. Martin announced they have received an award from the Ohio Criminal Justice Services that will provide specialized trauma informed training and work with human trafficking victims. She also discussed data from the latest national survey on drug use and health: 7.3 million people aged 12 and older have used illicit drugs in the past year, 48.7 million aged 12 and older have a substance use disorder in the past year, 20 million people have an alcohol use disorder, and 8 million more have both AUD and drug use disorder, and almost 1 in 4 adults aged 18 and older have been diagnosed with a mental illness in the past year.

3. **Kelly Madewell, My Sister's Place**

Ms. Madewell announced they have received another CARF accreditation. She said Hocking County continues to have large community support for their domestic violence task force. She stated that The Hocking County Sheriff's office was awarded a grant from Violence Against Women and that MSP will be a partner on this grant to help implement lethality assessment that will include linkage to MSP when scores are high. Ms. Bowden asked about the strain on staff, and Ms. Madewell said they will review the program as it progresses to determine the impact.

4. **Betsy Anderson, Serenity Grove**

Ms. Anderson reported they currently have 7 residents and are expecting a new resident from Marysville who will be released June 8<sup>th</sup>. She also reported on several workforce initiatives including a ComCorps placement for next year, a collaboration with OU Professor Van Der Ven's class, and an advanced practicum clinical student from the Social Work department. Ms. Anderson gave an update on the previously discussed resident who is doing well and very appreciative of the ADA compliant accommodations that meet her needs.

V.

**Staff Updates**

1. **Amanda Conrath, Fiscal Manager**

Ms. Conrath reported on and distributed a recent bulletin from the Auditor of State's office about cyber criminals targeting government operations. Ms. Conrath also reported on the six-month mark of the SOS grant. She said a meeting with Integrated Services is scheduled later in the week for an update on their billing. She reported that HRS received SOS carry-over funding.

2. **Sherri Tyree, Community Services Manager**

Ms. Tyree reported that she and Ms. Pfaff attended the Ohio Children's Alliance conference with keynote speakers Dr. Bruce Perry and Becky Haas. She shared research from Dr. Perry on how the history of connectedness is a better predictor of health than the history of adversity. She also announced that board intern, Abby Powell, organized a client rights training to have Kathryn Rymer from OhioMHAS provide education to contract agencies. Ms. Powell is graduating and moving on to an MSW program at OSU.

3. **Marissa McDaid, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist**

Ms. McDaid reported providers received a survey regarding the LocalHelpNow app. She also shared facts about Alcohol Awareness Month; about 95,000 people die from alcohol related illnesses each year, in comparison opioid overdose deaths are about 100,000 per year and about 22% of opioid overdose deaths involve alcohol.

#### **4. Svea Maxwell, Deputy Director**

Ms. Maxwell reported the board HVAC units have had the coils cleaned due to ineffective air flow which could contribute to breakdowns, inefficiency and reduced life of the units. She also reported renovation updates which includes all of the major projects on the main floor, including windows are slated to be completed this week, next week all of the second floor windows will be replaced, furnishings are expected to arrive at the end of May and Maxtech did a test run with the virtual meeting equipment. The June Board Meeting will be held at the 317 Board office. Ms. Maxwell also reported on a new rule to the Ohio Administrative Code took effect on April 8th requires all emergency departments to report non-fatal drug overdoses to ODH. This data will be used to help local professionals and communities identify trends and make decisions about harm reduction and referrals to treatment.

### **VII.**

#### **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Pfaff reported on the following:

- The governor's State of the State address included a large focus on behavioral health and specifically mentioned Mobile Response and Stabilization Services, Behavioral Health workforce and OhioRise. Dr. Davis said the \$64 million dollars will go to school based behavioral health programs.
- The director of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), Cheri Walter will be retiring in July after 22 years of service and Liz Henrich has been appointed as incoming director.
- The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare. The event will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-3:00 and will have resources and giving tours of the facility. Also, Director Cornyn of OhioMHAS will attend.
- Ms. Pfaff congratulated HRS for their SOS carryover funds approval; they will receive over 1 million dollars for a six-county area.
- Ms. Pfaff shared a slide from the Ohio Children's Alliance conference showing the lack of respite care services in southeast Ohio and discussed the opportunity to learn and connect with others about developing these resources.
- Ms. Pfaff said Ms. Rubin, Dr. Luce, and Ms. Hopstetter's terms are expiring on June 30<sup>th</sup> and are eligible to be reappointed; they must contact their commissioners to be reappointed. Dr. Davis has served 14 years and is not eligible for reappointment under OhioMHAS.

#### **Executive Committee Report**

##### **1. Executive Director Evaluation**

**24:04:61**

Ms. Bowden called for an Executive Session to discuss the executive director's compensation based on the survey sent to the board members. Dr. Luce moved to go into Executive Session to discuss compensation for the executive director; Ms. Batin seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ms. Bowden, Yes, Ms. Batin, Yes, Dr. Davis, Yes, Mr. Evans, Yes, Ms. Gallagher, Yes, Ms. Hopstetter, Yes, Dr. Gay, Yes, Dr. Luce, Yes, Ms. Norway, Yes, Mr. Orth, Yes, Ms.

Rubin, Yes, and Ms. Sanchez, Yes. The motion was unanimously approved. Executive Session began at 6:39 p.m. ,Ms. Bowden declared the end of the executive session at 6:53 and called the board meeting back into session.

**24:04:62**

Ms. Sanchez moved to approved a 7% salary increase for the executive director; Mr. Orth seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**24:04:63**

Ms. Conrath asked if the salary increase was retroactive, Ms. Bowden said that was discussed and the members thought it was effective in July and sought clarification. Several staff said it was normally retroactive to January. Dr. Luce moved to make the executive director's salary increase retroactive to January 1, 2024; Dr. Gay seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**2. Audit and Fraud Questionnaire**

A. Ms. Conrath said the audit began in the later part of March. She reminded the members to submit their required Fraud Questionnaire which is required before the audit can be completed.

**B. Financials**

**24:04:64**

Ms. Conrath reviewed the financials. Ms. Batin moved to approve that the January, February, and March SFY 2024 financial reports be accepted as submitted and filed for audit; Dr. Davis seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**C. 2024 Budget Amendment Resolution**

**24:04:65**

**Resolution 24-04-25**

Ms. Conrath reported that three additional funding amounts were added to this month's budget update: landlord incentive, recovery housing, and the State Opioid and Stimulant Response Grant for a total increase of \$292,751. Ms. Norway moved to approved the 2024 Budget Resolution; Ms. Hopstetter seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**D. Appropriation Increase Resolution**

**24:04:66**

**Resolution 24-04-26**

Ms. Conrath explained the resolution is to increase the appropriation for the construction fund to be able to make payments on expected invoices. Dr. Luce moved to approve the resolution; Ms. Gallagher seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**VIII. Old Business  
2025 Planning**

Ms. Pfaff discussed crisis services in Hocking County including the updated SWOT analysis. She said TBD Solutions assisted in the analysis and will present their report at the May board meeting. Ms. Pfaff discussed a pilot program the Athens city police department that includes Ipad Telehealth connected to Hopewell Health Centers. Several board members asked

questions about this pilot project and expressed interest in hearing how it is received by both law enforcement and persons in crisis.

**IX. New Business**

**2026 Chair Elect**

Ms. Bowden said the 2026 Chair Elect must be nominated in May. She asked for volunteers to be on the nominating committee; Ms. Batin volunteered and as no one else volunteered Ms. Bowden chose Ms. Stobbs to be on the committee. The 2026 Chair must be from Hocking County.

**IX. Other**

Dr. Gay discussed a report on overdose deaths and asked Ms. Pfaff to contact the county coroner regarding a coordinated response to the problem. Ms. Pfaff discussed recent collaboration with the coroner. Dr. Gay recommends the three county coroners, health departments, and the board should work together to implement a plan. Ms. Pfaff said this work is underway and that Ms. Crum attends Child Fatality Review Boards in all three counties; Vinton County has an Overdose Fatality Review Board and there have been conversations with Athens and Hocking Counties about starting their own. Dr. Gay also said there were five simultaneous overdoses at the regional jail. Ms. Pfaff thanked Dr. Gay for the data analysis.

Dr. Davis said the Appalachian Childrens Coalition just received a 1.2 million dollar grant award as result of Senator Sherrod Brown to be used for establishing an Appalachian Center for Education and Prevention.

**X. Adjournment**

**24:04:67**

Dr. Luce moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Batin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Diane Pfaff  
Executive Director

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Tonya Bowden  
Chair