

Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2024

Meeting Was Held In-Person and Virtual

- Present:** Heather Batin, Chair, Tonya Bowden, JoAnna Carter, Ralph Evans, Maeve Gallagher, Rhea Hopstetter, Dr. Joe Gay, Dr. Ron Luce, Patricia Robinette, Anne Rubin, and Jacqueline Stobbs
- Absent:** Jayne Darling, Dr. Tom Davis, Tamara Norway, Robert Orth, Robert Salizzoni, and Shei Sanchez
- Guests:** Linda Sistrunk, Marietta Memorial Hospital and Jennifer Schwirian, ABH
- Virtual:** Terra Blakely, ISBH, Kelly Madewell, MSP, Ellen Martin, Dr. Sherry Shamblin, HHC, Chelsey Young, JWCRH
- Staff:** Amanda Conrath, Kim Crum, Svea Maxwell, Marissa McDaid, Beth Mohammed, Diane Pfaff, and Kim Robinson

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

I. Adoption of Agenda

25:08:14

Dr. Gay moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Bowden seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Approval of Minutes

25:08:15

Ms. Rubin moved to approve the July 22, 2024 board meeting minutes with an amendment of adding Dr. Davis attended virtually; Ms. Gallagher seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Public Comment

Ms. Sistrunk said they are waiting for volume to increase and the local agencies have been very engaged with Marietta Memorial.

IV. Annual Board Member Training

Ms. Schwirian presented a very informative training on Trauma.



V.

Agency Updates

1. Dr. Sherry Shamblin, Hopewell Health Centers

Dr. Shamblin reported The Plains facility construction is progressing; they will move all of their child serving programs to this facility in spring or early summer of 2025. She also said the Ohio School Health Alliance requested region coordinators and Megan Danison from the Hocking team was selected for the southeastern region.

2. Ellen Martin, Health Recovery Services

Ms. Martin discussed September National Recovery Month. She said recovery is connected to wellness. She also shared that Tomcat Bridgebuilders created a book called “Young Voices From A Small Town” a book of essays written by students about addiction and how it has affected their lives.

3. Kelly Madewell, My Sister’s Place

Ms. Madewell reported they received \$36,800 to replace the HVAC system and white carpet at the transitional house. She also said Senator Brian Chavez will be visiting the transitional house; their capital funding went through his office. Ms. Madewell also discussed a group with the Athens Foundation that is putting together a low barrier emergency homeless shelter. She also reported OMHAS visited for an inspection, they passed with no findings, and their CARF Accreditation was approved.

4. Chelsey Young, John W. Clem Recovery House

Ms. Young announced they were awarded a 2-year grant from the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation for a social worker. She also announced their annual fundraising event will be held October 26th at 9:00.

5. Terra Blakely, Integrated Services for Behavioral Health

Ms. Blakely reported that The Hive received a \$20,000 grant from the Joe Burrow Foundation which allowed them to hire teens from The Hive to teach them about finances and budgeting. Ms. Blakey said they serve 250 children and 35-50 per day.

VI.

Staff Updates

1. Kim Crum, Community Services Coordinator

Ms. Crum reported HAPCAP submitted a grant to rehabilitate the Sunset Motel to turn it into a non-congregate emergency shelter. She also discussed the Overdose Awareness Day events.

2. Amanda Conrath, Fiscal Director

Ms. Conrath reported on the following:

- The state audit is in the final review process and is required to be completed by October 1st.
- She also discussed the fire at Serenity Village reported at the July meeting. The resident is staying in the extended stay motel until ServPro completes the work at the unit.
- Ms. Conrath reminded the members about the mileage forms available if they would like to claim mileage for attending the meeting.

- Ms. Conrath discussed SOR/SOS grant cycle. She said they have spoken with HRS regarding utilizing any unspent funds from other grantees.

3. Svea Maxwell, Deputy Director

Ms. Maxwell reported on the following:

- Ms. Maxwell reported that HRS staff shared lockboxes they received from PreventionFIRST!
- Ms. Maxwell reported that an application was submitted to the Supportive Housing Institute in conjunction with ISBH for participation in a five-month training with one year technical assistance after the training. The training will help with the development of the supportive housing plan on Dairy Lane and assist ISBH in their housing projects.
- Ms. Maxwell provided information on contact from OSU regarding State of Ohio Adversity and Resilience (SOAR) research project. **Focusing on breadth**, the SOAR Wellness Discovery Survey will engage as many as 15,000 people across all 88 Ohio counties. Researchers want to uncover how strengths and skills may be related to overcoming adversity. Those strengths will inform researchers about which factors to focus on to develop new treatments. **Focusing on depth**, the SOAR Brain Health Study will comprehensively study as many as 3,600 Ohioans in family groups to examine the biological, psychological, and social factors that help explain that relationship, such as who does well with adversity, who does not, and why. Those discoveries will help researchers develop personalized treatments.
- Ms. Maxwell reported that Columbia Gas installed a new meter and line from the main gas line. A quote was accepted for \$2,700 to run the line from the meter into the building. Due to the new code, they are unable to hook in to the existing underground line so the gas line will now all be visible from the meter going into the building.

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- Ms. Maxwell stated that last fall, during the renovation bidding process, replacement of the rubber membrane roof was one of the possible alternate projects. The cost estimates received were \$77,788; \$86,000; \$98,218 and were not included due to price. During the construction process there was a minor seam leak and the rubber roof was re-evaluated. After much discussion with the architect, it was decided to look at the cost of increasing the insulation over the current membrane (leveling the surface); adding full new membrane; new flashing; replacing the skylights with UV protection, new curbs, and 20-year warranty on all three skylights. The bid amounts received were \$40,770 and \$37,985 with fees/permits costs of \$1,650 and \$650. After discussion Dr. Luce moved to enter into contracts with the architectural firm, supplier, and contractor to replace the rubber roof and skylights at \$40,285 total costs; Ms. Hopstetter seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Ms. Maxwell discussed Hopewell Health Center's request for renovations of the 988 office to add a small kitchen area for staff. BDT evaluated the space and

will draw plans for a kitchen and making the restroom ADA accessible. Hopewell Health Centers will pay for these renovations using state funds.

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- Ms. Maxwell reported that the Adam Amanda House/Respite generator installed in 2013 is no longer working. KAL Electric provided a quote for a new unit at \$27,922; with funds from HHC and other possible funding sources, the generator will need to be replaced. Dr. Luce moved to approve the purchase of a generator for Adam Amanda House/Respite facility; Dr. Gay seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Executive Director Report

Ms. Paff reported on the following:

- Ms. Pfaff discussed she is working on an application for the domestic violence, family and recovery supports that were approved at the July meeting with a goal of bringing a recommendation to the October meeting.
- Ms. Pfaff reported back on the \$250,000 funding that was approved at the July meeting for the recovery house in Hocking County was not needed because the zoning board did not approve the accommodation for the women's recovery house. ISBH is searching for other alternatives or other opportunities.

VII. Contracts and Construction

Ms. Pfaff reported that she signed a contract with Barnes Advertising Group for billboards in support of Overdose Awareness Day. State grants were received to pay for the billboards. The amount total is \$3,935.01.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

X. New Business

Resolutions

1. SFY 2025 Budget Amendment Authorization

25:08:18

Resolution 25-08-04

Ms. Conrath explained the resolution to amend the SFY 2025 budget. Ms. Robinette moved to approve Resolution 25-08-03 Budget Amendment; Ms. Gallagher seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. SFY 2025 Contract Authorizations

25:08:19

Resolution 25-08-05

Ms. Pfaff explained the resolution is to authorize the executive director to enter into and amend contracts as stated. Dr. Gay moved to approved Resolution 25-08-05; Dr. Luce seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. **SFY 2025 Construction Fund Authorization**

25:08:20

Resolution 25-08-06

Ms. Conrath explained the construction fund transfer in Resolution 25-08-05 is to replenish the construction fund after the board renovation expenses. Dr. Luce moved to approve the SFY 2025 Construction Fund Transfer. Ms. Stobbs moved to approve Resolution 25-08-06; Ms. Gallagher seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. **Special Projects Fund**

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Resolution 25-08-07

Ms. Conrath explained the process of creating a new fund through the auditor's office and the purpose is to improve visibility of multi-year projects that are outside of the annual funding process. After discussion Dr. Luce moved to approve Resolution 25-08-07; Ms. Hopstetter seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. **Levy Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates**

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Resolution 25-08-08

Ms. Conrath explained the Accepting the Amounts and Rates of Levies Resolution is a county auditor generated form which is completed yearly and allows the levy funds to be collected in the upcoming calendar year. Ms. Robinette moved to approve the Resolution 25-08-08 Accepting the Amounts and Rates of Levies; Ms. Gallagher seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

6. **SOS Grant 2025**

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Ms. Pfaff explained that the state has historically allocated funding directly to the board funding and required an application to explain its use. This year they released an RFP on August 23rd with a due date of September 23rd for a funding cycle that begins September 30th. Ms. Pfaff said the Board will submit an application, but that agencies can now apply directly to the state for funding. Since the Board will not meet in September, Ms. Pfaff requested authorization to close out SOS 2024 and also asked for the Board to provide payment to recovery houses for the month of October if SOS funding is not renewed. This will provide stability to the recovery houses while a plan is developed for the rest of the year. The funding amount for October is up to \$41,285.60 which is a three-month average of their payments and would be taken from the unallocated levy funding. Mr. Evans moved to approved continuing to fund the recovery

houses through the month of October; Dr. Luce seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

XI. Other

Dr. Gay discussed the Scientific American newsletter: Opioid Deaths.

XII. Adjournment

25:08:24

Dr. Gay moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Hopstetter seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diane Pfaff
Executive Director

Heather Batin
Chair