



**ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION  
GRANT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**JANUARY 24, 2024**

**NO QUORUM**

**INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation (the “Organization”) Grant Oversight Committee (the “Committee”) held a meeting on January 24, 2024 (the “Meeting”).

**Directors in Attendance:**

Tom Gregoire (Committee Chairperson), Bambi Baughn, Greta Mayer, Scott Sylak, Mircea Handru, and David Matia

**Non-Directors in Attendance:**

Alisha Nelson, Jim Quinn, Connie Luck

**I. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Gregoire at 3:02 p.m.

**II. Welcome and Updates from the Chairperson**

Gregoire welcomed directors, staff, and guests in attendance.

The dates and times of future committee meetings were discussed. Gregoire stated that there was no quorum so no decisions will be made, but feedback on the RFP will be solicited.

A grant lifecycle update was given. The organization is still in the pre-award phase and many items have moved into green or *Near Completion*.

**III. Regional Update**

Executive Director Alisha Nelson gave a regional update. The regional readiness checklist was discussed. Regions received a survey that asked what the regions’ funding priorities were and whether the region had a funding allocation. Connie Luck will create language to communicate how a region plans to allocate funds.

Gregoire asked Nelson to further explain what is meant by the term “allocation” as it relates to funding. Nelson explained that regions will confirm if they have a funding allocation. There are

some regions who have decided to review applications as they come in while others have chosen to have allocations. Those regions with allocations, multi-county regions, for example, have already decided which portion of the funding will be directed towards a specific priority that's been pre-established. It's important for the community to be aware of this.

Director David Matia asked if funding allocations are something that regions must do. Nelson replied that allocations are not required. Four regions have opted to use this approach thus far.

Director Mircea Handru shared that his region opted not to select priorities, but they did create a formula for breaking down funding levels by county.

Gregoire said that it is not required, but if a region has a funding allocation, then there should be transparency in communicating that to the public.

Director Greta Mayer asked whether the region's decision to have a funding allocation or not should precede the completion of the region survey. Nelson confirmed that the allocation decision should be made first.

Gregoire asked whether a formalized process has been created to share information about Regional Bylaws, ideas, and lessons learned. Nelson confirmed that each Region will have a webpage where the bylaws and other documents will be stored and accessible by all.

#### IV. **RFP Review**

Nelson reviewed a full draft of the RFP and requested feedback from the Committee.

Nelson highlighted the *Eligibility, Funding, and Approved Purposes* section of the RFP. This grant opportunity is open to almost any organization in the state:

- Matia suggested some language edits.
- Gregoire inquired whether it is universally understood what accreditation and certification mean.
- Director Scott Sylak inquired about the language of the section for tax-exempt status.
- Ms. Nelson said certain entities are expected to be certified or can become certified. This will ensure the level of credibility that the Committee and Board members discussed.
- Director Bambi Baughn inquired about the certification for Drug Courts.
- Matia suggested that certification may not be applicable or available to every organization/provider.
- Gregoire stated that the committee should revisit the criteria to prevent innovation while ensuring credibility
- Sylak suggested a requirement for a certificate of *Good Standing* from the Secretary of State.

Nelson shared that her team compiled the abatement strategies into a user-friendly format which will be shared with committee members soon.

- Gregoire inquired about the Grant Agreement. Nelson said that it is in process and will be comparable to what other foundations have used.

- Matia suggested language regarding the decision-making responsibility of the regions
- Matia inquired about time frames. Nelson said there will be some flexibility regarding timing on a case-by-case basis.

Nelson reviewed the funding limitations. The section includes a table that shows specific types of certifications and accreditations that will be considered for applicants.

Nelson asked the committee to consider situations in which (ex. Fentanyl Test Strips) an intervention is permissible in certain areas but are not legal at the statewide or federal level or any scenario when there is conflicting or unsettled legislation that could potentially put the organization at risk for funding the intervention or program. Much of this is more appropriate with the Legal Subcommittee.

Nelson will distribute the draft to the committee members for review.

Gregoire concluded the meeting by acknowledging the work that has been done by the Committee and the OneOhio Team members.

V. **Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:** February 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

VI. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Gregoire adjourned the Meeting at 3:58 p.m.

The undersigned, being the Chairperson of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant Making Committee, hereby attests that these minutes are a true and correct original of the January 24, 2024, committee meeting.

Tom Gregoire  
Tom Gregoire (May 2, 2024 08:59 EDT)

Signature

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Date