



ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION

GRANT MAKING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation (the “Organization”) Grant Making Oversight Committee (the “Committee”) held a meeting on November 13, 2023 (the “Meeting”).

Directors in Attendance:

Tom Gregoire (Committee Chairman), Denise Driehaus, Keith Hochadel, Dawn Tyler-Lee, Deborah Matz, David Matia, Greta Mayer, Jane Portman, Scott Sylak

Non-Directors in Attendance:

Alisha Nelson, Jim Quinn, Mike Garcar, Sarah Anstine

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gregoire at 4:00 p.m.

II. Welcome from the Chairman

Chairman Gregoire welcomed directors and guests in attendance.

III. Establish Meeting Schedule

Chairman Gregoire stated he would like to have the Committee meet more regularly with the goal of having two Committee meetings per month. The next Committee Meeting will be held before the December Board meeting at 9:30 a.m.

IV. Grant Lifecycle Update

Ms. Nelson gave an overview of where the Organization is with the grant lifecycle. The Organization still has many tasks to accomplish in the pre-award phase of the lifecycle. This lifecycle will be regularly updated and reported on at Board Meetings so the Board can see where action items are regarding completion.

The pre-award lifecycle was discussed. The staff are currently working with the regions on regional readiness and finalizing the grant application. These items will be discussed in greater detail at the December meeting. The majority of regions have met with Ms. Nelson.

Chairman Gregoire asked about the regional readiness survey. Ms. Nelson stated that the Organization is tracking responses from regions as to items that need to be in place before grant funding is issued. Chairman Gregoire asked that the internal tracking for each region that the Organization compiles be shared with the Committee at a later date.

Ms. Nelson stated that there will be a meeting with several regions in the near future on how to better identify funding priorities.

Ms. Nelson asked the Committee for feedback as to whether lifecycle status indicators are helpful.

Chairman Gregoire asked if Ms. Anstine regularly attends regional meetings. Ms. Nelson stated that Ms. Anstine has attended nearly all regional meetings since she began her employment with the Organization.

Director Tyler Lee asked if the regions had already received the readiness survey. Ms. Nelson clarified that each region received either an email or an in-person presentation on the tasks that each region should be completing prior to the grant portal opening for applications. The information contained within the email and the in-person presentation is the same that was presented at the October Board meeting. Ms. Anstine stated that about 15 regions have been met with. Ms. Nelson stated the feedback received from the regions is that there needs to be more guidance on what tasks need to be completed to be operationally ready. Specifically, this includes having in place governing documents and leadership positions in place. Ms. Anstine will give a presentation at the December board meeting on where the regions are regarding administrative tasks.

V. Grant Policy Review

Ms. Nelson discussed questions the staff has to clarify the intent of several provisions contained within the Grant Policy.

The level of involvement the Committee has in operations was discussed. Chairman Gregoire stated the Committee adopted policies in the past and now the staff needs to institute the procedures for these policies. The Committee and Board should approve funding decisions but should not play a hands-on role.

Director Portman stated that in her experience with foundations, the staff does the bulk of work, and then Committee members review staff recommendations.

Director Driehaus stated she agrees with Director Portman and that the Committee should not initially review applications. The Committee's role should be to ensure that the application being created is done in a way that meets the needs of the various regions.

Director Mayer stated she believes the Committee should focus on policy and not delve into procedures. Additionally, the Committee will be required to have some type of interaction with the Expert Panel, which has not yet been finalized.

Director Matz stated that the Committee should ensure that a universal application is approved and implemented. Doing so will ensure consistency across the state.

Chairman Gregoire stated he is looking for the staff to make a recommendation to the Committee and Board regarding the interaction between the Committee and expert panel.

Ms. Nelson stated that based on the discussion, the staff will make redlined edits to the Grant Policy for their consideration.

The grant review process in the Grant Policy was discussed. Ms. Nelson presented a draft regional grant workflow. Once an applicant applies, staff would do a compliance check and due diligence review. Once approved, it will be sent to the region for consideration. The regions would have the ability to review the applications through AkoyaGo software. If approved, the Expert Panel would then be able to review the applications. Staff would then summarize the approved applications to the Committee with a Grant Summary Report. The Committee would then make a recommendation to the Board for approval. Once the Board approves applications, the staff will conduct regular fiscal and outcome performance.

Director Tyler Lee asked about the Expert Panel and how they will ensure the applicant's alignment with the mitigation strategies. Ms. Nelson stated that the three (3) initial expert panel members have been met with. All have emphasized that there needs to be space for innovation. Given this, Ms. Nelson proposes that the Expert Panel focus more on innovative program applications to ensure these applications utilize best practices.

Director Matia asked if the Expert Panel will simply flag applicants or will they have formal approval of applications they review. Ms. Nelson stated that AkoyaGo will have the ability to separate out certain applications that are flagged for review by the Expert Panel. This should help expedite the approval process.

Ms. Nelson stated that an ideal role is that the Expert Panel would follow what other governmental entities at the federal and state level have created regarding grant guidelines. The hope is that the majority of applications won't require great scrutiny by the Expert Panel.

Director Tyler Lee asked if the Committee can look at applications in the AkoyaGo software. Ms. Nelson stated that individuals can have "user roles" that give individuals access to various types of information. The Committee can have a user role that would permit them to dashboards within AkoyaGo.

Ms. Nelson stated that the staff has a question as it pertains to what type of entities are eligible. The Policy is currently written to permit non-profit, government entities, and for-profit entities that further the charitable mission of the Organization can apply for funding. Chairman Gregoire stated that this will need to be discussed in more detail in the future by the Committee.

Director Mayer stated that the concern with the for-profit grantees is that the behavioral health infrastructure is very fragile and that many for-profit entities don't have to abide by the regulations and guardrails that non-profit organizations do as it pertains to ensure providers are providing high-quality services.

Chairman Gregoire stated he agreed with Director Mayer's concerns. Director Matia stated he believes that problems with for-profit providers would likely be weeded out at the regional level.

Chairman Gregoire stated that regions have asked for guidance on this matter, so the Committee should discuss it in greater detail.

Director Sylak stated he believes guidance to the regions would be helpful. However, he worries about the Board being paternal to the regions and being overly restrictive.

Ms. Nelson stated she proposes adding more information to the Policy to define better who legally a grant could be made to. More research on this topic will be required.

Director Tyler Lee said that this would be a delicate balance and proposes that a for-profit entity be permitted to apply for a grant if such an application is made in conjunction with a non-profit partner.

VI. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: December 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Executive Conference Room.

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Gregoire adjourned the Meeting at 5:05 p.m.

The undersigned being the Chairman of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant Making Oversight Committee Meeting, hereby attests that these minutes are a true and correct original of the November 14, 2023, Committee Meeting.

Tom Gregoire
Tom Gregoire (Dec 11, 2023 14:27 EST)

Signature

Dec 11, 2023

Date












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