



**ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation (the “Organization”) Board of Directors (the “Board”) held a board meeting on March 8, 2023, at 34 S. 3rd Street, Columbus, OH 43215 (the “Meeting”).

Board Members in Attendance:

Non-Metropolitan: Bambi Baughn, Julie Ehemann, Jeffrey Fix, Mircea Handru, Matt Old, Don Mason, Greta Mayer, Glenn Miller, Jeffrey Simmons, Casey Kozlowski, Jeanette Wierzbicki

Metropolitan: Judy Dodge (arrived at 11:12 a.m.), Denise Driehaus, Keith Hochadel, David Matia

Statewide: Tom Gregoire, Larry Kidd, Jane Portman, Michael Roizen, Christopher Smitherman

Legislative: Evan Kleymeyer, Rob McColley

Board Members Not in Attendance:

Matt Bell, Josh Cox, Duane Piccirilli, Ilene Shapiro, John Tharp, Richard Brown, Gail Pavliga

Staff Present:

Kathryn Whittington, Jim Quinn

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kidd at 10:32 a.m. There was a roll call of directors present. A quorum was present for the Meeting.

II. Welcome and Update from the Chair

Chairman Kidd thanked all directors for attending the meeting.

III. Items for Action

a. Minutes from the February 8, 2023, Board Meeting

The Minutes from the February 8, 2023, Board Meeting were brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Director Fix to adopt the Minutes from the February 8,

2023, Board Meeting without amendment, seconded by Director Old, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present.

IV. Allocation Disbursement Discussion

The allocation of Organization funds was discussed.

Director McColley stated Organization funds should be disbursed for state projects. Organization funding should also go into long-term investments to ensure the Organization can remain in perpetuity.

Director Fix stated the Organization should put as many resources into regional projects as possible in the initial funding cycles. Then, in subsequent years the Organization can consider funding state projects. Director Fix proposed that all funding in year one after expenses be sent to the regions with phasing-in-state projects in year two and year three.

Director Roizen stated that funding for statewide projects should focus on prevention programming.

Director Direhaus stated that in her initial conversations with the Governor and Attorney General, when the lawsuits which are funding the Organization commenced, the focus was that any settlement funds being put into a foundation would be sent to Ohio communities that dealt with the opioid epidemic first hand. The State of Ohio received 15 percent of the settlement funds. They, not the Organization, should be the entity that focuses on state projects. Region 2 feels strongly that all funding in round 1 should benefit the regions.

Chairman Kidd stated that some solutions to the opioid epidemic could come from industry and not treatment providers and that while the Organization should focus on funding regional projects which support recovery, the only way to eradicate the opioid epidemic is through prevention done on a statewide scale.

Director Ehemann stated she is not opposed to statewide projects but that when developing the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") it was clear the intent was to fund regional projects, not state projects.

Ms. Whittington stated that the Board could focus allocations on the regions but that the Grant Policy should state that the Board can fund state projects in case this is the direction the Board wants to go in the future.

Director Mayer stated it is wise for the Organization to plan for the future. While Region 14 wants to receive as much funding as possible, as a Director, it is important for the Board to consider the transformational impact that a statewide project could have. The Board needs also to consider how fragile the organizations and their workforces fighting the epidemic are. Treatment providers will likely request funding for multi-year projects to give them time to sustain these programs.

Director Wierzbicki stated the funding for the regions would be critical in year one and year two.

Director Fix asked if the Organization is constrained to fighting the opioid epidemic or any drug epidemic. Ms. Whittington stated that the Organization's Code of Regulations states the Organization can use the funding for any substance use disorder.

Director Mason stated that the Board has a responsibility to get money back to the regions as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Director McColley asked how much funding the Organization would be receiving. Chairman Kidd stated approximately \$88 Million in years one, two and three. Ms. Whittington stated that the Organization was supposed to receive its first two payments from the settlement in 2022. These payments were delayed. Payments one and two will be made to the Organization in the next several months. Payment three is on schedule to be made this fall.

Director Matia stated it is difficult for the regions to plan right now because there is no clear guidance as to how much funding will be going to the regions. He requested the Board set a date to finalize the allocation amounts for the first round of funding.

Chairman Kidd stated that after year three it is not clear what the income of the Organization will be. Ms. Whittington stated that future allocations will be determined based on the success of investments and any future settlements.

Director Handru stated that the Board needs to make regions aware that after year three there will likely be a decrease in the amount of allocations.

Director Driehaus asked whether the investment portion of the Organization's funding would be lumped in with any statewide funding. Chairman Kidd stated that the Investment Committee is discussing what an adequate amount of funding might be to place into investments. Any funding put into investments should not be viewed as taking funding away from the regions. Rather, it would be ensuring that the regions have additional funding opportunities years from now.

Director Matia stated that with the country's economic outlook, it is unlikely that any returns received from investments would outpace inflation. As a result of this, the Organization should allocate as much funding to the regions as possible.

Director Handru asked if the goal of the discussion was to decide the allocation amounts at the Meeting. Chairman Kidd said he would like only to discuss today and formally vote on the allocation distribution at the April board meeting.

Director Matia stated that there is a lot of time pressure on the Organization to finalize allocation amounts and send funding to the regions. He proposed that at the April meeting the Board vote to allocate all funds after expenses to the regions and that in subsequent years, the Board can look to fund statewide projects.

Chairman Kidd stated that Mr. Quinn is finalizing a budget for operations to be presented next month so the Board will have a better idea of the organization's operational expense needs.

Director McColley stated that if the Board put \$5 million into an endowment every year and that money grew at a conservative 5%, there would be an endowment of approximately \$140 million in 15 years. This funding could be used to fight any other substance use issues in the future. The Board should be cautious not to overextend on the number of projects being funded because it is likely that several of the projects will be multi-year in length.

Director Wierzbicki stated that if any region makes a multi-year request for a project, that funding should be built into one grant allocation.

Director Miller stated he is a proponent of all funding going to the regions after the Organization's expenses are paid for. The Organization can evaluate whether to make statewide grants in the future.

Director Fix thanked Director McColley for his constant presence and engagement at meetings.

Director Smitherman stated that the Board should think about allocations from both a short-term and long-term perspective. The Organization should invest some of the funds received so that its work can carry on in perpetuity. The Board should ensure financial resource will be available years from now to fight other substance use disorders in Ohio.

Director Driehaus stated that she understands the rationale for investing Organization funds but that the investment the Organization makes in the near term to regions will save lives. She hopes that the Board will take a formal vote in April on the allocation disbursement so that between now and then, Directors can speak with their regions about the funding they might expect to receive for planning purposes.

Chairman Kidd stated that while all Directors want to save lives now, the mission of the Organization is to help eradicate all addiction, and as a result, there needs to be a long-term vision. He thanked all Directors for their insight and said he intended to bring the allocation disbursement for a vote at the April Board meeting.

V. Financial Report

Mr. Quinn gave the Financial Report. The Income and Expenses for 2022 were reviewed. All expenses have been reconciled and the Ohio Auditor will audit in the near future. All operations have been funded through the McKenzie settlement.

The 2023 Operating Budget was discussed.

The Organization has hired an accounting firm after the Audit and Finance Committee interviewed several candidates.

VI. Interim Executive Director Report

Ms. Whittington gave the Executive Director Report.

Contact information for regional boards was discussed. Ms. Whittington is in the process of collecting contact information for board members from each region.

The Strategic Planning Committee was discussed. The Strategic Planning Committee will have a brief meeting at the conclusion of the Board Meeting and will begin to meet regularly in the future.

The Expert Panel was discussed. More than 88 applicants applied to be members of the Expert Panel. A rubric to evaluate each applicant has been developed and interviews will be taking place soon.

Public relations was discussed. Ms. Whittington has met with 19 stakeholder groups since taking on the position in January. The purpose of these meetings is to connect with key leaders and association members to build relationships and communicate with them about the Organization's activities.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Audit and Finance

Director Wierzbicki gave the Audit and Finance Committee report. Mr. Quinn has drafted a Fiscal Policy that is currently being reviewed by the committee.

b. Personnel

Director Ehemann gave the Personnel Committee report. The committee has met twice and is currently working on the Employee Manual. The committee is about 2/3 of the way through editing the draft manual.

c. Strategic Planning

Ms. Whittington stated the Strategic Planning Committee has not met yet but will begin meeting regularly in the near future.

d. Grant Making Oversight

Director Gregoire gave the Grant Making Oversight Committee report. The committee has been working very hard to finalize the Grant Policy. The next committee meeting will be on March 10, 2023.

VIII. Open Discussion

Chairman Kidd stated that there is no update as to the two lawsuits that involve the Organization. He thanked all Directors for their participation and hard work.

Ms. Whittington stated that the Executive Committee approved an Investment Policy which was sent to all Directors this morning for their review and consideration. If any Directors have questions on the Policy, they should contact Director Mason.

IX. Next Board Meeting


The Board will meet on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, 34 S. Third Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

X. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon Motion duly made by Director Fix to adjourn the Meeting of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board of Directors, seconded

by Director Ehemann, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present.
The Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

The undersigned being the Secretary of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board of Directors,
hereby attests that these minutes are a true and correct original of the March 8, 2023, Board
Meeting.



Keith Hochadel (Apr 13, 2023 03:51 EDT)

Signature

Apr 13, 2023

Date