

# OneOhio Meeting Minutes November 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

John McIntire Library, Zanesville Ohio

## **Welcome:**

Brad Peoples of Buckeye Hills Regional Council opened the meeting at roughly 10:00am and offered a welcome to the Region 12 Committee. Brad reminded everyone that roll call was being recorded via a sign in sheet, and for everyone to make sure that they had signed in. Several guests were welcomed who are also listed on the sign in sheet. 13 Region 12 OneOhio committee members were present in person, and one alternate.

Attendees: Gracee Poorman, Mick Schumacher, Bo Powell, Charlie Schilling, Don Mason, Adam Shriver, Chris Rich, Misty Cromwell, Mollie Crooks, Jennifer Arnold, Corey Hamilton, Joshua Lane, Shawn Ray attended as Region 12 Committee members. Tim Hahn, Taylor Brown, Sarah Anstine, Tim Louis all attended as guests or alternates.

A motion was made by Corey Hamilton to move “other business” to the top of the agenda, and Mayor Don Mason of Zanesville seconded the motion with all in favor. Judge Jennifer Arnold of Noble County then made a motion to authorize virtual attendance for Region 12 Committee members, as a means of counting them present for a quorum. Commissioner Charlie Schilling of Washington County seconded this motion, with all in favor.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jack Marlin of Guernsey County to approve the minutes from the August OneOhio meeting, and Commissioner Mick Schumacher of Monroe County seconded the motion. After a voice vote was held, all were in favor.

## **Amendment to Bylaws:**

The required amount of committee members needed to amend the bylaws were not present.

## **Report of President:**

Gracee Poorman, the President of Region 12 OneOhio’s board members, offered some updates regarding her willingness to share testimonials with members. Gracee mentioned that she contacted several local agencies to speak with them about whether they are aware of the OneOhio program, or aware of what stage the program is in. She has requested contact information from Region 12 Committee members, allowing her to reach out to different community agencies and create awareness of the OneOhio program. This led to discussion with OneOhio Representative Sarah Anstine about whether Region 12 would like a webpage, for awareness purposes. Sarah Anstine also said it is a priority of OneOhio Recovery

Foundation to begin an awareness campaign with materials and assistance from the Foundation, with a focus on regional readiness.

### **Report of Foundation Representative Mayor Don Mason:**

Mayor Mason opened his comments noting the difficulty and the honor of being the Foundation Representative for Region 12. Mayor Mason mentioned that the next step Region 12 should expect will be a training on how to use the software and the portal for the grants system. He then offered comments on Alisha Nelson the new Executive Director of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation. The mayor then shared information with Region 12 about the financial strategy of the Foundation, and how this effort is a specific task of the new E.D. It is a clearly stated goal that The OneOhio Foundation is looking to make these funds as effective as possible, and spread as efficiently and strategically as possible.

As part of the discussion during this portion of the agenda Commissioner Schilling of Washington County mentioned that Washington County is combining partners, through municipalities, townships, the ESC, and the schools to combine local funds, and expand programming into the schools. He offered this as a template for other community leaders to potentially adopt making the local funds, and potential OneOhio grant funds work more efficiently in the communities.

### **Report of Committees:**

During this section of the meeting, the scoring criteria that was previously sent to the individual Committee members was discussed in depth. Brad Peoples of Buckeye Hills Regional Council explained to the Region 12 Committee that Buckeye Hills leaned on past experience and templates with other funding programs to provide a framework for Region 12's scoring criteria to take shape. The discussions previously had in Region 12 meetings and amongst members of the grants committee have combined with Buckeye Hills administrative experience to form a final proposed version of the Region 12 grants scoring criteria. Gracee Poorman mentioned the need for clarity when defining sustainability and an option was discussed to elaborate on sustainability when Region 12 markets for applications. Leondra Davis and Shawn Ray both offered comments on the criteria about the need for further information from the Foundation to define certain facets of the applications, such as administration costs, permissible match etc. Some of the Region 12 criteria then, is limited in scope until more detailed information is given from the Foundation. Sarah from OneOhio mentioned that the foundation is in the process of determining measurable outcomes, and where sustainability fits into those outcomes. The discussion resulted in the approval of the criteria, with a motion made by Judge Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Schumacher, and all were in favor after a voice vote.

### **Funding Requests:**

Region 12 has no funding requests as of yet.

### **Consideration of Date and Time of Future Meetings:**

In accordance with Region 12 Bylaws, the meetings of the upcoming year were set at this November 17 Region 12 meeting. The dates of February 9, May 10, August 9, and November 8 were chosen as dates with a start time of 10:00AM. Motion was made by Health Commissioner Shawn Ray to approve the dates above, and was seconded by Misty Cromwell, with the group unanimously in favor. The Region 12 Committee was reminded that virtual access will now be in place, and each member can send alternates in their stead.

### **Adjournment:**

After a few remarks from the administrative agent, the meeting was adjourned. A motion was made by Shawn Ray, and seconded by Mick Schumacher with all in favor.