



OneOhio Region 7 Collaborative
Mahoning and Trumbull Counties

Collaborative Meeting
March 6, 2023
Minutes

Present: April Caraway, Erin Bishop, Greg Leonhard, Brenda Heidinger, Jake Jones, Hannah Petrosky, Joseph Rossi, Linda Spies, Lauren Thorp, Eric Ungaro

Absent: Victor Daprile, Carolyn Givens, Rev. Lewis Macklin, Duane Piccirilli, Sara Volinchak

April Caraway, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

April Caraway called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023 meeting.

Greg Leonhard made a motion to approve minutes from February 6, 2023, meeting. Eric Ungaro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Funding priorities: April Caraway discussed that OneOhio Foundations next meeting will be on March 8th and will be livestreamed. Last month Kathryn Whittington explained that if everything was completed in March at the meeting, money could possibly be distributed in October.

April Caraway shared that Trumbull County just recently submitted a new community plan, which is posted on their website. April and Brenda will email everyone a copy of the plan, which shows each counties funding priorities. The community plan is a two-year cycle, and is updated every year.

April Caraway discussed that Mahoning and Trumbull county jointly participated in a community health needs assessment with the Health Departments. The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was shared previously with committee members. Erin Bishop shared that the Mahoning County Health District held a kickoff in February with Mahoning County organizations that work on the CHIP. April Caraway shared that Mahoning and Trumbull County's number one priority is to improve mental health and addiction issues. April Caraway stated that information on what different groups are doing, including this committee, will be included in the CHIP report.

April Caraway discussed the importance of identifying this groups' top five priorities and that extra consideration should be given to those priorities when the RFI is made available to the public. This will help streamline our approval process.



The members discussed possible top priorities:

- Erin Bishop shared that it is a good idea to identify the top priorities so that groups can focus on these important issues.
- Eric Ungaro shared that housing, schools, and first responders are a few of the top priorities that this committee has discussed.
- April Caraway reminded the committee on the parameters of the funding under the guidelines. There must be expansion, things that are transformational and new projects. The group cannot fund something that someone is already doing. What can this group fund that is new and different and will make the most impact? She shared an example that EMS could develop a new project whereby a first responder follow-ups with an individual who overdoses to give resources and provide linkage to get someone into treatment.
- Lauren Thorp discussed a survey that was completed by first responders that showed that not many are comfortable talking with supervisors about behavioral health concerns. The stress that first responders experience can result in a mental health crisis and substance abuse. Can we address these unmet mental health conditions of first responders?
- April Caraway reminded members that the application the group put together is simple and priorities should be given to evidence-based programs that show positive outcomes.
- Joe Rossi stated that the group could hold a bidders' conference where successful ideas could be shared with the applicants.
- Linda Spies shared that there is a mental health intervention specialist in every room in the learning center where she works. One barrier in getting children the help they need are that some parents will not enroll their children into the services.
- Eric Ungaro shared that in some schools the Intervention specialist, truancy officer, etc. have been cut from schools due to lack of funding.
- Joe Rossi discussed possibly going over a scoring mechanism of possible applications that the group will receive. Should sub committees be put together for different types of applications? How can this be done so it is a fair process but efficient?



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- April Caraway stated that based on this evening's discussion the group may want to hold an informational meeting in the summer and have a Q&A session with potential applicants.

April Caraway will draft a summary of the Collaborative, the guidelines and the OneOhio priorities so that members can share them on websites, social media, and with the media.

New Business:

OneOhio Foundation Update: Brenda Heidinger stated that there isn't much of an update. After returning from executive session some members had to leave, so no formal business was conducted. The next meeting is Wednesday. Most of the regions are at a similar step in the process as our collaborative.

Status of funding: No update received.

General Discussion:

- Greg Leonhard shared that Kathryn Whittington will speak at the Trumbull County Township Association in May.
- April Caraway shared overdose stats from the Coroners' office. In the first quarter of this year, all of the people who died were between 30-55 years old. Normally deaths occur in all age groups. Norfentanyl is on more toxicology screens and there is an increase in minority overdoses.
- Brenda Heidinger stated that Mahoning county is starting to see xylazine overdose deaths.
- April Caraway stated that xylazine is an animal tranquilizer that the drug dealers are cutting into the drugs. Xylazine does not respond to Narcan and the new CPR will not work with xylazine because the individual needs oxygen that only mouth to mouth resuscitation can provide.
- Jake Jones shared that the Criminal Justice system is working to increase Medication Assistant Treatment for incarcerated individuals.
- April Caraway shared that most Recovery houses are now letting individuals in that are on suboxone.

Lauren Thorp shared that there will be an ASAP Drug Summit at Kent Trumbull on May 26th.



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The next Meeting will be held on April 3, 2023, at 5:00pm at Direction Home of Eastern Ohio, 1030 Meridian Road, Youngstown, OH 44509

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Caraway called for a motion to adjourn at 5:47 pm.

Joe Rossi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. Jake Jones seconded the motion.

Minutes reported by:

Minutes recorded by:

Joe Rossi
Secretary

Jenny Morales