



OneOhio Region 7 Collaborative  
Mahoning and Trumbull Counties

January 10, 2023  
Meeting Minutes

Present: April Caraway, Erin Bishop, Victor Daprile, Carolyn Givens, Greg Leonhard, Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Joseph Rossi, Lauren Thorp, Eric Ungaro, Rev. Lewis Macklin

Absent: Hanna Petrosky, Linda Spies, Sara Voinchak

April Caraway, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

April Caraway asked members to review the December minutes. She then called for a motion to approve the December 5, 2022 meeting minutes.

**Eric Ungaro made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting. Greg Leonhard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Unfinished Business:**

Duane Piccirilli and Erin Bishop gave a brief introduction of the new Mahoning County appointee, Reverend Lewis W. Macklin. Melanie Matsouris, Notary Public, then provided the oath of office to Rev. Lewis W. Macklin to the OneOhio Region 7 Collaborative.

April Caraway informed the members that the Trumbull County Commissioners are still working on the addition of another member from Trumbull County.

**New Business:**

Status of Funding: Duane Piccirilli stated that there was no new information on the status of funding.

Duane informed the members that Kathryn Whittington, the OneOhio Foundation Interim Executive Director, is attending regional meetings around the state and she will be present at our February meeting. Kathryn is also an Ashtabula County Commissioner. Duane suggested that the members be prepared to ask any questions of Kathryn at the next meeting.

Carolyn Givens questioned if there are any providers, or employees of providers, on the One Ohio Recovery Foundation Board and if so, it could be a conflict of interest.

The members discussed possible questions for Kathryn Whittington at next meeting.

- What is allowable from the state?
- What is the timeline for releasing of the funds?
- Is requesting a match for funding from applicants allowed?
- Can for-profit agencies receive funding?



### General Discussion:

- The members discussed funding priorities. These included: aftercare stepdown after treatment, housing, teaching basic life skills and job training.
- Rev. Lewis Macklin asked if there was a needs assessment available. Brenda Heidinger shared that the last Community Health Needs Assessment was done in conjunction with the four Health Departments that serve Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, Mercy Health, and the two ADAMH Boards last summer. She stated that mental health and addiction issues are at the top of the list and she would share the plan after the roll out occurring at the end of the month.
- Carolyn Givens questioned if the State Foundation could turn down this group's recommendations if they determine the recommendations are not of merit.
- Duane explained that the regions will send the recommendations to the State Foundation and their expert panel will make sure the recommendation meets the OneOhio guidelines.
- Eric Ungaro discussed other funding priorities being prevention in schools and certified and safe housing as part of aftercare treatment.
- Eric Ungaro expressed that the point of this group is to be a strong voice for the people. He asked if there would be any conflict of interests within the State Foundation and Duane explained that there is complete transparency at the State Foundation Board; meetings are recorded and available on line.
- April Caraway shared a handout of the behavioral health programs occurring in the Trumbull County Schools. The TCMHR Board funds a lot of the programs. The spreadsheet can be used to ensure no duplication of funding.
- Carolyn Givens suggested that people in aftercare need to learn fiduciary management and nutritional skills.
- Greg Leonhard reiterated the importance of helping EMS. He suggested EMS tracking that if someone is repeatedly overdosing an intervention should be offered.

Next Meeting will be held on February 6, 2023, at 5:00 pm 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 5:50 pm.

**Rev. Lewis Macklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Eric Ungaro seconded the motion.**

Minutes reported by:

Minutes recorded by:

Joe Rossi  
Secretary

Jenny Morales