



OneOhio Region 7 Collaborative
Mahoning and Trumbull Counties

November 7, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: April Caraway, Carolyn Givens, Greg Leonhard, Hanna Petrosky, Duane Piccirilli, Eric Ungaro,

Absent: Erin Bishop, Victor Daprile, Joseph Rossi, Linda Spies, Sara Voinchak

Alternates Present: Brenda Heidinger, Lauren Thorp

April Caraway, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

April Caraway called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022, meeting.

Carolyn Givens made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3rd meeting. Eric Ungaro seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

The committee discussed the draft RFI that was shared at the October 3rd meeting.

- Members suggested including broad categories contained in the Ohio Abatement Plan in the RFI.
- The OneOhio Foundation has yet to receive funding from the Attorney General.
- An expert panel will be set up under the Foundation to review all recommended applications.
- The committee members discussed the different tax statuses of entities that may apply- 5013c, faith based, government agency, nonprofit, for-profit. The attorney from the OneOhio Foundation indicated additional oversight might be required for a for-profit entity. They suggested a for profit-entity could apply as a subgrantee through a non-profit or government entity.
- The Collaborative may develop their own criteria, so long as it meets the requirements under the OneOhio Foundation MOU.
- It was stated that the group applying would have to check off which category they are applying for; prevention, treatment, research, etc. as listed in the OneOhio Toolkit; as well as type of entity applying.
- April Caraway will amend the draft RFI to include a list of categories for review based on this discussion.

Next the committee discussed the allowable expenditures consistent with the OneOhio Toolkit Abatement Strategies:



- April Caraway stated that it is important for this group to know the allowable activities and to be prepared to make funding recommendations. Carolyn Givens suggested using the categories within the toolkit as part of the RFI. She also recommended including a general statement on the cover page of the RFI referencing the targeted abatement strategies and a list of potential recipients that are eligible, “but not limited to”, those referenced. April Caraway stated she will draft a letter to be included with the guidelines for review at the December 5, 2022 meeting.

New Business:

The Committee discussed the need to request the Commissioner’s add new members to the collaborative.

- April Caraway shared that a community member attended a recent Trumbull County Commissioner’s meeting and pointed out that the committee doesn’t represent the diverse population of our community. The Commissioners agreed and requested April Caraway to take the issue to the collaborative so that we might make a recommendation to remedy the situation. All committee members agreed that it is important to add two new members, under the community impact category, that represent people of color. It was suggested that the Chairperson send a letter to the Mahoning and Trumbull Boards of Commissioners, requesting that each approve a change to the MOU to add the two members. Each Board of Commissioners will determine how each new member will be selected and appointed.

April Caraway called for a motion to ask both Boards of Commissioners to appoint an additional member, one from each county, in the community impact category representing diversity, equity and inclusion to reflect the region 7 population.

Eric Ungaro made a motion to ask both Boards of Commissioners to appoint an additional member, one from each county, in the community impact category, representing diversity, equity and inclusion to reflect the region 7 population. Greg Leonhard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed priority needs of Trumbull and Mahoning Counties. During this discussion several suggestions and questions arose:

- With all the damage that this epidemic has caused, what is it going to take to make long-term changes?
- Overdose rates across Mahoning and Trumbull Counties have not gotten any better.
- Ambulance companies have had to provide a lot of unfunded care.



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- The significant impact that the opiate epidemic has had on families and the child welfare system have increased placements by 42% in our state.
- Research shows that marijuana is not a viable treatment for anyone with an opiate addiction.
- The focus should be on the people that really want to get help.
- It is important to reach out to clergy as they are very involved within their communities.
- The demand has to be cut off or nothing will change.
- It is important to focus on prevention, intervention and treatment.
- The children should be a priority including programs for children that lost their parents to the disease.
- Recovery housing/someplace for people coming out of treatment is a priority.
- Safe programs/housing to provide bridges from jail or treatment back to the community as an alternative to moving back in with family.
- Programs that keeps children with mom/dad while in treatment.
- What will the process will be when entities that are funded by the Mental Health and Recovery Boards come to the collaborative for funding? Should the member recuse himself or herself? The members discussed this and felt that having input by the MHRB staff members is important.
- If someone applies for harm reduction strategies they will need to show documentation that they have approval from the prosecutor, police and/or health departments, as required by the ORC or OAC.

The Next Meeting will be held on December 5, 2022, at 5:30pm at Direction Home of Eastern Ohio, 1030 Meridian Road, Youngstown, OH 44509.

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Caraway asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:38 PM.

Greg Leonard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn Givens seconded the motion.

Minutes reported by:

Minutes recorded by:

Joe Rossi
Secretary

Jenny Morales
Administrative Assistant, DHNEO