

# September 11, 2023 Minutes

Present: Erin Bishop, April Caraway, Victor Daprile, Carolyn Givens, Brenda Heidinger, Hanna Petrosky, Eric Ungaro, and Sara Volinchak

Absent: Jake Jones, Greg Leonhard, Rev. Lewis Macklin, Duane Piccirilli, Joe Rossi, and Linda Spies,

Alternate: Lauren Thorp

Guests: Tracy Moracco

April Caraway, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

# Motion: Carolyn Givens made a motion to approve the minutes from July 10, 2023 meeting. Victor Daprile seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

## Unfinished business

- OneOhio Recovery Foundation Update- April Caraway reported she spoke with Greta Mayer, Region 14 representative for the OneOhio Recovery Foundation about their investment of the funds. Since they did not make the 90-day disbursement that was required by the court the funds had to be invested. Victor Daprile asked if the funding has to stay in the investment or can it be pulled and distributed to the regions. Committee members didn't know the answer so we have to ask the Foundation.
- Status of Funding- Funding was discussed along with the funding schedule. April Caraway shared that funding may be available after January 2024. Victor Daprile asked if we could get a quarterly submission schedule.
- Review Draft OneOhio RFI- The committee discussed that it is very similar to the RFI we put together. No one had questions or concerns about it.
- There was discussion about any potential conflicts of interest for ADAMH Board members of the Region 7 Committee to make decisions on grant requests. Brenda Heidinger stated that she believed an opinion was already done when the



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Regional Committees were being appointed and it was decided that ADAMH Board staff could serve on the Regional Committees and make decisions on funding grant applications.

#### **New Business**

Sarah Volinchak shared concerns that people struggle to get to meetings and treatment because they don't have transportation. She said the loss of the WRTA expanded routes in Trumbull County will exacerbate the problem. This may interfere with people's recovery. For some clients this is their only transportation to get to their appointments & jobs. Committee members discussed making transportation a priority area for funding.

The Committee then discussed if the Region 7 funds should be considered on a per capita basis to ensure all areas of the Region receive support and services. It was discussed by the committee that this might be complicated as some providers have an office in one county but serve both counties. This will be revisited at the next meeting.

The committee decided to skip the October meeting since we don't yet have an RFI or funding.

#### **General Discussion**

The next meeting will be November 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. upon a motion by Victor Daprile, seconded by Eric Ungaro.

Minutes reported by:

Minutes recorded by:

April Caraway Chair Brenda Heidinger Tracy Moracco