



OneOhio Region 7 Collaborative
Mahoning and Trumbull Counties

Collaborative Meeting
October 3, 2022
Minutes

Present: Erin Bishop, April Caraway, Victor Daprile, Carolyn Givens, Greg Leonhard, Hanna Petrosky, Duane Piccirilli, Joe Rossi, Linda Spies, Eric Ungaro, Sara Volinchak

Absent:

Alternate: Brenda Heidinger

Melanie Matsouris, Notary Public swore in all appointees to the one Ohio Region 7 Collaborative

Duane Piccirilli, Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

All members introduced themselves.

Duane reported that the One Ohio Recovery Foundation Board has been meeting since May. The Board is comprised of 29 people, including 19 members selected by regional groups, 4 selected by leaders of the Ohio General Assembly, 4 selected by the Governor, and 1 selected by the Attorney General. The Foundation will distribute 55 percent of the funds Ohio will receive from the pharmaceutical manufacturers' settlement. Regions will prioritize and recommend programs/projects to be funded and the Foundation Board expert panel will review and have final approval on all recommendations. The Foundation will directly fund the approved projects. The focus is on funding opioid misuse prevention, treatment, workforce development, retention, and education. Funds from the Attorney General have been utilized to hire a Finance Director and Secretary for the Foundation. A search committee is seeking CEO candidates. Once the Foundation receives a deposit of funds from the settlement they have 90 days to begin distribution.

Duane Piccirilli called for nominations for Chair of the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative.

01-2022: Motion: Joe Rossi – to nominate April Caraway as Chair of the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative. April Caraway accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by Eric Ungaro and it passed unanimously.

Duane Piccirilli turned over the duties of the Chair to April Caraway.

April Caraway called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative.



02-2022: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to nominate Carolyn Givens as Vice-Chair of the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative. Carolyn Givens accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by Erin Bishop and it passed unanimously.

April Caraway called for nominations for Secretary of the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative.

03-2022: Motion: Duane Piccirilli – to nominate Joe Rossi as Secretary of the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative. Joe Rossi accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Givens and it passed unanimously.

April Caraway called for nominations for Treasurer of the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative. Members discussed the duties of the Treasurer, as the Region will not receive funds from the Foundation. It was discussed that a Treasurer would still be needed to keep an accounting of funds that were allocated for the Region 7 Collaborative as well as recommendations made to and funded by the One Ohio Recover Foundation.

04-2022: Motion: Duane Piccirilli made a motion to nominate Victor Daprile as Treasurer of the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative. Victor Daprile accepted the nomination. The nomination was seconded by Eric Ungaro and it passed unanimously.

April Caraway, directed members to the draft One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative By-Laws. She asked if there was any questions or discussions; there were none.

06-2022: Motion: Greg Leonhard made a motion to adopt the By-Laws of the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative as presented. Hannah Petrosky seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

April Caraway explained that while the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners and Board of Trumbull County Commissioners had both appointed Duane Piccirilli as the Region 7 Representative to the One Ohio Foundation Board, the appointment would also need to be approved by the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative.

07-2022: Motion: Eric Ungaro made a motion to appoint Duane Piccirilli as the OneOhio Region 7 Collaborative Representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board of Directors. Linda Spies seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The members discussed how requests for funding from community programs will be made. During the discussion a number of questions and suggestions arose:

- Can the collaborative recommend a for-profit agency for funding from the Foundation? – Duane Piccirilli indicated he would ask the OneOhio Foundation



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- Can the collaborative say no to an application and not submit it to the Foundation? April Caraway indicated the guidelines are clear the collaborative has the authority recommend or not to recommend funding for all applicants.
- Can individual families apply for funds to support someone's treatment/recovery supports? April Caraway indicated the guidelines preclude individuals/families from receiving funding directly.
- Can Schools apply? April Caraway indicated that schools may request funding.

April Caraway provided a sample draft Request for Funding form to the members for review. Members felt the request form was a good start and it will be reviewed further at the next meeting.

Other Discussion:

- Need to develop a review/scoring sheet for the final Request for Funding form to ensure fair reviews of requests.
- Members felt it will be best to set priorities for Region 7 rather than leave the request process wide open.
- Suggested that funding is for one year – with project able to apply for future years.
- Members will look at data including the Mental Health and Recovery Boards' community plans and annual reports to help establish priorities and support programs that will reduce gaps in services that may exist in each county.
- Is it a conflict of interest for the Executive Directors of the Mental Health and Recovery Boards to fund programs through their standard funding procedure and vote to recommend the same programs through this collaborative to the Foundation? Duane Piccirilli will as the OneOhio Foundation
- Need to set up a location for community to find the application and instructions on applying. This can be done with both MHR Board sites and through social media.
- Suggested setting up a funding cycle process to allow community agencies/programs to apply throughout the year, possibly quarterly. Suggested that it may be best to set it up by interest areas (i.e. January – EMS, April – Education, etc.) This will be discussed more at future meetings.
- Members stressed the need to reinforce collaboration between those requesting funds.
- With current workforce issues throughout the area, members felt it would be necessary to be cautious of applications that would have high staffing/hiring requirements.
- Can we fund unlicensed programs, services, peers, recovery supports, etc.? (i.e. – recovery programs at churches, peer recovery services outside of a licensed agency, etc.) – Guidelines will be reviewed and this will be discussed further.
- Members suggested an allocation of funding by percentage to priority areas (i.e. X% for schools, X% for professional organizations, X% for grassroots recovery



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supports X% for profit agencies, etc. don't want a small Al-Anon group application competing against a large hospital group application.)

- Set up a category % for new grass roots organization each year
- Recovery housing is a priority – someplace for people coming out of treatment
- Safe programs/housing to provide bridges from jail or recovery treatment back to community as an alternative to moving back in with family.
- Workforce development, skill building, and employment services are a priority

April Caraway requested that all members be provided with the ASAM levels of care as this would be a good guideline for services.

Members determined to meet monthly on the first Monday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. Meetings will be held at Direction Home of Eastern Ohio, 1030 Meridian Road, Youngstown, OH 44509

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

Minutes recorded by:

Joe Rossi
Secretary

Brenda Heidinger