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(Adams, Brown, Fayette, Highland, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, and Scioto counties)

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1. Preamble

OneOhio Region 9 was created pursuant to The One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding (“The OneOhio MOU”), and upon input of Local Governments throughout the region of Adams, Brown, Fayette, Highland, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, and Scioto counties. The OneOhio MOU provides a mechanism for distribution of opioid settlement funds and outlines how funds can be used.

Pursuant to The OneOhio MOU, Section D.2: “Each Region shall create their own governance structure so it ensures all Local Governments have input and equitable representation regarding regional decisions including representation on the board and selection of projects to be funded from the region’s Regional Share.” The Memorandum, Section D.2, further provides: “Regions shall have the responsibility to make submissions regarding the allocation of funds to projects that will equitably serve the needs of the entire Region.”

These Bylaws and Rules of Procedure are enacted by the OneOhio Region 9 Board of Directors to govern the actions taken by OneOhio Region 9 under The OneOhio MOU.

2. Definitions

Unless otherwise specified herein, the terms used in these Bylaws and Rules of Procedure are to be interpreted as defined in The OneOhio MOU. Further, these Bylaws and Rules of Procedure are to be construed consistent with The OneOhio MOU, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein.

3. Name

This Region will be referred to as “OneOhio Region 9”. Its board of directors shall be referred to as “The OneOhio Region 9 Board of Directors.”

4. Purpose

These Bylaws are adopted to set forth the governing principles for OneOhio Region 9 under The One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding.

5. Powers & Duties of the Board of Directors

OneOhio Region 9 will be governed by “The OneOhio Region 9 Board of Directors” (referred to herein as the “Board”). The Board shall make regional decisions under The OneOhio MOU, including representation on the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. and selection of projects to be funded from the region’s Regional Share of Opioid Funds. The Board shall have all powers and duties necessary to carry-out the functions of OneOhio Region 9 under The OneOhio MOU, consistent with these Bylaws, including, but not limited to:

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- A. Adopting or amending Region 9 bylaws, regulations, rules and policies;
- B. Selecting Region 9's member on the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. board ("Foundation Board") under Section D.4 of The Memorandum;
- C. Evaluating and making submissions regarding the allocation of Regional funds throughout the Region;
- D. Engaging experts, counsel, consultants and vendors as appropriate for these purposes; and
- E. Taking other actions consistent with Section D.2 of The Memorandum.

OneOhio Region 9 shall not directly receive funds or contributions, or acquire, hold, encumber real or personal property or tangible or intangible property.

6. Composition of the Board of Directors

A. Board Members

The OneOhio Region 9 Board of Directors will consist of twenty-four founding Board of Directors, consisting of one member from each of the following classes in each county in Region 9:

- One member appointed by the Board of County Commissioners;
- One member appointed by the municipality with the greatest population based on the most recent decennial census;
- The president of the county township association or his or her designee;

and such other members as are unanimously approved by the Region 9 Board members from time-to-time.

To further the purposes of The OneOhio MOU, the Board shall endeavor to include participation on the Regional Board by subject matter experts from backgrounds such as health, mental health, treatment, education, judicial, law enforcement, community/faith and lived experience backgrounds, and/or such other persons as the Board determines to be consistent with the objectives of the OneOhio MOU and the needs of Region 9.

B. Alternates

Each member may designate an alternate to represent such member at any Board meeting that the member's regular representative is unable to attend. The member shall notify the Board's Secretary in writing (paper or electronic) of the alternate's name and the minutes will reflect that the alternate member attended.

C. Executive Committee and Officers

At the first annual meeting of the Board, the members shall elect the following Board officers from amongst its members and upon nomination:

1. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, between the meetings of the Board, shall have all the powers and exercise all the duties of the Board necessary

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or appropriate for the administration of OneOhio Region 9, except for the allocation of funds. The Board's Executive Committee will initially consist of eight persons, including one Board member from each of the counties in OneOhio Region 9. The Local Governments in each County will select their respective appointee to the Executive Committee. The OneOhio Region 9 representative to The OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board shall serve in an ex-officio, non-voting, capacity on the Executive Committee.

2. President. The President will preside over regular and special meetings of the Board and Executive Committee, and may call special meetings of the Executive Committee with twenty-four hours' notice to all regular Executive Committee members, or call special meetings of the Board upon fourteen calendar days' notice to all regular Board members. The President will prepare agendas for each Board and Executive Committee meeting, and provide the agenda to the Secretary for distribution to other members with the meeting notice. The President will also sign correspondence and Resolutions on behalf of the Board.
3. Vice President. The Vice President shall assume the role of the President in the event of an absence or vacancy of the President. If both the President and Vice President are absent, the Board or Executive Committee will select a presiding officer for the meeting by majority vote of those in attendance at the meeting.
4. Secretary. The Secretary shall maintain a roster of Board members and alternates, and Executive Committee members, prepare and provide members with meeting notices, take minutes of the meetings of the Board and Executive Committee, and provide minutes and other records of the Board and Executive Committee to the Administrative Agent for recordkeeping and to The OneOhio Region 9 Foundation Representative.

In the event no nominee receives a majority vote, the nominee receiving the greatest amount of votes shall be elected.

The officer's term shall commence at the conclusion of the meeting at which the officer is elected by the members, and continue through the first regular meeting of the Board in the following year.

The Executive Committee, by an affirmative vote of six members, may remove an officer prior to the expiration of the officer's term.

In the event of a removal or vacancy of an officer, the member from whom the officer was selected by The Executive Committee shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term.

D. Sub-Committees

The Board may create one or more sub-committees not inconsistent with The OneOhio MOU or these Bylaws.

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E. Ex Officio Members

The Board, by majority vote of all members, may appoint other ex officio members, who shall not be considered for quorum purposes and shall have no vote.

All ex officio members shall receive notice of meetings.

F. Terms of Office

The founding Board members shall serve staggered terms of office as follows:

- The county appointee shall serve for one year;
- The city appointee shall serve for two years; and
- The township appointee shall serve for three years.

After the expiration of the founding Board member's term, each Board member and each officer shall serve a term of two years on the Board, beginning at the conclusion of the Board's first regular meeting of the year, continuing through the next 24-month period and ending at the Board's first regular meeting of the year. There shall be no limit to the number of terms to which a person may be appointed or elected. All members and officers serve without compensation.

7. Board Member Rights and Responsibilities

A member of the Board shall perform the duties of a Board member in good faith, in a manner the Board member reasonably believes to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the members and Region 9, consistent with the purposes of The OneOhio MOU, and with the care that an ordinary prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.

8. Conflicts of Interest

The Board shall adopt and maintain a conflict-of-interest policy.

9. OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Representative

The Board shall elect one person to be the OneOhio Region 9 representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board ("Foundation Representative"). The Foundation Representative shall be a member of the Board. The elected Foundation Representative need not be a public official from a Local Government in Region 9, and may be a representative from another organization or a private individual.

The OneOhio Region 9 Foundation Representative shall:

- A. Serve on the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board consistent with The OneOhio MOU, Section D;
- B. Attend Foundation meetings;
- C. Carry-out the directives of the OneOhio Region 9 Board; and

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- D. Attend OneOhio Region 9 Board meetings and provide information and updates to Board members about the Foundation;

The Foundation Representative shall perform the duties in good faith, in a manner the Foundation Representative reasonably believes to be in or not opposed to the best interests of OneOhio Region 9, consistent with the purposes of The OneOhio MOU, and with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.

The Foundation Representative shall follow all conflict-of-interest policies and other policies of the Foundation and OneOhio Region 9 Board.

10. Meetings

All business of the Region 9 Board of Directors shall be conducted in meetings of the Board, which are called for that purpose after notice.

- A. Regular Meetings

The Board's regular meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of April and the first Wednesday of October each year. The time and location of the meeting will be set forth by the Board at each preceding annual meeting of the Board.

- B. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or by any three members by written request to the President. The Secretary shall notify each member not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting of its time, place, purpose, and proposed agenda.

- C. Notice

Written or electronic notice of the time, place, purpose, and proposed agenda for each meeting will be given to each Board member at least 48 hours before a regular meeting and 24 hours before a special meeting. Region 9 will comply with all applicable state laws and statutes regarding meeting notices for public bodies.

- D. Quorum

No meeting of the Board or a Committee of the Board shall be conducted without a quorum. A quorum shall exist for the meeting of the Board if a majority of Region 9 counties and a majority of the Board members are present at the meeting. A Board member is deemed to be present if attending in person or by the communications systems authorized by the Board. A quorum shall exist for meetings of the Executive Committee or any other committee of the Board if a majority of the members of such committee, or their alternate, are present. Any meeting may be adjourned by a majority vote of those present.

- E. Procedure and Order of Business

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The general procedure for meetings of the Board shall be in harmony with these Bylaws and principles of parliamentary procedure. The order of business at all Regular meetings of the Board shall ordinarily be as follows:

- 1st Reading and approval of the minutes from the last meeting;
- 2nd Report of the President;
- 3rd Report of the Foundation Representative;
- 4th Report of Committees, if any;
- 5th Consideration of programs, funding requests and submissions; and
- 6th Other business

F. Voting

All voting Board members or their alternate present at a meeting shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to the members for their vote.

Votes will be upon a motion, “second,” opportunity for discussion and a voice or roll-call vote, and shall be recorded in the minutes.

The act of a majority of the voting Board members or their alternate present at a meeting at which a quorum is present is the act of the Board, unless otherwise specified by these Bylaws.

Any vote or action may be rescinded or revoked by the same vote, consent, waiver, or release as at the time of rescission or revocation would be required to authorize or take that action in the first instance.

A majority vote is required for passage.

G. Transparency and Records

The Board will operate in a transparent manner and its meetings will be open to the public. The Board may establish a method whereby any person may receive notice of the meeting. Region 9 will comply with all applicable state laws and statutes regarding transparency and record keeping requirements for public bodies.

H. Minutes

The Secretary shall take minutes of each meeting. Minutes of Board meetings will be promptly prepared, filed and maintained and shall be open for public inspection consistent with these Bylaws. The minutes shall record the time, date and location of the meeting, the Board members present, the Board members absent, the nature of the discussion, and any motions, seconds and votes taken. Minutes shall be reviewed by the Board members at the next Regular meeting or sooner and approved or amended.

11. OneOhio Region 9 Records

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The Secretary shall take charge of all records of OneOhio Region 9, and shall provide them to the Board's Administrative Agent for recordkeeping. All records of OneOhio Region 9 shall be maintained by the Administrative Agent consistent with Ohio Rev. Code Sec. 149.43.

Every Board member, and each Local Government with the Region, shall have the right to examine such records upon reasonable notice and during the regular operating hours of the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent may charge for copies consistent with its public record policy.

12. Administrative Agent

The Board shall appoint a Local Government in Region 9 to serve as OneOhio Region 9's Administrative Agent for the purposes of keeping the records and issuing notices of the Board. If the Administrative Agent resigns from that role, it must transmit all OneOhio Region 9 records to the successor Administrative Agent.

13. Amendments

These Bylaws shall only be amended or repealed by two-thirds vote of all Board members at a duly called meeting of the Board for that purpose. The following procedures shall be followed for any such amendments:

- A. Any member or members proposing an amendment to these Bylaws or Rules of Procedure shall notify all members of the Board not less than seven calendar days prior to the meeting at which such amendment will be placed before the Board;
- B. Any such vote shall be by roll call, and the motion, second and vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting, together with a summary of the discussion on the motion;
- C. Amended Bylaws shall be promptly prepared and distributed to all Board members and the Administrative Agent.

14. Duration

OneOhio Region 9 will continue to exist, and these Bylaws and Rules of Procedure will continue to be in effect as from time-to-time amended pursuant to the requirements herein, until the purposes of Region 9 under The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding have been fulfilled. Thereafter, Region 9 shall be dissolved and these Bylaws and Rules of Procedure shall cease to be in effect.