



**ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation (the “Organization”) Board of Directors (the “Board”) held a board meeting on October 11, 2023, at 34 S. 3rd Street, Columbus, OH 43215 (the “Meeting”).

Board Members in Attendance:

Non-Metropolitan: Bambi Baughn, Julie Ehemann, Jeff Fix, Mircea Handru, Glenn Miller, Don Mason, Greta Mayer, Matt Old, Kathryn Whittington, Jeanette Wierzbicki

Metropolitan: Judy Dodge, Denise Driehaus, Keith Hochadel, Deborah Matz, Duane Piccirilli, Scott Sylak

Statewide: Tom Gregoire, Larry Kidd, Robert Radcliff, Michael Roizen, Christopher Smitherman

Legislative: Phil Plummer, Rachel Baker, Evan Kleymeyer

Board Members in Attendance via Zoom:

David Matia, Jane Portman, Greta Mayer

Board Members Not in Attendance:

Rob McColley, Dawn Tyler Lee

Staff Present:

Alisha Nelson, Jim Quinn, Sarah Anstine

I. Call to Order & Roll Call of Directors Present

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kidd at 10:32 a.m. There was a roll call of directors present. A quorum was present for the Meeting.

II. Welcome and Announcements from the Chair

Chairman Kidd recognized Director Wierzbicki who will be resigning from the Board.

III. Honoring Those Impacted by Addiction

Director Wierzbicki honored the recovery journeys of Mr. Michael Werner and Ms. Emily Werner.

IV. Approval of September Board Meeting Minutes

The Minutes from the September 13, 2023, Board Meeting were brought forward for consideration by the Board. Upon Motion duly made by Director Fix to adopt the Minutes from the September 13, 2023, Board Meeting without amendment, seconded by Director Matz, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present.

V. Items for Action

A. Officer Elections

Director Mason stated that he distributed a resolution to all directors pertaining to the annual meeting which he urges the Board adopt (“Substitute Agenda Item V”). Substitute Agenda Item V would keep the existing Executive Committee (“Committee”) and add two (2) additional directors to the Committee: Director Baker and Director Ehemann. Additionally, Substitute Agenda Item V creates a Nominations Committee consisting of the Board Chair and the Chairperson of each standing committee. Further, Substitute Agenda Item V would amend the Code of Regulations to move the Board’s annual meeting date to be held during the May Board Meeting. Chairman Kidd stated he had concerns about moving the annual meeting to May.

Upon Motion duly made by Director Mason to adopt Substitute Agenda Item V without amendment, seconded by Director Fix, the motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present.

B. 2022 Financial Audit Presentation

Director Wierzbicki stated the Audit & Finance Committee met and approved the 2022 Audit.

Ms. Dolen gave the Board an overview of the 2022 Audit. Overall, the Organization received a clean audit. The audit reflects a note that although the Organization did not receive any settlement payments in 2022, the Organization did receive settlement payments in 2023. Liquidity and availability of funds shows the Organization had approximately \$621,000 of funds available to it.

Related-party transactions were discussed. A note was added to the audit that the former interim executive director resigned from their position and was subsequently appointed by their region to serve as a director on the Board of the Organization.

Chairman Kidd requested that the Board Enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Upon Motion duly made by Director Ehemann to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel

matters, seconded by Director Fix, the Motion was approved by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:47 a.m.

Chairman Kidd called for the end of Executive Session at 10:50 a.m.

VI. Executive Director Report

Ms. Nelson gave the Executive Director's Report.

The national overview of opioid settlement funds management was discussed. Across the country there is a broad array of strategies being used by states to administer opioid settlement funds. Ohio and West Virginia are the only two (2) states to create private foundations. Ohio has largely served as a leader in guiding other states on how to effectively administer settlement funds.

A roadmap to accomplishing the Organization's purposes listed in the Articles of Incorporation were discussed. These purposes include promoting health and safety of Ohioans, advocating for the interests of Ohioans, and funding programs and services.

Promoting health and safety was discussed. In the future the Organization will begin engaging in listening sessions and focus groups with stakeholders, those working in the addiction treatment field, those impacted by addiction, and the general public on how to support communities throughout Ohio.

Advocacy was discussed. This will include creating a needs assessment and a policy and advocacy agenda for how to better-address the opioid epidemic on the local and state levels.

Funding was discussed. A recommended funding infrastructure was discussed. This includes establishing one process for all regions that will be created by staff and the Grant Making Oversight Committee. Additionally, Ms. Nelson recommends that all regions utilize the OneOhio grant portal. Each region will have a designated "power user" to access applications in the portal for review. One area where there are no recommendations is that each region will continue to have autonomy to prioritize and fund projects that meet the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") and respond to the needs of the region.

Director Fix stated he is concerned that there will be one scoring rubric that all regions have to utilize. Ms. Nelson stated that she wants the Organization to support the work of the regions. It is her hope to create a standard rubric that each region could then utilize at its discretion. Director Wierzbicki stated that she believes the rubric needs to be regionally-driven because the regions are so diverse.

Director Matia asked that the website be updated so that the grant process being discussed today matches that which is displayed to the public.

Director Driehaus stated it was her understanding that regions would be able to include addendums to the common application.

Director Sylak stated his region would like to maintain discretion for a rubric but would be interested to have the Organization provide a recommended rubric.

Ms. Nelson stated that she will be giving the Board a viewpoint of what the grant portal looks like at the next Board meeting. The grant software will permit applicants to be asked different questions depending on if the request is for a capital request or if it is a programming request. The goal is for the application to be flexible so that it can meet the needs of the various types of requests.

Director Piccirilli asked that if a region approves a grant and if it meets the requirements of the MOU, it will be approved, correct. Ms. Nelson confirmed this is her understanding of the MOU. Mr. Ferris agreed.

The grant lifecycle was discussed. The grant lifecycle has four (4) phases. This includes pre-award, application and review, the award, and post award. The Grant Making Oversight Committee will be meeting in the near future to work through the steps making up these phases.

Operational needs were discussed. In order to move forward expeditiously, the Organization will need to approve the Expert Panel, approve the 2024 budget, and fill key staff positions.

Director Hochadel asked what the Expert Panel selection process will entail. Ms. Nelson stated the Organization has received applications and the Expert Panel Committee will review these applications.

Director Piccirilli asked if there is a way to provide training tools to potential applicants. Ms. Nelson stated that she would like to offer trainings to anyone interested in applying for funding so there is a common understanding of how the grant software works.

Supporting the regions was discussed. The Organization has created a regional checklist that regions should complete in order to be prepared to accept applications and recommend grants to the Organization. Additionally, the Organization hopes to help regions establish funding priorities for applications. The Organization has hired Ms. Sarah Anstine who will serve as a regional liaison to assist the regions.

In the near future, Ms. Nelson and Ms. Anstine will be visiting each region.

Director Fix thanked Ms. Nelson for the presentation.

Director Matia asked what the timeline will be for establishing the Expert Panel. Ms. Nelson asked that she hopes the Expert Panel members will be in place by the December meeting.

Director Sylak and Director Smitherman thanked Ms. Nelson for her hard work.

Director vacancies were discussed. Chairman Kidd asked that a Motion be made that would permit directors whose term has expired to remain in their role as director of the Organization until their region or the position responsible for naming their replacement does so. Director Mason asked if this action is permitted under the Code of Regulations. Mr. Ferris stated that the Code of Regulations does not speak to this issue. Director Mason requested that this matter be further researched and discussed at the December board meeting.

VII. Financial Report

Mr. Quinn gave the Financial Report. The contract the Organization has with Paychex has been expanded to include human resources consultant services.

VIII. Executive Session

Chairman Kidd requested the Board go into Executive Session. Upon Motion duly made by Director Matz to enter Executive Session to discuss pending court action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3), seconded by Director Mason, the Motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote of Directors present. The Board entered Executive Session at 11:39 a.m.

Chairman Kidd called for the end of Executive Session at 12:12 p.m.

IX. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Board Room

X. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned by common consent at 12:13 p.m.

The undersigned being the Secretary of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board of Directors, hereby attests that these minutes are a true and correct original of the October 11, 2023, Board Meeting.

Keith Hochdel
Keith Hochdel (Dec 14, 2023 10:52 EST)

Signature

12/14/2023

Date