

## **Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 28, 2020**

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 317 Board met via Tele-Conference**

- Present:** Jeff Griffith, Chair, Dr. Tom Davis Deborah Dreifort, Dr. Steven Evans Dr. Joe Gay, Paul Grimes, Candy Kemmerer, Greg Polzer, Roger Stivison, and Jaqueline Stobbs
- Absent:** Rebecca Barber, Tonya Bowden, Dr. James Gaskell, and Heidi McIntire
- Guests:** Chelsea Hackney, JWCRH, Ellen Martin, HRS, Sherry Shamblin, HHC, Nate Thomson, APP, and Dr. Richard Wittberg, HHC
- Staff:** Earl Cecil, Amanda Conrath, Svea Maxwell, Beth Mohammed, Kim O'Rourke, Diane Pfaff, and Sherri Tyree

Mr. Griffith called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**I. Adoption of Agenda**  
**21:09:14**

Ms. Dreifort moved to approve the agenda; Dr. Davis seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**II. Approval of Minutes**  
**21:09:15**

Ms. Stobbs moved to approve the August 24, 2020 board meeting minutes; Dr. Gay seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**III. Public Comment – None**

**IV. Agency Updates**

**1. Sherry Shamblin, Hopewell Health Centers**

Ms. Shamblin began her report but due to a power loss she could not report.

**2. Ellen Martin, Health Recovery Services**

Ms. Martin thanked the members and staff for the Week of Appreciation gifts. She announced September is Recovery Month. Ms. Martin also said that due to COVID-19 there is more susceptibility to relapse but there have been no overdose deaths reported. Also, mental health prevention, treatment and recovery needed to be celebrated as well.

**3. Chelsea Hackney, John W. Clem Recovery House**

Ms. Hackney reported they have three beds open and will be offering to eligible residents on their waiting list. She also reminded the members of their upcoming fundraiser on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**4. Dr. Richard Wittberg in association with Hopewell Health Centers**

Dr. Wittberg said he is working with Hopewell Health Centers on a peer project that will include other agencies as well.

**V.**

**Staff Updates**

**1. Sherri Tyree, Community Services Manager**

Ms. Tyree reported on crisis care and Hopewell Health Centers plans to develop a mobile crisis unit.

**2. Diane Pfaff, Deputy Director**

Ms. Pfaff discussed a health care provider training on Minority Health Care in Appalachia.

**3. Svea Maxwell, Associate Director**

Ms. Maxwell discussed Appreciation Week. The Board presented a gift to over 1,000 behavioral healthcare workers within our Network of Care. Reggie Robinson, Community Coordinator, Health Recovery Services, will also highlight each of our agencies in an HRS Presents YouTube video presentation.

**VI.**

**Old Business**

**FY 2021-2022 Community Plan**

**21:09:16**

Mr. Cecil reviewed the process to complete the Community Plan. A few comments were provided by the board members and incorporated into the final copy. Mr. Stivison moved to approve the FY 2021-2022 Community Plan as submitted; Dr. Davis seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**VII.**

**New Business**

**A. Updated Health Information Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) Policies**

**21:09:17**

Mr. Cecil explained the that Board staff had reviewed and updated HIPAA Policies. Mr. Grimes moved to adopt the HIPAA Policies as submitted; Ms. Kemmerer seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Dr. Davis, Yes, Ms. Dreifort, Yes, Dr. Evans, Yes, Dr. Gay, Yes, Mr. Griffith, Yes, Mr. Grimes, Yes, Ms. Kemmerer, Yes, Mr. Polzer, Yes, Mr. Stivison, Yes, and Ms. Stobbs, Yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**B. Ohio Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville-317 Board Project V**

**21:09:18**

Mr. Cecil explained the continuation of the funding partnership between the Board and OHFN. Partnership V: Strengthening Youth and Family Supports proposal will continue the work of trauma-informed schools and support targeted capital improvements. Dr. Davis moved to approve expenditures for Hopewell Health Centers and capital improvements for My Sister's Place, Groundwork Recovery House, Women for Recovery/Serenity Grove Recovery House, and Sojourners Care Network; Mr. Polzer seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Dr. Davis, Yes, Ms. Dreifort, Yes, Dr. Evans, Yes, Dr. Gay, Mr. Griffith, Yes, Mr. Grimes, Yes, Ms. Kemmerer, Yes, Mr. Polzer, Yes, Mr. Stivison, Yes, and Ms. Stobbs, Yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**C. New Agency Contracts-Budget Amendments**

**21:09:19**

1. Mr. Cecil discussed proposed new agency contracts in the amount of \$42,865 for a forensic conditional release plan being considered by the Court. There was discussion regarding the amount in future budgets; Mr. Cecil explained the Board is legally required to pay for the resident's care.

2. Mr. Cecil explained a proposed contract with the Carlson Center in Athens, a residential treatment facility recently opened. The contract proposal in the amount of \$100,960 is to expand the facility to include a twenty-bed detox unit. This is a state pass-thru grant and will not be funded by the Board. Ms. Stobbs moved to approve both budget amendments as presented; Dr. Davis seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**D. CY 2020 County Budget Resolutions**

**21:09:20**

Mr. Cecil explained the following resolutions:

1. Additional Appropriation OHFA Construction Fund
2. Transfer from OHFA Construction Fund to General Fund
3. Additional Appropriation General Fund
4. Transfer from General Fund to Construction Fund
5. Appropriation Transfer Within General Fund
6. Additional Appropriation Vinton Rental Fund

Mr. Grimes moved to approve all resolutions; Ms. Kemmerer seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**VIII.**

**Other**

1. Mr. Griffith and Mr. Polzer virtually presented Mr. Cecil with a Lifetime Achievement Award plaque and clock and thanked him for his service. The members wished him well on his retirement.

2. Mr. Thomson virtually presented Mr. Cecil with two pictures taken by APP students and wished him well.


**IX.**

**Adjournment**

**21:09:21**

Mr. Grimes moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Stivison seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
Earl L. Cecil  
Executive Director

  
Jeffrey R. Griffith  
Chair