

March 18, 2025

TO: Gallia-Jackson-Meigs Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Members

FROM: Mr. Gary Phillips, Chairman

SUBJECT: Minutes – March 17, 2025 Board Meeting

**Board Members Present:**

Joe Browning  
Megan Dunfee  
Melissa Kimmel  
Jonathan Mathis  
Spencer Morgan  
Michelle Morris – Sworn In

Steve Ohlinger  
Tom Reed  
Gary Phillips  
Melissa Plummer – Sworn In  
Mikie Strite

**Board Members Absent:**

Melissa Cottrell

**Staff Present:**

Robin Harris  
Chris Love

Jenny Metts  
Angie Stowers

1. The Board Meeting was called to order by Gary Phillips at 6:00 p.m. and he welcomed everyone. Chris Love administered the oath of office to Michelle Morris and Melissa Plummer. Board Members and staff introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Agenda – The packets were emailed to the Board Members. Mr. Phillips requested approval of the revised agenda.

**MOTION 25:217** Mr. Reed moved to approve the revised agenda and Ms. Dunfee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes – Mr. Phillips requested approval of the February 3, 2025 fiscal committee and board meeting minutes.

**MOTION 25:218** Mr. Ohlinger made a motion to accept the February 3, 2025 fiscal committee meeting minutes as presented and Ms. Kimmel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**MOTION 25:219** Ms. Kimmel made a motion to accept the February 3, 2025 board meeting minutes as presented and Mr. Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Executive Director’s Report – Robin Harris highlighted items on the Executive Director’s Report. Mr. Phillips requested approval of the Executive Director’s Report.

**MOTION 25:220** Ms. Kimmel made a motion to approve the February 4 through March 17, 2025 Executive Director’s Report as presented. Ms. Strite seconded the motion, which carried.

5. Fiscal Committee Report

- a-d. Fiscal Committee Report – Steve Ohlinger reported that the Fiscal Committee reviewed and approved each report included in the fiscal packet. The reports are included in the Board packet for review and he asked for Ms. Metts to share details from the fiscal meeting.

**MOTION 25:221** Mr. Ohlinger made a motion that the Board approves and accepts the fiscal packet for January and February 2025 to include Balance Sheets, Expenditures, Funding Grids, and Agency Distribution Reports to be filed for audit as submitted. Ms. Dunfee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- e. FY’25 Contract Revision (W4C, FOH, HRS, HHC) – Ms. Metts requested approval of the FY’25 contract revisions on handout “5e”.

***Warriors 4 Christ***

- FY’25 Recovery Housing + \$ 25,000.00

**MOTION 25:222** Mr. Ohlinger made a motion to approve the FY’25 Contract Revision as presented (“5e.” in the packet) for Warriors 4 Christ in the amount of \$25,000.00. Dr. Mathis seconded the motion, which carried.

***Field of Hope***

-FY’25 Recovery Housing + \$ 25,000.00

**MOTION 25:223** Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the FY’25 Contract Revision as presented (“5e.” in the packet) for Field of Hope in the amount up to \$25,000.00. Ms. Strite seconded the motion, which carried.

***Health Recovery Services***

-SUBG-Treatment Per Capita	+	\$16,203.00
-SUBG-Prevention Per Capita	+	20,606.80
-Continuum of Care-AOD Treatment	+	5,888.00
-Per Cap Prevention (State GRF)	+	1,053.20
-Prevention & Wellness-Evidence Based Prevention	+	3,000.00
-Prevention & Wellness-School Based Prevention	+	1,960.00
-Criminal Justice Behavioral Health (CJBH)	+	4,700.00
-Casino Gambling-Treatment	+	2,577.00
-Casino Gambling-Prevention	+	2,577.00
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		Total \$58,565.00

**MOTION 25:224** Ms. Kimmel made a motion to approve the FY’25 Contract Revision as presented (“5e.” in the packet) for Health Recovery Services in the amount of \$58,565.00. Mr. Browning seconded the motion, which carried.

***Hopewell Health Centers***

-FY’24 Carryover- Early Intervention-Prevention & Wellness	+	\$ 55,000.00
-Early Intervention-Prevention & Wellness	+	55,000.00
-FY’24 Continuum of Care-Community Investment (TIC)	+	100,000.00
-SUD Crisis Stabilization (Gallia CSU)	+	121,429.00
-SUD Crisis Stabilization (Jail Services)	+	11,574.00
-Crisis Flex Funds	+	69,162.00
-Crisis Infrastructure Funds	+	50,000.00
-Gallia-Jackson-Meigs Jail Servies (ABH Jail Services)	+	150,000.00
-Title XX	+	17,046.00
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		Total \$629,211.00

**MOTION 25:225** Dr. Mathis made a motion to approve the FY’25 Contract Revision as presented (“5e.” in the packet) for Hopewell Health Centers in the amount of \$629,211.00. Ms. Plummer seconded the motion, which carried.

f. CY’24 Audit Update – Ms. Metts shared that the Board has been contacted by the auditors and correspondence has been shared back and forth. The auditors will be in the office on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

6. Old Business

a. Agency Reports & Updates – Ms. Harris reported that Field of Hope will be having their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 11

a.m. Breakfast will be served out of their brand new on-campus café' and they will be serving waffles, beignets, sausage, bacon, fruit and more. Ryan Smith, the President of the University of Rio Grande, is the keynote speaker. There will be hot mic testimonies, community campus tours, a live drama, and door prizes. Ms. Harris also shared a flier from Integrated Services about Intensive Home-Based Treatment (IHBT) services. IHBT focuses on preventing out of home placement or assisting with youth returning home from placement.

- b. OACBHA Legislative/Budget Update – Ms. Harris reported that we are doing some advocacy work and she had hoped by now there would be some clarity on the budget as it was released from the Governor's office. She explained that we will be looking at six different block grants, but we don't have clarity now as to what will fall under each one of those. Our budget looks stable but there is some discussion about a new formula figuring the amounts that each board receives. Ms. Harris shared there is a huge concern about Medicaid. If Medicaid Expansion is cut, we will have a large number of people in this area who will no longer have a pay source. It especially effects those with substance use disorders. There is also concern about school funding and the idea of integrating behavioral health into the schools. The Board discussed the concerns.
- c. TBD Solutions Update – Angela Stowers reminded the Board that we are wrapping up the original contract with TBD Solutions we had in conjunction with the Athens-Hocking-Vinton Board to develop our crisis continuum. That project is wrapping up with the last training happening in April. The Board also approved \$56,000.00 last month to contract with TBD Solutions for the new money we pursued under the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. This will allow us to work with local EMA's and emergency response teams to better develop Behavioral Health Disaster Management plans.
- d. Healthy Meals/Healthy Minds – Ms. Harris reminded the members that the Board is working with the Appalachian Children Coalition and the Burrow Foundation on planning the next Healthy Meals/Healthy Minds for Meigs County. This event will take place on May 13<sup>th</sup> at Eastern High School from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will be a summer picnic themed event.
- e. HB 257-Virtual Meetings – Ms. Harris stated that she had hoped to have a little more guidance from OACBHA for a suggested policy on virtual meetings. She reminded the Board that she introduced this at the last meeting and that the option for virtual board meetings is something the Board will need to develop a policy on. Angie Stowers added that the legislature passed House Bill 257 authorizing certain public bodies to meet

virtually and the Board will be responsible for developing a policy moving forward. Lengthy discussion followed. No action was taken.

- f. Field of Hope Capital Project – Ms. Harris reported that Field of Hope is in the final stages of application and the money will soon be released. She distributed copies of the final paperwork submitted to OMHAS for the \$1.5 million dollars. She reminded the Board that we were not required to pay the local match because they came up with that from other sources. Ms. Harris stated that she appreciates Field of Hope and Warriors4Christ both in their approach to recovery. They are committed beyond a 30-day rehabilitation and outpatient counseling and they are actually leading people through the many stages of recovery.

## 7. New Business

- a. In One Accord Event – Ms. Harris reported that the Gallia-Jackson-Vinton ESC and the Gallia County DJFS convened several entities several months ago. The goal was to encourage collaboration of all the county entities with the idea of planning one event instead of each entity doing their own separately (resource fairs, giveaways, etc.). *In One Accord* 's idea is to all plan together and set a calendar for one or two events a year and include everyone with a part instead of each entity doing their own thing. The first event coming from the *In One Accord* will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at OO'McIntyre Park in conjunction with the soccer leagues there that day. There will be a variety of activities going on that day and resources available to families. The Board, along with Hopewell Health Centers, Integrated Services for Behavioral Healthcare, and HRS will be sponsoring a group bringing in therapy ponies.
- b. Gallia County Summer Youth Project – Ms. Harris shared that Hopewell Health Centers had an opportunity to work with Ohio University on a workforce development program. Activities were previously based in Athens but they reached out to Ms. Harris about hosting it here. She invited Dana Glassburn/Gallia County DJFS and Dr. Denise Shockley/Gallia-Jackson-Vinton ESC to sit in on the meeting to determine educational goals. Ohio University has a curriculum where they develop community health workers. OU proposed working with 17- and 18-year-olds, putting them through that curriculum and the behavioral health system could provide mentoring, job coaching activities, and things that expose them to the field of social work. As this was being discussed, Dana Glassburn suggested hiring these kids into the Summer Work Program and paying an hourly wage for attending the classes and doing the job shadowing. It will also allow them access to clothing needed appropriate to the job, a computer to use for their work, and financial coaching. We hope to hire 10-15 kids that will spend four days a week at Hopewell Health Centers attending the classes and on Fridays they will be

with Shannon Dalton engaged in the activities of the Coalitions, fair activities, and prevention services as job shadowing. At the end of the summer, the 18-year-olds will be able to get the Community Health Worker certification, which means they are eligible to work. Ohio University is offering an opportunity for them to begin a Bachelor's Degree or an Associate's Degree in a social services field. Ms. Harris stated that she looks for this to be a great example of an innovative approach of a community solving our own problems.

c. Next Meeting – April 21, 2025

5:30 – Fiscal Committee

5:45 – Nominating Committee

6:00 – Board Meeting

**MOTION 25:226** Mr. Reed made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Gary Phillips, Chairman

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Megan Dunfee, Secretary