

February 4, 2025

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

FROM: Mr. Gary Phillips, Chairman

SUBJECT: Minutes – February 3, 2025 Board Meeting

Board Members Present:

Joe Browning	Tom Reed
Melissa Kimmel	Gary Phillips
Jonathan Mathis	Mikie Strite
Steve Ohlinger	

Board Members Absent:

Melissa Cottrell
Megan Dunfee
Spencer Morgan

Staff Present:

Shannon Dalton	Jenny Metts
Robin Harris	Angie Stowers
Chris Love	

1. The Board Meeting was called to order by Gary Phillips at 6:00 p.m. and he welcomed everyone.
2. Approval of Agenda – The packets were emailed to the Board Members. Mr. Phillips requested approval of the revised agenda.

MOTION 25:187 Ms. Kimmel moved to approve the revised agenda and Ms. Strite seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes – Mr. Phillips requested approval of the November 18, 2024 fiscal committee and board meeting minutes.

MOTION 25:188 Mr. Ohlinger made a motion to accept the November 18, 2024 fiscal committee meeting minutes as presented and Dr. Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MOTION 25:189 Ms. Kimmel made a motion to accept the November 18, 2024 board meeting minutes as presented and Dr. Mathis 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. She shared details about an unannounced site visit from OMHAS to Darst Group Home in Pomeroy.

MOTION 25:190 Mr. Browning made a motion to approve the November 19, 2024 through February 3, 2025 Executive Director’s Report as presented. Dr. Mathis 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 25:191 Mr. Ohlinger made a motion that the Board approves and accepts the fiscal packet for November and December 2024 to include Balance Sheets, Expenditures, Funding Grids, and Agency Distribution Reports to be filed for audit as submitted. Ms. Kimmel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- e. FY’25 Contract Revision (Warriors4Christ) – Ms. Metts requested approval of the FY’25 contract revisions on handout “5e”.

Warriors 4 Christ

- FY’25 SOS 4.0 + \$ 157,201.34

MOTION 25:192 Ms. Kimmel made a motion to approve the FY’25 Contract Revision as presented (“5e.” in the packet) for Warriors 4 Christ in the amount of \$157,201.34. Dr. Mathis seconded the motion, which carried.

Integrated Services for BH

-Landlord Incentive-GRF Up to + \$ 20,000.00

MOTION 25:193 Dr. Mathis made a motion to approve the FY’25 Contract Revision as presented (“5e.” in the packet) for Integrated Services for Behavioral Health in the amount up to \$20,000.00. Mr. Reed seconded the motion, which carried.

Health Recovery Services

-FY’24 Carryover Addiction Treatment Program (Agency Admin./Gallia) + \$5,195.00
-FY’24 Carryover Addiction Treatment Program (Agency Admin./Jackson) + 5,053.00
Total \$10,248.00

MOTION 25:194 Mr. Browning made a motion to approve the FY’25 Contract Revision as presented (“5e.” in the packet) for Health Recovery Services in the amount of \$10,248.00. Ms. Strite seconded the motion, which carried.

TBD Solutions

-BCSA-Behavioral Health Disaster Preparedness Projects + \$ 56,000.00

MOTION 25:195 Ms. Strite made a motion to approve the FY’25 Contract Revision as presented (“5e.” in the packet) for TBD Solutions in the amount of \$56,000.00. Ms. Kimmel seconded the motion, which carried.

Hopewell Health Centers

-FY’24 Carryover Addiction Treatment Program (Agency Admin./Meigs) + \$ 3,721.00

MOTION 25:196 Dr. Mathis made a motion to approve the FY’25 Contract Revision as presented (“53.” in the packet) for Hopewell Health Centers in the amount of \$3,721.00. Mr. Browning seconded the motion, which carried.

- f. Conversion Plan – Ms. Metts explained that at the end of each calendar year the Board by policy buys out any excess vacation that an employee may lose due to the Gallia County policy. This conversion plan is to allow those hours bought to be counted toward the employee’s retirement.

MOTION 25:197 Mr. Ohlinger made a motion to accept the Conversion Plan as presented. Mr. Reed seconded the motion, which carried.

6. Old Business

- a. Agency Reports & Updates – Ms. Harris reported Integrated Services Behavioral Health have announced an agencywide re-organization. As the agency has grown, they have organized themselves more on a regional county level. The new structure will involve eliminating 34 jobs while

creating 35 jobs. The consultant they worked with felt this was the smoothest way to make changes. So, they eliminated jobs and created new jobs and allowed people to apply. Ms. Harris also shared that Warriors 4 Christ, Field of Hope and Steps to Recovery are registered with the state on their recovery housing and have made applications for full certification. Should they achieve certification, these will be the first certified recovery Houses in our Board area.

- b. Coalition Updates – Shannon Dalton referenced the handout “6b.” with a breakdown of all the coalition updates. All of the Coalitions are now meeting. She is each coalition in developing plans and strategies for at least 6 months. Gallia County HOPE and AHA! jointly applied for the Prevention Ohio Center of Excellence localizing the Talk, They Hear You messaging campaign and were awarded that fund. April is usually the beginning of several months of events in all 3 counties. Drug Take Back is happening April 26th and she welcomed volunteers.
- c. OACBHA Legislative/Budget Update – Ms. Harris reported that she and Angie Stowers went to Columbus last Tuesday for the OACBHA Annual Legislative Day. They did get to discuss advocacy around the budget and the contracting language Boards want changed. She shared they are very close to having something to present to the legislature on the ORC 340 language and how we contract. We have come to agreement with other organizations (providers that were suing boards) and the language is actually ready to be presented to Legislative Services Commission. Because of the shifting in the General Assembly, there is some confusion if it will be presented in the Senate, where it has been developed all along or now if it will be presented in the House. Regardless, it should go through relatively easily. The Governor’s Blue Book did come out today and he mentioned mental health but he was not specific as to what is coming along. There has been some outreach from OMHAS and Director Cornyn will be holding a meeting with boards only on Thursday before she presents the Governor’s budget to the rest of the stakeholders in the state.
- d. TBD Solutions Update – Angela Stowers reported about a year ago we entered into our first contract with TBD Solutions. The Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board actually wrote for that grant and included our Board so we were able to do a crisis landscape analysis. They talked with many of our community partners and presented a report containing some recommendations for ongoing technical support and training. Although the grant ended in September, the last actual training will be held in April. One of the recommendations is for those that are doing a “hospital prescreen” to be trained by TBD Solutions to move toward an “interventionist” model to help stabilize the person in the moment.

- e. Healthy Meals/Healthy Minds – Ms. Harris reported that the Healthy Meals/Healthy Minds event went extremely well at Vinton Elementary. She shared details about the event with the Board. Vinton Elementary is working with the Burrow Foundation and some of our mental health people that are on site in the schools to do a monthly event for the remainder of the school-year. Meigs County’s event is scheduled for April at Eastern High School and open to the entire county.
- f. Executive Session

MOTION 25:198 Mr. Phillips made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss a confidential matter. Ms. Kimmel seconded the motion. Chris Love conducted a roll call vote at 6:43 p.m.

Joe Browning - yes	Tom Reed - yes
Melissa Kimmel - yes	Gary Phillips - yes
Jonathan Mathis -yes	Mikie Strite - yes
Steve Ohlinger - yes	

MOTION 25:199 Dr. Mathis made a motion for the Board to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Reed seconded and Chris Love conducted a roll call vote at 7:00 p.m. No action was taken.

Joe Browning - yes	Tom Reed - yes
Melissa Kimmel - yes	Gary Phillips – yes
Jonathan Mathis -yes	Mikie Strite - yes
Steve Ohlinger - yes	

- g. SOS 4.0 – Ms. Harris reported that we did submit the documentation and budget adjustments and received approval. This was what we asked the Board to approve a contract revision for Warriors 4 Christ this evening.

7. New Business

- a. 2025 Quarter 1 & 2 Strategic Plan Review – Ms. Stowers stated that we recognize that we did not review Quarter 1 and because so many of the things within the plan are ongoing, we will highlight areas of progress. We have not identified any areas needing change. She shared we did make modifications at the April 2024 Board Meeting and we will have until June. Staff members gave brief verbal overview of the progress made of their responsible strategy.
- b. Conversion Plan – This was discussed and voted on under the Fiscal Committee Report.

- c. 120 Day Notices - Ms. Harris stated that the 120-Day Notices have to be sent out by the end of the month to the contract agencies. A list of agencies receiving the 120-day notices are within the packet (5g.).

MOTION 25:200 Ms. Strite made a motion that the Board sends a 120-day notice letter to Health Recovery Services. Dr. Mathis seconded and the motion carried.

MOTION 25:201 Ms. Kimmel made a motion that the Board sends a 120-day notice letter to TASC of Southeast Ohio. Mr. Ohlinger seconded and the motion carried.

MOTION 25:202 Ms. Kimmel made a motion that the Board sends a 120-day notice letter to Warriors 4 Christ Recovery Ministries. Dr. Mathis seconded and the motion carried.

MOTION 25:203 Mr. Ohlinger made a motion that the Board sends a 120-day notice letter to Hopewell Health Centers. Ms. Strite seconded and the motion carried.

MOTION 25:204 Ms. Kimmel made a motion that the Board sends a 120-day notice letter to Gallia County Family & Children First Council. Dr. Mathis seconded and the motion carried.

MOTION 25:205 Ms. Strite made a motion that the Board sends a 120-day notice letter to Stepstones Initiatives. Ms. Kimmel seconded and the motion carried.

- d. Debbie Hill Retirement – Ms. Harris informed the Board that Debbie Hill intends to retire as of April 30, 2025. She shared that she will take this as an opportunity to examine job duties and workforce. Many duties under that position have changed and some are in the process of being eliminated.

- e. House Bill 257/Virtual Meetings – Ms. Harris reported that the legislature passed House Bill 257 authorizing certain public bodies to meet virtually. This is a “heads up” for the Board Members to be thinking over the allowance of virtual hybrid meetings. Once we get the full legal advice needed the OACBHA attorney has been working on it, this Board will need to develop a policy. A suggested policy will be brought to the Board in the March or April meeting.

- f. Behavioral Health Disaster Preparedness Project – Ms. Stowers reported that the Board did take action earlier during the fiscal portion of the meeting to approve a \$56,000.00 contract revision for TBD Solutions. She shared the Board had an opportunity before the holidays through another Bipartisan Safer Community Project Initiative. It is an ongoing in

the sequence of funds that we started with TBD Solutions (the original that the Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board applied for on our behalf). This is a disaster preparedness opportunity. Ms. Stowers shared that behavioral health has never really actively participated in the development and implementation of local EMA plans, but there is movement to change that. She will be participating in an upcoming exercise that is designed to inject some behavioral health response into the scenario. We will be working to further expand local disaster plans to have a greater emphasis on the behavioral health response. TBD Solutions will be working with us to develop behavioral health emergency preparedness plans that can be added to each county's Emergency Management Plan. Ms. Stowers referenced handout "7f." which gives the abstract, scope of work/project description, and the timeline.

g. Next Meeting – March 17, 2025

5:30 – Fiscal Committee

6:00 – Board Meeting

h. Other – Ms. Harris shared that the Jackson County Commissioners have appointed two more people to the Board and they will be starting in March. We still need a Gallia County and a Meigs County Commissioner appointment.

MOTION 25:206 Mr. Ohlinger made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Gary Phillips, Chairman

Megan Dunfee, Secretary