



Board Meeting Minutes | February 16, 2023
Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce | 2 Troy Road, Delaware, OH 43015

1. Call to Order: *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call: *Ian Ferguson, Administrative Assistant*

Roll was called, which determined a quorum was met.

Board Members Attending: David Black, Lynnette Cook, Robert Horrocks, Kathleen Johnson, Samuel Stahl, Crystal Mazza, Zachary (Zach) Miller, Trevor Thomas, Marnie Whaley-Buckel, Jeremiah Wagner, Mallory Sribanditmongkol and Benjamin Winkler

Board Members Excused: Ruchelle Pride

Board Members Unexcused: None

Board Guests: Lynn Stacy and Diane Bricker

Staff Present: Deanna Brant, Ian Ferguson, Rhianna Mattix, Kristan Warren, Susan Hannahs, Karen Mohr, Kim Bood, and Lisa Dooley.

3. Agenda: *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

Benjamin Winkler asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda Deanna Brant requested that the Executive Session be moved under the seventh agenda item. Benjamin asked if the new position for the Executive Session would be after Former Board Member Recognition, and before Committee and Director Reports, and Deanna clarified that it would be. Ben asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Motion: 2023/02/1: The Board agrees to approve the Board Meeting Agenda as amended.

Marnie Whaley-Buckel moved the motion and was seconded by Trevor Thomas. The motion was approved unanimously in a 11-0 vote.

4. Approval of January 19, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes: *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

Benjamin introduced the January 19th 2023 board meeting minutes, and asked if there were any requested corrections or objections to the presented board meeting minutes. Deanna stated that David Black was listed as excused, despite being in attendance for that meeting. Hearing no further comments, Ben asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Motion: 2023/02/2: The Board agrees to approve the January 19, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes, as corrected.

David Black moved the motion and was seconded by Lynnette Cook. The motion was approved unanimously in a 11-0 vote.

5. Approval of February 7, 2023 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes: *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

Benjamin introduced the February 7th, 2023 emergency board meeting minutes, and asked if there were any requested corrections or objections to the presented board meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

6. Public Comment: *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

Benjamin opened the floor of the board meeting to the public, both in-person and remotely, and asked if any would like to provide public comment to the Board.

Hearing none, Ben moved on to the next agenda item.

7. Swearing In of New Board Member – Mallory Sribanditmongkol: *Deanna Brant, Executive Director*

Deanna introduced the new pending Board member, Mallory Sribanditmongkol. Benjamin asked if she could be sworn in at the current meeting. Deanna replied that she could, although Mallory had not gone through orientation yet. Even so, Ben decided to swear her in then and there, since everyone needed was already present. Deanna asked Ian Ferguson to pull up the oath of office. Ben noted that the agenda would need to be amended in order to accommodate this.

Motion: 2023/02/3: The Board agrees to approve the Board Meeting Agenda as amended.

David Black moved the motion and was seconded by Crystal Mazza. The motion was approved unanimously in a 11-0 vote.

Benjamin then had Mallory officially sworn in by taking the Oath of Office. Afterwards, he requested to note that the new board member joined at 6:41pm.

8. Former Board Member Recognition – Lynn Stacy: *Deanna Brant, Executive Director*

Deanna noted that former board member Lynn Stacy served on the board for 23 years, with only one brief period of time away. When Lynn was first appointed as a Board member in July of 2000, the total population between Delaware and Morrow counties was only 130,000 people. Deanna also spoke about how Lynn served the board through difficult times, such as during levies and litigation. Six new providers were funded by the Board during her time, and she served as the Board secretary during her time there; a position which is currently vacant. She has also served through two board chairs and five logos. Deanna noted that board meeting minutes were once done through separately colored reports, such as the blue and green reports. She then invited Lynn to stand at the front of the room, and presented her with a few gifts, as well as passed around several pictures from her time on the Board. Lynn accepted the gifts, and spoke on how grateful she was for her time on the board, as well as for all her time living in Delaware – since 1996. She also

stated that this was one of the best Boards she's ever served on, and that she would support any levy that would fund it.

9. Executive Session: *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

Ben Winkler motioned the board to move into Executive Session via roll call vote.

Motion 2023/02/4: The Board by roll call vote moves to enter Executive Session pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (2) To consider the purchase of property or to consider the sale of property by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side by division (G)(2) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. The board also by roll call vote moves to enter a concurrent Executive Session pursuant to to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) to hold an Executive Session to consider the employment or dismissal of a public employee, and the employment or compensation of a public employee.

Samuel Stahl moved the motion and was seconded by David Black.

Roll Call Vote:

David Black: **Yes**

Lynnette Cook: **Yes**

Robert Horrocks: **Yes**

Kathleen Johnson: **Yes**

Crystal Mazza: **Yes**

Zachary Miller: **Yes**

Ruchelle Pride: **Excused**

Samuel Stahl: **Yes**

Trevor Thomas: **Yes**

Jeremiah Wagner: **Yes**

Marnie Whaley-Buckel: **Yes**

Benjamin Winkler: **Yes**

Mallory Sribanditmongkol: **Yes**

The Board meeting reconvened at approximately 7:05 pm.

10. Approval of January 19, 2023 Joint Committee Minutes: *Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair*

Ben Winkler asked if there were any edits or additions to the January 19, 2023 Joint Committee minutes as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted through unanimous consent.

Motion: 2023/02/5: The Board agrees to accept the January 19, 2023 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented.

11. Committees and Directors Reports:

- A. **Verbal Report of February 16, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting:**
Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair

Benjamin asked if all Board members in attendance were also present for the finance committee meeting immediately prior. Seeing that they were, he waived the requirement for verbal report of the February 16, 2023, Finance Committee meeting by unanimous consent. He then asked the chair of the Finance Committee, Jeremiah Wagner, to speak on certain motions that were approved in the previous Finance Committee. Jeremiah started this by recommending the full board approve the Year-End Reconciliation determination of recoupment calculation for Maryhaven. Ben asked if that required a formal motion to pass, and Jeremiah stated that it did.

Motion: 2023/02/6: The Finance Committee agrees to accept the Year-End Reconciliation determination of recoupment calculation for Maryhaven of \$8714.78, as presented.

Ben Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Trevor Thomas. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Jeremiah presented the next motion for passage by the full board, which was reconciliation for State Opioid Response funds, for Federal Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022.

Motion: 2023/02/7: The Finance Committee agrees to accept the Year-End Reconciliation calculation of \$54,235.59 for FFY2021 for State Opioid Response, as presented.

Jeremiah Wagner moved the motion and was seconded by David Black. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/8: The Finance Committee agrees to accept the Year-End Reconciliation calculation of \$59,351.78 for FFY2022 for State Opioid Response, as presented.

Jeremiah Wagner moved the motion and was seconded by Marnie Whaley-Buckel. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Jeremiah announced that the next motion for the full board to pass from the previous Finance committee was to amend the contract with PASS for Vaping Intervention and Prevention.

Motion: 2023/02/9: The Finance Committee agrees to amend the FY2023 contract with Prevention Awareness Support Services (PASS) to include the CATCH my Breath and I Mind programs as presented.

Jeremiah Wagner moved the motion and was seconded by Trevor Thomas. Jeremiah and Ben voted Nay, all others voted Aye. The motion was approved in a 10-2 vote.

Jeremiah announced the last item for the full board to pass from the previous Finance committee was to enter into a contract with TBD Solutions for the purposes of strategic planning.

Motion: 2023/02/10: The Finance Committee authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with TBD Solutions for the purpose of funding a strategic planning consultant for the board, contingent on revision of the indemnification language with the assistance of counsel.

Robert Horrocks moved the motion and was seconded by David Black. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

This being the end of the motions for the full board to pass from the previous Finance committee, Ben moved on to the next agenda item.

B. Youth and Family Clinical Director's Report – *Kristan Warren – Youth and Family Clinical Director*

Kristan Warren noted that her report was present in the Board Packet distributed to all members. She asked if anyone present had any questions regarding the report. Zachary Miller noted that her report was well done, and that he appreciated the pertinent links. Lynnette Cook asked a question about the funds allocated of colleges and universities. Kristan noted that she spoke to OSU in a previous meeting recently, and that it's too early to know their full plans for the allocated funding. Hearing no further questions, the board proceeded to the next agenda item.

C. Communications Director's Report – *Kyle Lewis – Communications Director*

Deanna Brant noted that Kyle Lewis was not present at the meeting, although his report was present in the packet, and any questions about it could be directed to Deanna at present, and Kyle could follow-up the next day. Hearing no questions, the board proceeded to the next agenda item.

D. Associate Director's Report – *Rhianna Mattix – Associate Director*

Rhianna Mattix noted that her report was not present in the Board Packet distributed to all members, as the part of it had only been finished recently. She spoke about the upcoming CIT Training, which she clarified stood for Crisis Intervention Team. This training was provided both regionally and more broadly, such as Delaware County EMS and Ohio Health respectively. She noted that the training slots fill up quickly, although some still remain open at present. She emphasized that the training was comprehensive and detailed, as well as widely applicable, but not designed to replace other tactical trainings. She noted that the training helped bringing them Board greater recognition and positive relationship building within the community, running the gamut of regional organizations such as the highway patrol and dog warden.

Rhianna then spoke about the new Crisis Intervention and Training Specialist Position, and that the Board has made an offer to the top candidate for the role; although they have only verbally committed, and are likely to start in April. She also talked about Recovery Housing, specifically the need to expand it, particularly bringing it to Morrow County, and expanding in Delaware County; which is currently provided by the Jacob Edward walls Foundation. Furthermore, she noted that the grant application for State Opioid Response (SOR), they could file a no-cost extension to the previous grant for \$559,992.94. State Opioid and Stimulant Response (SOS) also has funds of \$737,417.19. She stated that the Board would like to sue the money to fund a variety of programs such as with Drug-Free Delaware, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, and Maryhaven. Together the total grant funds are \$1,279,716.78. The funds were originally mean to take hold on September 30th, 2022, although the process is taking longer than expected. Deanna noted that the application wasn't due until two months after the fiscal year started, which is followed by a period of review and revision. Rihanna also stated that they are able to use 5% of the

funds for admin purposes, which will help cover personnel expenses. She asked if there were any questions, and that ideally that information would've made it into the written report prior to the meeting. Ben Winkler then asked for any further questions, and hearing none, the board moved on to the next agenda item.

E. **Executive Director's Report** – *Deanna Brant – Executive Director*

Deanna Brant stated that her full report will be uploaded to the Board website the following day, and distributed paper copies in the meantime. She noted that the OHMHAS Budget Proposal was released on February 7th, which appears fairly standard, although some funding may change, such as 988, as they haven't received significant funding from states. She also spoke on crisis infrastructure funds, which are built into the budget as a line item. She stated that there is the possibility of an integrated cabinet for child and family services; which she believes would be beneficial as long as it's simply not another level of bureaucracy.

She noted that Medicaid and Medicare next generation released on February 1st, which means that more providers are billing, and thus leading to high costs of Medicare claims for providers that are stuck in limbo and not being processed. The healthcare association of Ohio has suggested bridge funding as a possible solution, although it may be difficult due to a lack of ARPA funds in January. She noted that with the public health emergency being lifted in May, Medicaid deferment will likely change.

Deanna also stated that Olentangy Local Schools is working on a certification application with OMHAS; in order to provide behavioral health services, which many schools in Ohio do not. They plan to submit the application in March, and provide four different services if it's accepted, which Deanna stated there will likely be lots of conversation about in the future. Ultimately, she believes that the situation is likely to change, she just doesn't know how yet specifically, particularly in light of the ongoing workforce issues. She then asked for questions, and hearing none, the board moved on to the next agenda item.

12. **New Business:**

A. **120-Day Notices Review** – *Deanna Brant - Executive Director*

Benjamin Winkler asked Deanna Brant what the 12 presented 120-Day Notices had in common. She replied that per the Ohio Revised Code, the Board is required to give a 120-day notice to each provider of any changes to their contract. She recommended going through each notice individually, since they all have various differences from one another. Lynnette Cook asked if this process was undertaken and completed every year, as she did not remember doing so previously. Deanna clarified that this is a required process for all providers every year. She then continued to explain the purpose of each part of the 120-day notices, including assurances statements, reconciliation, reallocation, key performance indicators, and outcomes reporting. She also spoke on her continued drive to enroll providers in SmartCare, which has been successful so far. After the explanation of the 120-day notices ben asked if there were major differences between each form, and Deanna clarified that there were. Rhianna noted that one of these differences pertains to SmartCare, and that the providers that are already enrolled won't be getting information to enroll into that claims management system.

Ben asked if there was any further discussion of the first four 120-day notices, and hearing none proceeded to the following motions.

Motion: 2023/02/11: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Big Brothers Big Sisters 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Marnie Whaley-Buckel. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/12: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Cornerstone of Hope 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Robert Horrocks. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/13: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Del-Mor Dwellings 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Samuel Stahl. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/14: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the HelpLine 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by David Black. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Benjamin Winkler then asked Deanna Brant to discuss the 120-day notice for Jacob Edward Walls Foundation. Deanna noted that this would be a notice to non-renew, and the CEO/President Matthew Walls was notified of this in writing. This also includes notice of material breach due to contract non-compliance. Matt has some time to cure the breach, specifically until March 17th. If the breach is not cured, she recommends the board will non-renew the contract with the Jacob Edward Walls Foundation. Deanna noted that a non-renewal will mean 60 days of negotiation and collaboration, in order to attempt to reach an agreement on contract terms.

Ben asked if there were any further questions regarding the matter, and David Black asked if Deanna could remind the board of the services provided by the Jacob Edward Walls Foundation. Deanna replied that are a provider of recovery housing, and currently has five beds in two different houses- one men's and one women's called the Liberty House and Unity House respectively. She noted that the Liberty House is owned by Del-Mor Dwellings, while the Unity House is the property of the First Presbyterian Church.

Ben asked if there were any further questions regarding the matter, and hearing none proceed to the applicable motion. Although upon reading it, David Black pointed out that the last line of paragraph 3 contains the words "in the" in a location they should not be. Deanna stated that she would revise that, and as such, Ben proceeded to read the motion.

Motion: 2023/02/15: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Jacob Edward Walls Foundation 120-Day Notice of non-renewal, as revised.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by David Black. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Ben asked if the remaining provider 120-day notices had any substantial differences, and Deanna replied that they did not. As such, he asked if there was any discussion pertaining to them. Hearing none, he proceeded to read the next motions.

Motion: 2023/02/15: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Maryhaven 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Marnie Whaley-Buckel. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/16: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the NAMI Mid-Ohio 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Samuel Stahl. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/17: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Prevention Awareness Support Services (PASS) 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Lynnette Cook. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/18: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Safe Harbor Peer Support Services 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Crystal Mazza. Marnie Whaley-Buckel abstained. The motion was approved in a 11-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/19: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Southeast Healthcare 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Trevor Thomas. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/20: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Syntero 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Crystal Mazza. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/21: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Turning Point 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by David Black. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Ben then requested the Associate Director to speak about the remaining four 120-day notices, which are for Adult Care Facilities (ACFs).

Rhianna explained that the four ACFs due not received full contract agreements, but master agreements instead. Typically for master agreements they are sent out every six months, although this 120-day notice would change that to every 12 months. She also noted that the agreement for Access Ohio and the STAR center contains language pertaining to the entry to the board's claims management system by July 1, 2023. She stated that the agreements for Thatcher establishments and Fairview Meadows Care Center are similar, although the agreement for Open Arms is a non-renewal since the board no longer houses a resident there. Ben asked if there was any further discussion on the remaining four ACF 120-day notices, and hearing none proceeded to the following motions.

Motion: 2023/02/22: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Access Ohio 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Samuel Stahl. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/23: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Thatcher Establishments 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by David Black. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Motion: 2023/02/24: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Fairview Meadows Care Center 120-Day Notice, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Marnie Whaley-Buckel. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Before reading the Open Arms motion, Ben asked if there was any discussion regarding it. Samuel Stahl asked if there was a possibility of a future resident needing to stay there. Rhianna stated that is was possible, but that they could go through the process again if necessary, including an on-site visit and due diligence. Ben asked if there were any further questions, and hearing none proceeded to read the motion.

Motion: 2023/02/25: The Board agrees to authorize the Executive Director issue the Open Arms 120-Day Notice of non-renewal, as presented.

Benjamin Winkler moved the motion and was seconded by Robert Horrocks. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

Ben noted that the end of the agenda had been reached and asked if there was any further business before the board. Upon doing so, it was noted that a motion needed to be read in regard to a policy revision giving the Executive Director greater authority over personnel. As such, Rhianna read the applicable motion:

Motion: 2023/02/26: Pending formal revision of the policy, the Board acknowledges that the understanding of the current policy is that the Executive Director has authority over all personnel matters classified or unclassified.

David Black moved the motion and was seconded by Crystal Mazza. The motion was approved unanimously in a 12-0 vote.

13. Motion to Adjourn:

Benjamin Winkler asked if there was any further business for the board to discuss, and hearing none, adjourned the board meeting my unanimous consent.

The Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Ian Ferguson, Administrative Assistant

Accepted:

Benjamin Winkler, Board Chair