

One Ohio Region 3 Advisory Committee – November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Dr. Airica Steed at 3:10 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. A quorum was not established at the time of roll call, but 2 committee members arrived late to the meeting and quorum was established then.

3. VOTING ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes – 8/15/23 Meeting

Thom Olmstead made the first motion to approve the minutes from the 8/15/2023 meeting. Ernie Vargo seconded. All favored. The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

5. UPDATE FROM THE STATE'S FOUNDATION BOARD

Judge Matia provided an update on the State Foundation Board. He informed the committee that Governor DeWine had chosen Alisha Nelson as the Foundation's Executive Director. He also informed the group that the Foundation had selected regional representatives for each region to act as a liaison for the Foundation and each of the respective regions. He introduced Sarah Anstine as Region 3's representative from the State Foundation. Ms. Anstine briefly introduced herself and took questions from several committee members regarding the grant process and the Foundation's progress with developing software (Power-user) for the grant selection and distribution process. There is no definite timeline from the State Foundation on when the software will be implemented and put into use, but Ms. Anstine will provide updates to the committee as they become available.

Judge Matia also provided an update on the lawsuit between the State Foundation and Harm Reduction Ohio. The matter was settled out of court and the lawsuit was dismissed.

6. NEW / OLD BUSINESS

A. Presentation from Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner (Dr. Thomas Gibson)

Dr. Thomas Gibson from the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office gave a presentation on the topic of the opioid crisis. This presentation covered several areas such as the origins of current and past opioid crises, recent trends in the United States and Ohio respectively, as well as a current outlook for how the crisis is being handled today. This is not an exhaustive list of topics covered in Dr. Gibson's presentation to the committee.

B. Funding Priorities Update & Discussion (Brandy Carney)

A Data Report of opioid trends and statistics in Cuyahoga County was provided to the committee members. There was not enough time left in the meeting for any further discussion related to this data report

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 pm