



340 Review Stakeholder Workgroup

Friday, March 4, 2022

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introduction of OhioMHAS Staff

Director Lori Criss, Chair of the 340 Review Stakeholder Workgroup, welcomed the group and introduced OhioMHAS staff in attendance. Lisa Musielewicz, OhioMHAS Staff Counsel and Department Lead for this Workgroup, provided an overview of hybrid meeting etiquette.

II. Discussion of Workgroup's Mission and Goals

Director Criss discussed the mission and goals of the 340 Workgroup. This meeting is a good starting point, but not the end of the discussion. Keeping Ohioans in focus is the main goal and will take the input of the Workgroup. This Workgroup will seek to:

- Identify Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) Chapter 340 sections in need of review;
- Define specific challenges; and
- Explore potential solutions through a transparent and public process.

III. Member Introductions

All Workgroup members were present virtually and in person, with the exception of Lynne Lyon, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Policy for the Ohio Department of Medicaid, who was absent. Marisa Weisel, Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Ohio Department of Medicaid, attended on her behalf. The full list of members and OhioMHAS staff in attendance can be found on the last page of this document.

IV. Workgroup Charter and Meeting Schedule

The [Workgroup Charter](#) lays out the following:

- Operating Principles
 - The meeting format will be largely discussion-based in a collegial and open environment.

- Prior to each meeting Workgroup members should prepare by reviewing the sections that are to be discussed.
- Workgroup members should plan to attend each meeting in person or virtually with no substitutes or proxies.
- Ground Rules
 - Listen to one another.
 - Be authentic but respectful.
- Logistics and Communications
 - Agendas and public notices will be sent in advance.
 - Public participation is encouraged and there will be dedicated time during each meeting for public comment. There will also be a public comment opportunity on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

The current Workgroup meeting schedule through June is as follows:

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 (10:00 a.m. – Noon)

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 (10:00 a.m. – Noon)

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 (10:00 a.m. – Noon) Public Comment Opportunity

Thursday, June 30, 2022 (10:00 a.m. – Noon)

No meetings have been scheduled for July and August 2022 at this point, but more may be added if opportunities for discussion are needed. In Fall 2022 there will be five public listening sessions but those dates have yet to be determined.

V. Overview of R.C. Chapter 340 and Introduction of Survey

R.C. Chapter 340 governs the structure and responsibilities of Ohio’s community-based alcohol, addiction, and mental health boards. Chapter 340 originated with the U.S. Congress enacting the Mental Health Study Act of 1955 and other federal actions through 1967, when the Ohio General Assembly passed HB 648 establishing Chapter 340 and creating “648 boards.”

The Workgroup’s first task will be to identify specific sections within Chapter 340 in need of review and prioritize them. The chapter has twenty-seven sections and some will be of minimal or no concern. Prioritization of sections will be done through a survey and evaluation of the eight groups or segments of Chapter 340. Workgroup members will review each section and indicate whether the section presents challenges for their organization or constituents or otherwise warrants Workgroup attention and rank them based on priority. Survey responses need to be submitted to OhioMHAS by March 18, 2022.

VI. Member Discussion and Questions

The survey does not need to be completed all at one time and will be sent in a pdf format in advance to help Workgroup members best plan their responses prior to online submission. An open-ended question will be added to the survey about what is not in the language now or was not conceived of at the time of Chapter 340's creation to encourage landmark thinking for the system.

OhioMHAS has reached out to Representative Swearingen to discuss Chapter 340 legislation and will keep him apprised of this Workgroup's work. Sections in R.C. Chapter 5119 are referenced in Chapter 340 and will be discussed in that capacity, but the Workgroup will not be reviewing Chapter 5119 as a whole. This Workgroup is meant to identify challenges and put ideas on the table to overcome the challenges and not go line by line through the statute. Members can connect topics like workforce into discussion and comments on Chapter 340. This review should include consideration of inefficiencies in our system. There are no guardrails for discussion in this Workgroup and everything is open for respectful discussion to facilitate an idea generation process.

Each statute in Chapter 340 should be usable, clearly interpretable, and actionable while minimizing confusion moving forward. Antiquated and stigmatizing language should be updated with a cultural competence lens and emphasis on equity that is focused on inclusiveness in our system and accountability for families. Identify areas of innovation and keep in mind what and who we are missing. Consider the forward thinking in 1988 of the requirement that family members and individuals in recovery be on boards as a thread for our work. Keep the focus on why we are here, what we are trying to do, and how this work will benefit Ohioans.

VII. Public Comment Opportunity

Dr. Martin, a member of the public, typed the following into the meeting chat: "I would like to see language change of 340.034. From "recovery housing may permit its residents to receive medication assisted treatment" to "Recovery housing must allow its residents to receive medications for opiate use disorder" reasons are clear. Medicine works! Is disallowing medicine against ADA?? Patient who have overdosed and died, the vast majority do not have treatment medications on their system! Thanks."

David Ross, a member of the public and Executive Director of the Ashland County Mental Health and Recovery Board shared a link to a free copy of *Pam Hyde and Ohio Mental Health: Shifting Control of Inpatient Care*: <https://case.hks.harvard.edu/pam-hyde-and-ohio-mental-health-shifting-control-of-inpatient-care/>.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. – Noon.

Workgroup Attendees

Director Lori Criss (Workgroup Chair), Jamahal C. Boyd, Sr. (CEO – The Crossroad Center), Tracey Campbell (Director of Operations – Firelands Health), Tony Coder (Executive Director – Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation), Lovell Custard (President and CEO – Murtis Taylor Human Services System), Bobbi Douglas (Executive Director – OneEighty), Joan M. Englund (Executive Director – Mental Health and Addiction Advocacy Coalition), Danielle Gray (Executive Director – Ohio Recovery Housing), Robin Harris (Executive Director – Gallia-Jackson-Meigs Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Board), Tracy Maxwell Heard (Executive Director – Multi-Ethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence), Helen Jones-Kelley (Executive Director – Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board), Michael Krause (Executive Director – Ohio Peer Recovery Organizations), Teresa Lampl (CEO – Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers), Sarah LaTourette (Chief Advocacy Officer – Ohio Children’s Alliance), Dustin Mets (CEO – CompDrug), Lisa Musielewicz (Staff Counsel – OhioMHAS), Jeff O’Neil (President and CEO – Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services), Molly O’Neill (CEO – Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery), Amy Price (Associate Advocacy Director – Disability Rights Ohio), Duane Piccirilli (Executive Director – Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board), Terry Russell (Executive Director – National Alliance on Mental Illness Ohio), Aimee Shadwick (Director – RecoveryOhio), Samantha Shafer (CEO – Integrated Services for Behavioral Health), Kay Spergel (Executive Director – Mental Health and Recovery Board of Licking and Knox Counties), Thomas Stuber (President – Ohio Alliance of Recovery Providers), Precia Stuby (Executive Director – Hancock County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board), Cheryl Subler (Executive Director – County Commissioners Association of Ohio), Patrick Tribbe (CEO and President – Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board), Aimee Wade (Executive Director – County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board), Cheri L. Walter (CEO – Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities)

MHAS Staff Attendees

Gregory Allison, Jonathan Baker, Bobbie Boyer, Alisia Clark, Douglas Day, Lindsay Deering, Lisa Frederick, Ashley Gonzalez, Lois Hochstetler, Matthew Loncaric, Nicole Marx, Angelika McClelland, Vanessa McMahon, Daniel Nieman, Janel Pequignot, Thomas Shell, Dr. Justin Trevino, Eric Wandersleben