

**SOUTHWESTERN OHIO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES**

January 24, 2024

Meeting Location- SWOCOG Office

Board Attendance: Lisa Guliano, John LaRock, Dan Ottke, Megan Manuel (virtual), Pamela Combs (arrived at 9:18 AM)

Absent: Leia Snyder

Attendees: Sharon Travis and Amy Pond

I. Call to Order: Lisa Guliano called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

II. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 24-01-05 Lisa Guliano motioned to approve the agenda as presented. John LaRock seconded; motion carried.

Roll Call: Lisa Guliano-yes, John LaRock-yes, Dan Ottke-yes, Megan Manuel-yes

III. Review/Approve Minutes of the December 2023 Board Meeting

Resolution: 24-01-06 Megan Manuel motioned to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2023 board meeting as presented. John LaRock seconded; motion carried.

Roll Call: Lisa Guliano-yes, John LaRock-yes, Dan Ottke-yes, Megan Manuel-yes

Pamela Combs entered the meeting.

IV. Financial Report

COG Financial Statement: January-December 2023

Amy Pond reviewed the COG financial report.

Resolution: 24-01-07 John LaRock made a motion to approve the COG Financial Report as presented. Dan Ottke seconded; motion carried.

Roll Call: Lisa Guliano-yes, John LaRock-yes, Dan Ottke-yes, Pamela Combs-yes, Megan Manuel-yes

V. Executive Director's (e-mailed)

Sharon Travis reviewed the report that was emailed to the Board.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

- A. Ohio APSE Letter of Support- The board gave Sharon Travis the authority to vote in support of the APSE letter that will be signed by OSDA. When Sharon is acting as an OSDA board member, she can vote accordingly and does not need to get board approval. However, if there is letter of support that would require Sharon's signature, it would need to come to the board for discussion.

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- B. Board Member Training- The board would like SWOCOG to coordinate an in-service day this summer for each counties board members to attend and earn training credits as required by DODD.
- C. Tartan TOPS Program- Pamela Combs explained the program. The board will review the information to decide if they would like to sponsor a student.
- D. Transportation- Hamilton County would like for the COG to become a certified provider for transportation. The COG would not provide the service but act as the billing agent for public transportation. The board had two questions/ concerns: what is the liability for SWOCOG and would it affect their insurance premium. Sharon Travis will reach out to the Hamilton County Board, since they are the current provider of record, to see how they have dealt with these issues.
- E. Self-Direction/Support Brokerage- The Ohio Self-Direction Team has been meeting with Palco, a provider of FMS and Support-Brokerage, about becoming a provider in Ohio. Sharon Travis will be working with the team and DODD on implementing support brokerage in the southwest region of the state.
- F. Multisystem Coordination Housing- Sharon Travis informed the board that Warren County does not have any homes available. She requested that the board members speak with their housing boards about using capital assistance dollars to purchase the homes.
- G. 2024 Training Agenda- Sharon Travis provided a handout with various training opportunities for their staff to earn CEU's in 2024. This included dates for the spring and fall SSA Orientations.

VIII. Executive Session

None

- IX. **Adjournment:** Lisa Guliano motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10.25 AM., Pamela Combs seconded. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Lisa Guliano-yes, John LaRock-yes, Dan Ottke-yes, Pamela Combs-yes, Megan Manuel-yes