SOUTHWESTERN OHIO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
February 25th, 2026
SWOCOG Office
Time: 9am-10am

Board Attendance: John LaRock, Lee Ann Emmons, Megan Manuel, Dan Ottke, Kamarr Gage (Virtual).
Absent: Leia Snyder
Attendees: Sharon Travis, Amy Pond and Megan Hoying

I. Call to Order: Lee Ann Emmons called the meeting to order at 9:11am.

II. Approval of Agenda
Resolution 26-02-01 John LaRock motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Megan Manuel seconded; motion carried.

Kamar Gage entered the meeting on Zoom at 9:23am.

III. Merakey Presentation
Anthony Desefano presented a slideshow discussing what the DDTT (Dual Diagnosis Treatment Team) does and reviewed the statistics for both nationwide and Ohio. The slideshow was emailed to the board by Sharon Travis.

IV. Review/Approve Minutes of the December Board Meeting.
Resolution: 26-02-02 John LaRock motioned to approve the minutes of the December Board Meeting as presented. Megan Manuel seconded; motion carried.
Roll Call: John Larock-yes, Lee Ann Emmons-yes, Megan Manuel-yes, Kamarr Gage-yes, Dan Ottke-yes.

V. Financial Report
A. **January/February Financial Report**
Amy reviewed the financial report that was emailed to the board.

B. **COG Financial Statement: January-December 2025 and January 2026.**
Resolution: 26-02-03 Megan Manuel motioned to approve the COG Financial Statement as presented. John LaRock seconded; motion carried.
Roll Call: John Larock-yes, Lee Ann Emmons-yes, Megan Manuel-yes, Kamarr Gage-yes, Dan Ottke-yes.

VI. Executive Director's Report
Sharon Travis reviewed the report that was emailed to the board.

VII. Old Business:

A. Respite Homes: Sharon Travis brought up the to the board that there are a lot of vacant beds in the homes that they are paying for. Sharon Travis discussed solutions such as closing one of the homes, making the homes respite instead of therapeutic respite, or having one home a drop in respite and one home a therapeutic respite.

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VIII. New Business:

A. **Board Annual Training- August 2026:** The board spoke about having the training on August 21st, 2026, from 10am-2pm with catered lunch. Jake, Adam and someone from DODD (either Clay or Lindsey) will be speaking.

B. **SWOCOG 2026 Trainings:** The board reviewed the SSA Orientation dates and Lee Ann Emmons asked about having a couple summer sessions added.

IX. Executive Session:

No executive session was held.

X. Adjournment: Lee Ann Emmons adjourned the meeting at 10:48m.