

June 21, 2022

Kathryn Whittington
OneOhio Recovery Foundation Provisional Chair
Ashtabula County Commissioner

Re: Public comment at June 23 OneOhio Recovery Foundation meeting

Dear Chair Whittington,

As three stakeholders with deep personal and professional interest in the opioid issue, we request that a period of public comment be allowed at the start of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board meeting on June 23, 2022.

We understand that the Ohio Open Meetings Act does not require that the public be allowed to speak at public meetings. However, it is standard practice at most government meetings that a period of time be set aside, usually at the start of a meeting, for members of the public to be heard. We believe a period of public comment would be beneficial to the foundation board and consistent with the goal of transparency shared by all members.

Sincerely,

Dennis Cauchon, President, Harm Reduction Ohio
Nathaniel Jordan II, Executive Director, Columbus Kappa Foundation
Scott Weidle, author, *Little Lost Boy: A Dose of Reality*

For background:

Dennis Cauchon, president of Harm Reduction Ohio, oversees the largest Project DAWN naloxone distribution program in Ohio. (32,500 Narcan kits in 2021)

Nathaniel Jordan II, executive director of the Columbus Kappa Foundation, founded and oversees the largest naloxone distribution program focused on Black Ohioans.

Scott Weidle, a Dayton area business owner who lost a son to overdose, won legislative approval in 2018 for “Daniel’s Law” to improve access to Vivitrol and is creator of the <https://danielsstory.org/> web site.