



**Ohio Association of
Community Action Agencies**

**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 15, 2016
Sheraton on Capitol Square
75 E. State St., Columbus, Ohio**

Members Present: Tom Reed, President; David Brightbill, First Vice President; Gwen Robinson, Second Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Janice Warner, Secretary; Joshua Anderson; Deb Gerken; Andrew J. Devany; David Shea; Judith Barris; Douglas Bennett; Ken Kempton; Gary Obloy; Gary Ricer; Steve Sturgill; Alvin Norris; Bambi Baughn; Jeffrey Diver; Rodney Reasonover; Robert Chilton; Malcolm Costa.

Members Excused: Anita Maldonado.

Staff Present: Philip E. Cole, Executive Director; Josh Summer, Development Director; Kathryn Clausen, Communications Director; Greg Bollenbacher, Fiscal Director; Lorie McClain, Program Manager; Neva Dunn, Office Manager

Guests Present: Paul Kudlak, The Junto Company; Jim Mermis, The Junto Company; Vince Squillace, The Junto Company; Larry Price, LPrice & Associates; David Rinebolt, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy; Victor Davis; Wayne McLaughlin.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 11:23 a.m.

Ms. Warner called the roll; a quorum was established.

Ms. Warner motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Anderson seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. House motioned to approve the December 2015 electronic meeting minutes. Mr. Anderson seconded. The motion passed.

Finance Report: Ruthann House

Ms. House reviewed the dues report and financial report with the board and stated no concerns. Ms. House motioned to approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Mr. Diver seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Bollenbacher reviewed the annual budget with the board. Ms. House made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Diver seconded. The motion passed.

President's Report: Tom Reed

None

Executive Director's Report: Philip E. Cole

Mr. Cole discussed with the board the executive order by Governor Kasich, which provided \$500,000 to the Community Action Network from TANF funds. An RFP will be released to



agencies next week with initial allocation allowances. The funds are to be spent or encumbered by June 30, 2016. Mr. Cole also stated that at least ten agencies did not accept the \$1,000 provided by the Association for needy families in December.

Mr. Cole continued to discuss the need to focus on reporting poverty elimination outcomes to share the impact of Community Action with elected officials—especially surrounding workforce initiatives. He requested that agencies share program outcomes, stories, media coverage and more with the Association. Mr. Diver expressed concern with WIOA and the approval process stating many counties are having issues getting approval and funds are being sent back to the state. The board, in general, agreed this is a statewide issue. Mr. Cole stated Workforce Development has some influence though does not control the funding.

Mr. Cole stated that PACs, such as OACAA-PAC, are only able to accept funds from individual members, not vendors or other supporters. Nonmembers will still be permitted to participate in the raffle though funds their funds will go to support OACAA and not OACAA-PAC. He also stated the need to continue support for NCAF. Ohio is a strong supporter and a model for other state associations. A peer-to-peer workshop will be held during the upcoming conference to help agencies grow the base of support.

Mr. Cole invited members of the board to stay after the board meeting to attend a meeting with Zack Space regarding land bank developments. He continued his report stating the lease for office space has not yet increased. The building developments are taking longer than anticipated. A lease-agent has been contacted in case a lease is not renewed though that is not expected. Lease rates remain the same as they were in 2001.

Mr. Cole stated the strategic plan review is behind schedule and anticipated to be sent to the executive committee for review in February before being presented to the board. He also discussed the website now has a forum for attendees of the Innovation Conference to exchange ideas. He also stated he has been in contact with the sponsor of HB364 regarding Unemployment Compensation. He stated the purpose of the bill is to balance UEC and build a surplus though the bill does not accomplish that purpose. Talking points will be provided during the conference later this month.

Mr. Cole closed his report by thanking members of the board for their condolences after the unexpected passing of staff member Ntseli Rakheta in December.

Public Relations Report: Janice Warner

Ms. Warner deferred the report to Ms. Clausen. Ms. Clausen reviewed the written report and highlighted the new sentiment report which will be included going forward. She also stated she will be working with the PR committee to visit at least twelve agencies this year for the Legacy Video Project.

Training and Development: Rodney Reasonver

None.



Best Practices: Bambi Baughn

Ms. Baughn discussed the best practices program and the revisions to include exemplary program awards to highlight programs that are not necessarily duplicable though deserve recognition throughout the network. Best practices will become an ongoing program application to review operating practices while the exemplary practices will be reviewed annually and awarded during an Association conference. She provided and reviewed a drafted exemplary practices application. Ms. Baughn also stated there are several vacancies on the best practices committee and invited members to participate.

Social Enterprise: Robert Chilton

Mr. Chilton stated there were three vacancies on the social enterprise committee. He also stated Impact CAA will be working with Cause Impact to move forward with project ideas and he will keep the board updated on progress.

Old Business

Mr. Diver stated Tim Derrickson and Bill Begal are both running for the Congressional District 8. Both are friends to Community Action.

Ms. Robinson stated she will be compiling a report which will focus on case management and early education initiatives she learned about on her trip to Israel.

New Business

Wayne McLaughlin, former executive director of Ross County CAA and former OACAA board member, introduced Victor Davis, newly hired executive director at the agency.

Open Dialogue

None.

Adjourn

Mr. Norris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 p.m. Mr. Diver seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

End:

Respectfully submitted,

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date