



Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies

**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 9, 2015
Sheraton on Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio**

Members Present: Tom Reed, President; David Brightbill, First Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Janice Warner, Secretary; Joshua Anderson, Andrew J. Devany; David Shea; Judith Barris; Ken Kempton; Gary Obloy; Wayne McLaughlin; Anita Maldonado; Steve Sturgill; Alvin Norris; Bambi Baughn; Rodney Reasonover; Gary Ricer; Jeffrey Diver and Robert Chilton

Members Excused: Gwen Robinson, Second Vice President; Deb Gerken; Douglas Bennett and Malcolm Costa

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

Guests Present: Tim Donnellan, CEO CAP of the Greater Dayton Area; Randall Hunt, Deputy Chief, Ohio Development Services Agency, Tracy Ballas, Assistant Deputy Chief, Ohio Development Services Agency, Paul Kudlak and Jim Mermis, The Junto Company; Larry Price, L Price & Associates and David Rinebolt, OPEA.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m. and a quorum was established.

Mr. Diver asked to add Ohio Healthier Buckeyes initiative to the agenda; Mr. Devaney motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Kempton seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Brightbill motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Norris seconded. The motion passed.

Finance Report: Ruthann House

Ms. House recommended that the board accept the financial report as presented. Ms. House motioned to approve the financial report. Mr. Brightbill seconded. The motion passed.

President's Report: Tom Reed

President Reed reported that the Energy, Workforce and Head Start committees will be combined with the Legislative Committee. Mr. Cole opened up discussion on the I.C. program. President Reed directed the Training and Development committee to look into developing guidelines for the I.C. program, to take a look into what we have and see what we need. Training committee will include at least Board members Rodney Reasonover, Chair; Anita Maldonado and Jeff Diver.



Executive Director's Report: Philip E. Cole

Mr. Cole reported that S.B. 214 is a bill to prevent the funding of nontherapeutic abortions with state or federal money. It is sponsored by Senate President Keith Faber and at the time of this writing has 16 co-sponsors. This is a bill to defund Planned Parenthood. The Senate and the House each have a bill. One will pass. Discussion. The board decided after a lengthy discussion to not take any action at this time.

Mr. Cole asked for names of people to be interviewed for the Legacy Video, to capture the history of Community Action in Ohio.

Mr. Cole reported on the resignation of Speaker Boehner, as of the time when he wrote his Board Report, the Speaker's successor was to be Kevin McCarthy, a supporter of community action. However, he removed himself from consideration. As for Boehner's replacement as the Member of Congress from the 8th District of Ohio, there are presently three possible candidates. State Senator Bill Beagle has announced as a candidate and is a friend of ours. State Rep. Tim Derickson is considering the race and he is also a friend. The Auditor of Butler County Roger Williams is considering the race and has formed an exploratory committee.

State Senator Bill Coley has decided not to run and the same can be said for Senate President Faber. Others being discussed are State Senator Widener and former congressman Steve Austria.

Mr. Cole reported that in the weeks prior to the November board meeting, that he will work with the staff to develop a preliminary outline of a Strategic Plan, with goals and steps to achieve them. He will then present the Plan to the Executive Committee. After review, the Committee could add, subtract, or amend any or part of the plan. It would then be passed to the Board to approve or amend. This Board approval should be completed at the January meeting.

Mr. Cole reported that OACAA will be the only organization involved with the Ohio Hunger Dialogue that is not a college in an event to be hosted at Xavier University in Cincinnati, sometime in September 2016. It will be focused on dealing with hunger and related issues with involvement of colleges, community organizations and community leaders. Mr. Cole asked that Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency be involved in the planning. There will be pre-meetings held on this and they will be regional, Mr. Cole will do all he can to make sure that community action is at the table.

Mr. Cole reported that we have completed our reviews of Jefferson County's fiscal operations and management. The recommendations could be completed within a week or two. While the team is scheduled to deliver the final product to the Jefferson County board on October 22, Mr. Cole has told them that the team may need another two weeks. This could be determined at the meeting of our team today, following the OACAA Board meeting.

The office lease ends on 12/31/2015. Mr. Cole will be discussing an extension next week. Mr. Cole is assuming a rent increase since we have never had an increase and the owners of our section of the Leveque Tower can now see the end of the construction.



Since the September board meeting, Mr. Cole has attended three agency events. The first was the “Step Up to Success” in Wapakoneta which was a workforce partnership event between Lima Allen Council on Community Affairs and the Auglaize County JFS. The second was the 50th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Luncheon of LEADS in Nashport. The third was the 50th Anniversary Celebration in Ravenna for Community Action Council Portage County. All of these events were extremely good and had strong outreach in the community. There was support from all aspects of the community. These were demonstrations of Community Action success.

Public Relations Report: Janice Warner

No additional report. See attached.

Training and Development Report

No Report.

Ohio Healthier Buckeyes

Mr. Diver reported that there would be 6.5 million dollars available next year, with 5 million a year for the future. He told the board to be proactive; RFP’s will go out to the county commissioners. ODJFS will have the money.

Personnel Report: Tim Donnellan

No report.

Energy Report: Andrew J. Devany

Mr. Devany deferred to Mr. Rinebolt of OPAE for the energy report. Mr. Rinebolt reported that OPAE will have a meeting on November 20, 2015 and he suggested that we make it a joint venture. The OACAA board would meet in the morning and OPAE would meet in the afternoon, having lunch together. Mr. Rinebolt also reported that OPAE filed suit against PWC for \$270,000.00 and they won. There was discussion on an expanded pilot program with HWAP to say that any monies earned would be or would not be program money.

Partnership Report: Andrew J. Devany

Mr. Devany reported to the board that the Partnership will meet in early November.

Head Start: Rodney Reasonover

The next conference will be in Chicago.

CAPLAW Report: David Brightbill

Mr. Brightbill reported that CAPLAW has committed to review 17 pages of the Head Start standards. Eleanor Evans will be working with David Bradley on the new reauthorizations. Winston Ross a founding member of CAPLAW passed this summer; there will be an annual scholarship set up in his name for the June meeting next summer. Congratulations go out to Mr. Brightbill as the new President of CAPLAW.



Old Business

No new business

New Business

Mr. Reed announced to the board that Mr. McLaughlin would be retiring from the board after this meeting. Mr. Reed thanked Mr. McLaughlin for his years of service not only on the OACAA board but also for his involvement in Community Action.

Ms. Baughn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Shea seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date