



**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 24, 2017
Sheraton on Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

Members Present: Tom Reed, President; David Brightbill, First Vice-President; Gwen Robinson Second-Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Joshua Anderson; David Shea; Judith Barris; Ken Kempton; Gary Obloy; Gary Ricer; Steve Sturgill; Kellie Ailes; Alvin Norris; Jeffrey Diver; Rodney Reasonover; Robert Chilton; Malcolm Costa.

Members Excused: Janice Warner, Secretary; Deb Gerken; Andrew J. Devany; Douglas Bennett; Bambi Baughn.

Staff Present: Philip E. Cole, Executive Director; Josh Summer, Development Director; Greg Bollenbacher, Fiscal Director; Kathryn A. Clausen, Communications Director; Lorie McClain, Program Manager; Neva Dunn, Office Manager, Jeannette M. Jarrett; Operations and Support Specialist.

Guests Present: Paul Kudlak, The Junto Company; Jim Mermis, The Junto Company; Larry Price, L. Price and Associates; Tim Donnellan, Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area; Van Nelson, Trumbull County Community Action Program; Steve Wilson, Muskingum Economic Opportunity Action Group.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Mr. Brightbill motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. House seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Ricer motioned to approve the February minutes. Mr. Shea seconded. The motion passed.

Finance Report: Ruthann House

Ms. House reviewed the financial report with the board and made a motion out of committee to accept the reports and place on file for audit. Mr. Costa seconded. The motion passed.

President's Report: Tom Reed

Mr. Reed stated the NCAF conference was well attended offered a great agenda. He reported that Congresswomen Beatty spoke highly of Mr. Cole and his influence and dedication to Community Action. Mr. Reed thanked Ms. Dunn and Ms. Jarrett for their help at the conference.

Executive Director's Report: Philip E. Cole

Mr. Cole announced Ms. Warner was elected to fill an unexpired term on the NCAF Board representing Region V. Ms. Wise was also elected as Treasurer of the MACAA Board. Mr. Cole reported the 2016 State of Poverty Report press conference was held on Thursday, March 23rd at the Ohio Statehouse. Several reporters covered the event which was also broadcast on Facebook Live. He thanked Ms. Clausen and Mr. Summer for their work on the report.



Mr. Cole also updated the board on the pending partnership with Mr. Vance. He then reported H.B. 123, a bill regulating payday lending, is gaining support in the General Assembly. The bill is modeled on Colorado's predatory lending law. Mr. Cole stated the board previously endorsed a bill regulating predatory lending bills and requested support of the board to endorse H.B. 123.

Mr. Diver motioned to endorse the H.B.123. Mr. Norris seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Cole updated the board on progress toward extending the Healthier Buckeye program which ends June 30, 2017. The unspent funds have been proposed to be extended to December 31, 2017. Mr. Kudlak stated that he spoke to Senator Lehner and she would most likely be supportive of the issue. The Speaker's office was drafting an amendment to ensure the funds are distributed to appropriate agencies. However, the Speaker's office did not commit that this amendment would be part of their budget changes. The deadline for amendments is the first week in April.

Mr. Cole discussed the Housing Trust Fund and COHHIO's initiative to implement a flat recording fee of \$200.00 for mortgages to support the HTF; additional funds received from the recording fee adjustment will assist opioid addiction recovery housing each year.

Mr. Brightbill made a motion to support the implementation of a flat recording fee of \$200 which will increase funding for the Housing Trust Fund to support opioid addiction recovery housing. Mr. Ricer seconded. The motion passed

Mr. Cole shared the Governor's office requested support of regulating mobile/manufactured home building standards safety committee. Discussion.

Mr. Sturgill moved to table the issue until more information can be gathered and discussed. Mr. Anderson seconded. Motion approved. Mr. Cole will contact the Governor's Office for more information and report back to the board.

Mr. Cole concluded his report stating was not aware of any action being taken on legislation for the HEAP/HWAP transfer at this time. Mr. Cole stated he would invite Mr. Allwein to update the board.

Partnership Report: Joe Devany

Mr. Cole reiterated Mr. Devany's discussions during the OCATO meeting regarding the Partnership's funding support commitment for VirtualCAP. Mr. Cole will follow up with Ms. Harlow to finalize current and future support.

Mr. Diver made a motion to reelect Mr. Devany to the PAC- HWAP Committee. Mr. Anderson seconded. The motion passed.

CAPLAW Report: David Brightbill

Mr. Brightbill reported that registration is open for the CAPLAW conference in June. He encouraged the board to attend.



Legislative Committee Report: David Brightbill

No report.

Public Relations Report: Janice Warner

Ms. Clausen reviewed the written report with the board and highlighted the upcoming PR conference call on March 30th. She further stated the CAA network provided good feedback on branding during the winter conference. Ms. Clausen stated she was asked to participate in a panel discussion at the branding conference next month in Chicago. She encouraged the board to share branding feedback prior to the conference. Ms. Clausen also stated the State of Poverty press conference was a success and the report had garnered much attention.

Training and Development Report: Rodney Reasonover

No report.

Exemplary Programs Report: Bambi Baughn

No report.

Membership Committee Report: Gwen Robinson

Ms. Robinson stated she would discuss the Alumni Association with Mr. Cole and provide an update next month.

Personnel Committee: Joshua Anderson

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Reed stated the Executive Committee recommended approval of a 4% COLA for Mr. Cole retroactive to January 1, 2017. Ms. House motioned to approve the increase as recommended. Mr. Ricer seconded. The motion passed.

Open Dialogue

None.

Adjourn:

Mr. Diver called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11: 57 p.m. Mr. Ricer seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date