



**Ohio Association of
Community Action Agencies**

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Board of Trustees Meeting
November 20, 2015
The Quest Center
8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, Ohio**

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

Members Excused: Gwen Robinson, Second Vice President; Deb Gerken; Joshua Anderson; Douglas Bennet; Steve Sturgill; Rodney Reasonover; Malcolm Costa.

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; Larry Price, LPrice & Associates; David Rinebolt, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m. A quorum was established.

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

Mr. Obloy motioned to approve the October 2015 minutes. Mr. Shea seconded. The motion passed.

Finance Report: Ruthann House

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

President's Report: Tom Reed

Mr. Reed discussed committee structure changes. Head Start, Workforce, and Energy are now under the Legislative Committee umbrella. There are several committees that have yet to fill the seats and it would be ideal to have one person from each district on each committee. Mr. Reed proposed that if board members are unable to commit to a committee that others outside the board should be recruited. Recruiting members outside of the board will also provide more additional opportunities for others within the network to get involved with OACAA.

Executive Director Report: Philip E. Cole

Mr. Cole reported to the board that Dawn Larzelere has changed positions within the Governor's Office and Ryan Burgess has moved into her former position in Workforce Development. Matt Peters will be moving into Mr. Burgess's position at OCA.



Partnership Report: Joe Devany

Mr. Devany reported he attended the Partnership board retreat last week. The board reviewed the strategic plan and will be monitoring inactive members of the board. No significant changes or reorganization occurred with the plan. The board will finalize the review and it will be sent to the membership in January. Mr. Devany stated there will be a branding conference held somewhere in the Midwest in 2016 to develop a plan for better visibility for Community Action on a national level.

CAPLAW Report: David Brightbill

Mr. Brightbill reported the board met in October and called for conference idea suggestions to report back to the committee. The board is currently more active than they have been in the past and are meeting again in February. The CAPLAW conference is scheduled for June 22-24, 2016.

Legislative Committee Report: David Brightbill

Mr. Brightbill deferred to Paul Kudlack to provide House and Senate updates. Mr. Kudlack stated the drug test for benefits bill did not pass the house though is still being review. Barbara Sears recently introduced a bill that would include provisions that would decrease Unemployment Compensation pending a specific county unemployment rate. The bill would also cap benefits regardless of household size.

Mr. Rinebolt reported negotiations for fuel fund rate extensions and a clean energy incentive program to improve incentives for energy reduction in low-income areas. He also reported initiatives to waive knob and tube provisions which are prohibiting work in many homes.

Public Relations Report: Janice Warner

Ms. Warner deferred the report to Kathryn Clausen. Ms. Clausen directed the board to the PR report included in their packets, which included outreach statistics. She also stated a budget has been requested to complete twelve on-site agency interviews in 2016 for the Legacy Project. A pilot video is planned to be completed by the end of the year.

Ms. Clausen also reviewed the revised website with the board and demonstrated the new site capabilities. The site is slated to be completed and launched in mid-December.

Best Practices Report: Bambi Baughn

Ms. Baughn discussed the status of the best practices. The committee reviewed the program and discussed the difference between exemplary practices and best practices for management and operations. The committee will be adjusting the award to annual exemplary practices awards. The committee will also be seeking a new partner to complete the process. Mr. Diver and Mr. Brightbill suggested looking into the Voinovich Center at Ohio University. Ms. Baughn encouraged board members to volunteer to sit on the committee to help finalize the new program.

Social Enterprise – Bo Chilton

No report.



Old Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Cole announced the Winter Legislative Conference will be held on January 27-29, 2016 with a pre-conference being held on January 26th. The board discussed the location of the 2016 Summer Conference and the consensus of the board was to hold the conference in Huron, Ohio at Sawmill Creek Resort. Ms. Warner agreed to host the conference again next year.

Open Dialogue

None.

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

End:

Respectfully submitted,

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date