



## Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies

**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 20, 2015  
Sheraton on Capitol Square  
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; Andrew J. Devany; Wayne McLaughlin; Cheryl Thiessen; Steve Sturgill; Tim Donnellan; Bambi Baughn; Robert Chilton; Ken Kempton; Alvin Norris

**Members Excused:** Robert Hamilton; Gary Ricer; Gary Obloy; Rodney Reasonover; Judith Barris; David Shea; Malcolm Costa; Deb Gerken

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

**Guests Present:** Randall Hunt, Ohio Development Services Agency; Sadika White, Ohio Development Services Agency; Paul Kudlak, The Junto Company

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. A quorum was established.

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

Ms. Robinson motioned to approve the January 2015 minutes. Mr. Sturgill seconded. The motion passed.

### **Finance Report: Ruthann House**

Ms. House reviewed the financial report with the board and stated there were no concerns and that the report reflected a healthy unaudited balance. Ms. House moved to approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Mr. Norris seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Bollenbacher reviewed the proposed budget for the board. He noted, pending approval of the federal RPIC modification request, the amount of support to VirtualCAP, which currently reflects \$17,000, could be reduced approximately \$10,000. Ms. House moved to approve the budget. Mr. Brightbill seconded. The motion passed.

### **President's Report: Tom Reed**

No report.

### **Executive Director Report: Philip E. Cole**

Mr. Cole discussed Governor Kasich's plan for JFS, which is being guided by Doug Lumpkin. Mr. Cole encouraged agencies to engage their local county commissioners. He also stated that Mr.



Lumpkin visited Community Action in Cincinnati and was impressed with their operation. Agencies should continue to show their desire to be helpful, not competitive.

Mr. Cole discussed the proposed tax changes, which include a \$1.00 new tax on cigarettes. The board had approved support of a sixty (60) cents increase last year. Mr. Cole also discussed that ODA is attempting to include an increase Medicaid reimbursement for dental care in Southeast Ohio. The board agreed not to take further action on the tax increase nor take a position on the ODA proposal.

Mr. Cole reported the House Committee on Community and Family Advancement is hearing testimony about helping people in poverty back to work. SELF executive director Jeffrey Diver will testify. He further suggested scheduling additional CAA testimony from agencies that operate programs in the workforce development area, such as CAO of Scioto County.

The Governor's Task Force on Community-Police Relations held its second meeting at Central State University. Expert and public testimony, including testimony from Tim Donnellan, was enlightening. The Task Force will develop recommendations to strengthen relations between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Testimony will be heard in Toledo next week and in Cincinnati on March 10th. Mr. Cole encouraged all agencies to attend and provide recommendations to the committee.

NCAF has not yet made a decision on a conference format for an Innovations Conference. They are considering both regional and national. CAA of Fresno California has offered to pay upfront costs to assist NCAF's ideas and innovations conference efforts though they do not want to host a regional conference. Mr. Cole is scheduled to meet with Nate Coffman of Ohio CDC Association to discuss a potential joint conference for innovative programs. Mr. Cole further discussed the NCAF conference call and stated most of the discussion was included in the CAPBrief with the exception of the possibility to include the standards in the reauthorization bill to refocus accountability. Two options for presenting the standards included a general reference or including them word-for-word.

The board further discussed DSA funding of OCATO. Mr. Kudlak suggested any legislation passed should be included in the upcoming budget which will be passed within the next three to four months. The board suggested funding levels and ninety-one (91) percent directly to agencies, increasing training and technical assistance from four (4) percent to five (5) percent and reducing DSA administration from five (5) percent to four (4) percent.

#### **Public Relations Report: Janice Warner**

Ms. Warner deferred the report to Kathryn Clausen. Ms. Clausen directed the board to the written report included in the packets for outreach statistics. She also briefly discussed the transition of VirtualCAP's website as well as initial feedback from the winter conference sessions. Ms. Clausen also stated she will be holding a PR Group conference call in March and is developing a social media toolkit for the State of Poverty Report. The report will be released during a press conference on March 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Statehouse Ladies Gallery.

#### **President's Report: Tom Reed**

No report.



**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Ms. Thiessen seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

**End:**

Respectfully submitted,

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Janice W. Warner, Secretary

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