



Ohio Association of
Community Action Agencies

**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 21, 2017
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; Deb Gerken; Judith Barris; Douglas Bennett; Ken Kempton; Steve Sturgill; Kellie Ailes; Alvin Norris; Bambi Baughn; Jeffrey Diver; Malcolm Costa.

Members Excused: David Shea; Gary Obloy; Gary Ricer; Rodney Reasonover; Robert Chilton.

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; Larry Price, L. Price, and Associates; Yvonne Freeman, OURS; Jackie Boehnlein, Lorain County Community Action Agency; Van D. Nelson, Trumbull Community Action Program.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m. A quorum was established.

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

Ms. House motioned to approve the March 2017 board meeting minutes. Mr. Costa seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Costa motioned to approve the April 2017 electronic board meeting minutes. Mr. Brightbill 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. Brightbill seconded. The motion passed.

President's Report: Tom Reed

No report.

Executive Director's Report: Philip E. Cole

Mr. Cole reported payday lending legislation had been introduced in the General Assembly, though is not a priority at this time and will likely become a priority after the budget is approved. He also stated the House intends to allow the Healthier Buckeye program to be extended through the end of December 2017. More information will be distributed when available. The board



consensus was to not request additional TANF funds to support the Healthier Buckeye program though the board would be supportive of requesting GRF if available.

Mr. Cole reported there had been no additional developments regarding the ODJFS Publicly Funded Childcare rule to prevent layering of funds. This matter is not a current priority in the House though 22 senators signed a letter opposition to the rule. Discussion. Mr. Cole reported the Children's Hunger Alliance would like to partner with Community Action Agencies' summer feeding programs. Discussion.

Mr. Cole discussed the opportunity to enhance the Self-Sufficiency Standard tool with the University of Washington. Potential updates include disabilities as an option and including adult ages. The board supports exploring this collaboration to enhance the tool.

Mr. Cole announced Geauga Community Action had received conditional approval for operation from the state and they are in the process of becoming more active in the community. He also stated that despite challenges faced by CEOGC and MYCAP their programs are operating well. Discussion.

Mr. Cole asked the board for input regarding the Alumni Association and recommendations of retirees to participate. He discussed holding a luncheon for members during the conference and a workshop led by Ms. Robinson to discussion coordinating the new group. All levels of staff are invited to participate. Mr. Cole stated the goal is to maintain the level of excellence by sharing knowledge post-retirement. Members of the Alumni Association may act as consultants to the network if needed.

Guest Report: Chris Allwein, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy

Mr. Cole introduced Mr. Chris Allwein, Executive Director and Counsel of Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE). Mr. Allwein updated the board on progress made to seek a waiver to increase the LIHEAP transfer to HWAP from the current 15% to 25%. Utility program services, such as PIPP+, decreased from \$400 Million to \$208 Million. This legislation creates stable funding and increases weatherization without causing hardship on utility programs. The amendment previously passed the General Assembly but was vetoed by the Governor due to the bill to which it was attached.

Mr. Allwein provided details of the effort to attach the language to the Biennial Budget.

Partnership Report: Joe Devaney

Mr. Devaney reminded the board the Annual Partnership Conference is August 29th through September 1, 2017; it will be held in Philadelphia.

CAPLAW Report: David Brightbill

Mr. Brightbill reported over four hundred people are registered to attend the Denver CAPLAW conference. Mr. David Bradley is coordinating a fundraiser during the conference.



Legislative Committee Report: David Brightbill

Mr. Brightbill provided a brief overview of the Governor's initiative the board voted to support during the April 2017 electronic board meeting.

Public Relations Committee Report: Janice Warner

Ms. Warner deferred the report to Ms. Clausen. Ms. Clausen reviewed statistics for the OACAA and VirtualCAP. She also discussed access to the online subscription-based publication, the VirtualCAP RoundUP. Ms. Clausen stated the PR Group requested crisis communications and branding be the focus of the fall PR/Communications conference. Ms. Warner and Ms. Clausen will attend the Partnership's branding conference next week in Chicago and will report back to the membership. Ms. Clausen also stated she is continuing work on the Legacy Project in May where she will film in Stark and Summit Counties.

Training and Development Committee Report: Rodney Reasonover

In Mr. Reasonover's absence, Ms. McClain provided an update on scheduled tracks for the summer conference.

Exemplary Programs Committee Report: Bambi Baughn

Ms. Baughn stated she and Ms. Clausen are working with OSU to hold a workshop at the summer conference to provide information on the Exemplary Programs application and process.

Membership Committee Report: Gwen Robinson

No report.

Personnel Committee: Joshua Anderson

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Dialogue

None.

Adjourn:

Ms. Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m. Mr. Brightbill seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date