



Ohio Association of  
Community Action Agencies

**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 16, 2016  
Sheraton Hotel  
75 E State St,  
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

**Members Present:** Tom Reed, President; David Brightbill, First Vice President; Janice Warner, Secretary; Andrew J. Devany; David Shea; Judith Barris; Ken Kempton; Anita Maldonado; Kellie Ailes; Al Norris; Bambi Baughn; Jeffrey Diver, Rodney Reasonover; Robert Chilton

**Members Excused:** Deb Gerken; Steve Sturgill, Gary Obloy, Gary Ricer, Gwen Robinson, Second Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Doug Bennett, Josh Anderson. Malcolm Costa.

**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 Assistant.

**Guests Present:** Yvonne Freeman, OURS; Jim Mermis, The Junto Company; Larry Price, L. Price and Associates.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

Ms. Warner called the roll; a quorum was established.

Mr. Shea motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Kempton seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Diver motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Devany seconded. The motion passed.

**Finance Report: Ruthann House**

Mr. Bollenbacher reviewed the financial report and was available for questions. Mr. Chilton motioned to approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Mr. Kempton seconded. The motion passed.

**President's Report: Tom Reed**

Mr. Reed had no report. He acknowledged Mr. Brightbill's birthday and announced that Mr. Cole would soon be a grandfather. The board members congratulated them both.

**Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Cole reported the ODFJS Rule 5101:2-16-41 was amended to prevent layering Head Start services with childcare. The rule was to go into effect on September 3rd though ODJFS chose not to enforce the rule until next year. Mr. Cole noted the status of this funding could change at any time. Members of the board noted the differences between 5-Star childcare centers and Head Start centers. Head Start centers have more stringent regulations which increase the value to the children in the programs—even more so when funding can be layered. Discussion continued.



Mr. Cole discussed a recent meeting with CareSource regarding a partnership. Mr. Chilton, Mr. Sturgill, Mr. Brightbill and Mr. Gossett attended the meeting as well. CareSource would like to partner with CAAs to enroll adolescents for well-check services in exchange for payment. A pilot project may begin in Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati and then expand to other areas across the state. Mr. Chilton expressed his support for moving forward with a pilot partnership. The CareSource next meeting is scheduled for October. Mr. Cole will continue to explore their partnership proposal.

Mr. Cole reported that HEAP is being considered for movement to ODJFS in the biennial budget in the state's effort to consolidate for efficiency. Discussion.

Mr. Cole also discussed a meeting with representatives of Pew Charitable Trusts, who are seeking supporters to curtail poor practices with payday loans. The group has been invited to speak at the October board meeting.

Mr. Cole updated the board on the Weatherization RFP for disputed areas, which has been released. He also discussed the relinquishment of the program by Lorain County which has left the territory open for bidding. Mr. Cole also discussed a recent visit with Geauga County CAA in which he met with the board. Mr. Summer will begin with conducting board training and then look ahead to strategic planning for the agency along with other services provided by the Association.

Mr. Cole continued by discussing an upcoming meeting with the Department of Higher Education regarding developing or adapting courses to meet the unique needs of CAA and nonprofit leadership—perhaps with college credit or certifications. Mr. Reasonover and Mr. Brightbill are scheduled to join the meeting with Chancellor John Carey.

In addition, Mr. Cole updated the board on H.B. 394, Ohio's UEC bill, which has been referred to a special Joint Committee on Unemployment Compensation Reform. Hearings are currently being held. Mr. Cole will submit testimony.

Mr. Cole also recently submitted testimony during the public hearing for the HEAP State Plan. He noted that Ms. Ballas gave a strong presentation, and the Central Ohio Breathing Association had several people testify.

Mr. Cole reported that many feel that ROMA Next Generation should be delayed. Mr. Devany read a letter of concerns from the Partnership regarding ROMA Next Generation. Mr. Cole stated that he and others met with Mr. Bradley to discuss the concerns of the network regarding the proposed regulations. Mr. Summer will attend the next meeting in Washington D.C. to discuss the program.

Mr. Cole ended his report announcing Ms. Robinson was elected as president of Mid-America for the Partnership.



### **Partnership Report: Andrew “Joe” Devany**

Mr. Devany reported that the Partnership welcomed the highest number of guests in their history with over 1300 people in attendance. He stated there were many workshops to choose from with the challenge being many ran simultaneously. A lot was accomplished in a short period and the visit to the LBJ Library was a success. Mr. Devany discussed the presentation from Ms. Wise at the conference regarding the Rural Impact Grant in Highland County, which is going well. He also stated Ms. Wise and her staff would be presenting at the White House on November 17th. Highland County is to be congratulated on their participation and success.

He continued the report stating the Partnership is in a very strong financial position and will finish the current year with a net increase of over \$500,000. The Partnership also gave over \$50,000 to NCAF through donations and purchase of lobbying services. Mr. Devany also reported the Partnership is researching a contractor to develop a report on poverty within the next nine months. The report will be presented to the incoming administration.

Mr. Devany discussed the award from the Kellogg Foundation and their collaboration with the Partnership. The Foundation is looking to expand the relationship over the next three years to work on racial equality issues. The Partnership is also applying for a HUD TA grant for \$2.4 million over three years.

Mr. Devany concluded the report by announcing the newly elected board members for the Partnership. He also thanked the board and membership for their support in his run for the Treasurer; it was reported he lost the election by just a few votes. Mr. Devany also stated the audit report was accepted with no findings. The Partnership board also voted to donate \$15,000 to flood relief in Louisiana.

### **CAPLAW Report: David Brightbill**

Mr. Brightbill reported that the CAPLAW board would meet in November and will be working on planning the June conference. He asked the board to provide input on topics prior to the next meeting. The CAPLAW conference will be held June 7-9, 2017 in Denver Colorado.

### **Legislative Committee Report: David Brightbill**

No report.

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

Ms. Clausen presented statistics from the website, social media, and outreach. She also facilitated the PR conference call held earlier this week. Topics included the PR training/tracks for conference and/or a standalone PR Conference in 2017. The next conference call is scheduled for January 2017. Ms. Clausen also provided and updated on the Legacy Project. Portage County will be filmed in October and she is working to confirm Stark County as well. Ms. Clausen stated the focus in 2017 will be editing what has been filmed this year and time will be set aside to film five to six additional agencies.

### **Training and Development Report: Rodney Reasonover**

Mr. Reasonover reported to the board discussions from the committee meeting held earlier in the day. The committee has tentatively chosen host cities as follows: Dublin in 2017, Dayton in



2018, Lake County in 2019, and Canton in 2020. The committee also discussed track options for the Winter Legislative Conference in January. He asked the board to submit areas of interest to the committee and to Ms. McClain no later than September 30th.

**Best Practices Report: Bambi Baughn**

No report.

**Personnel Committee: Josh Anderson**

No report.

**Membership Committee Report: Gwen Robinson**

No report

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Ms. Baughn requested additional time to review the meeting minutes before requesting approval. The staff will ensure minutes are distributed to board members in a timely manner prior to meetings.

**Adjourn:**

Ms. Warner called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m. Mr. Diver seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

**End:**

Respectfully submitted,

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Janice W. Warner, Secretary

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Date