



## Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies

### Ohio Community Action Training Organization Board of Trustees Meeting April 17, 2015 The Fawcett Center Columbus, Ohio

**Members Present:** David Brightbill, First Vice President; Gwen Robinson, Second Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Joshua Anderson; Andrew J. Devany; Wayne McLaughlin; Cheryl Thiessen; Steve Sturgill; Tim Donnellan; Bambi Baughn; Robert Chilton; Alvin Norris; Gary Ricer; Deb Gerken; Malcolm Costa

**Members Excused:** Tom Reed, President; Janice Warner, Secretary; Robert Hamilton; Rodney Reasonover; Judith Barris; David Shea; Cheryl Thiessen; Ken Kempton

**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:** Randall Hunt, Ohio Development Services Agency; Sadika White, Ohio Development Services Agency; Paul Kudlak, The Junto Company; Jim Mermis, The Junto Company; David Mayhoor, Dental Access Now; Deb Martin, WSOS Community Action; David Rinebolt, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy; Larry Price, LPrice & Associates

Mr. Brightbill called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked for a moment of reflection.

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

Mr. Brightbill requested to move the Dental Access Now guest speaker to the OCATO meeting agenda from the OACAA meeting agenda. Mr. Devany motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Robinson seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. House motioned to approve the February 2015 minutes. Mr. Devany seconded. The motion passed.

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

Ms. House reviewed the financial report with the board and stated there were no concerns and the report reflected a healthy, unaudited balance. She also noted again that all dues have been paid for the first half and that the audit is schedule to begin in May. Ms. Robinson moved to approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Ms. Gerken seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Bollenbacher reviewed equipment bid comparisons with the board. The staff completed a competitive bidding process per fiscal policy and is recommending a lease and subsequent



purchase of a new copier. The new lease price is an approximately \$3,000 reduction from the previously negotiated rate which ended in 2013. Ms. House motioned to approve the lease purchase as recommended by the staff. Mr. Ricer seconded. The motion passed.

### **Development Services Agency Report: Randall Hunt and Sadicka White**

Mr. Hunt and Ms. White of Ohio Development Services Agency discussed the success of the Winter Crisis Program which officially ended on April 15, 2015. The regular HEAP benefit applications decreased though benefit amounts increased which expended more funds than last year. PIPP households have also continued to increase. PIPP renewal applications automatically process a HEAP benefit but at a reduced amount. The state office processed 200,000 applications online or through the mail. Mr. Hunt believes the growth in the PIPP program resulted in a decrease in overall HEAP applications. Ms. White stated they will be going to the controlling board to request additional spending authority. If approved, over \$450 million will be spent on PIPP alone. She stated she will keep the network updated.

Mr. Hunt stated DSA is close to implementing new PIPP rules and are working with PUCO to better align gas rules with the electric rules. They realize they will not align perfectly due to the nature of the utility needs.

Mr. Hunt stated the Summer Cooling Program may be administered at a reduce amount due to the spending authority limit. DSA is requesting \$5 million for the program. They do not anticipate being able to serve municipals or co-ops. DSA is also considering removing air conditioning units and fans from the program. The board generally agreed with that as an option.

Mr. Hunt discussed the CSBG report and provided a copy to the board. ORC states DSA needs to release an annual report and this report serves as the off-year of the two-year plan report. Mr. Hunt also stated DSA is currently going through internal staff rearrangements. Katrina Metzler accepted a position with NASCSP and other staff has left DSA or has moved to different departments. Ms. White asked for patience as they work to fill empty positions.

### **Training and Development: Lorie McClain**

Ms. McClain reported to the board completed and planned conference and training events. In partnership with DSA, a CSBG Standards Meeting will be held on May 1, 2015 at the Doubletree in Worthington. Registration is open online and lunch will be provided. Denise Harlow, executive director of the Community Action Partnership, will be presenting on the standards. This will be a joint training with DSA and agencies. It should be an opportunity for good dialogue between DSA and the agencies.

FDS training will be held on May 20-22, 2015 in Columbus. The training is limited to 30 people. Meals will be provided and attendees must complete all three days of training.

The Annual Summer Conference will be held at Sawmill Creek Resorts in Huron on July 22-24, 2015. Registration will be open soon.



### **Program Reports: Josh Summer**

Mr. Summer reported to the board that the OCA contract has been finalized therefore T&TA is now operational. He also reported that ODJFS has requested OCATO continue the administration and services for the migrant farm program next year to assist migrant workers improve housing stock. WSOS is currently providing inspection services for the program, which would continue. The program begins July 1, 2015.

Mr. Devany motioned to accept the migrant farmers grant for the next fiscal year. Mr. Anderson second. Ms. House abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

Mr. Summer reported results from the network survey regarding OCATO trainings offered. Over 80 members responded to the survey request. Mr. Summer also discussed a social enterprise training/event which is planned to be held in the fall, in partnership with Ohio CDC Association.

Ms. White commended Mr. Summer on his work on completing the requirements for the DSA contract completion.

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

No report.

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

Mr. Cole discussed the Governor's Task Force on Community-Police Relations. The task force members held four public hearings throughout the state and are now finalizing their recommendations for Governor Kasich. Two hundred and sixty two recommendations were developed into seven categories. Mr. Cole highlighted some of the recommendations, which include: The State of Ohio shall place an emphasis on training; action must be taken to ensure all are accountable for their actions to the communities they serve; agencies must clearly articulate their processes and consider adopting a citizen review board; Ohio will adopt minimum standards that must be followed and encourage locals to hire women and minorities; and, create methods for the public to understand police procedures—such as conduct training with police and citizens to develop cross-cultural understanding.

Mr. Cole discussed the state budget with the board. The Senate has rejected the House approved budget. TANF/WIOA were removed from the House budget though will be back in the Senate budget. Mr. Cole will be following the budget progress closely. He also encouraged agencies to reach out to Mr. Lumpkin to continue sharing the good work of Community Action.

Mr. Cole updated the board on discussions about partnering with NCAF for a regional innovation conference. NCAF is currently planning to hold an annual innovations conference in San Jose, CA. Mr. Cole suggested the association move forward with a partnership with Ohio CDC Association to hold an innovations conference for Ohio. Mr. Cole also reported the suggestion of creating an innovation corporation with David Bradley to attract private funding with ten to twenty agencies from across the country.



### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Mr. Mayhoor presented information to the board regarding the Dental Healthcare Action Network and healthcare reform as it relates to the connection between oral and overall healthcare. The network is seeking endorsement to include funding in the state budget for a provision to pilot a project in approximately ten southeastern Ohio counties. The program would increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for dentists to approximately 65 percent of the usual customary rate as well as increase the use of Dental Therapists to work remotely at a satellite site which reduces operating expenses by approximately \$1200/week based on the program model from Minnesota that has been operating since 2012.

Mr. Brightbill thanked Mr. Mayhoor for the presentation and requested the board take action on the endorsement in the OACAA meeting to follow.

Ms. House introduced Deb Martin from WSOS Community Action Agency. Ms. Martin presented materials on the training program which is currently funded through CSBG T&TA and is being administered by WSOS. The Ice House Entrepreneurship Program is a train-the-trainer program that teaches people to think like entrepreneurs and is completed by the Entrepreneurial Learning Initiative (ELI) in Mentor, Ohio. WSOS will host a 3-day training program in Columbus and offer the first 25 CAAs a slot at no charge. Staff sent to the training will become licensed to train others in the program.

Mr. Brightbill thanked Ms. Martin for the presentation.

Mr. Brightbill moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Mr. Costa seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

### **End:**

Respectfully submitted,

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Janice W. Warner, Secretary

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Date