



## Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies

### Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies Board of Trustees Meeting May 22, 2014 Baker Center Athens, Ohio

**Members Present:** Gwen Robinson, President; David Brightbill, First Vice President; Robert Chilton, Second Vice President; Janice Warner, Secretary; Joe Devany; Tim Donnellan; Al Norris; Josh Anderson; Judith Barris; David Shea; Rodney Reasonover; Malcolm Costa; Robert Hamilton; Deb Gerken;

**Members Excused:** Ruthann House, Treasurer; Cheryl Thiessen; Gary Obloy; Ken Kempton; Tom Reed; Wayne McLaughlin; Gary Ricer; Bambi Baughn;

**Staff Present:** Philip E. Cole, Executive Director; Colleen Stoker, Communications Director; Greg Bollenbacher, Fiscal Director; Josh Summer, Development Director; Lorie McClain, Program Manager; Neva Dunn, Office Manager

**Guests Present:** Paul Kudlak, Junto Company; Larry Price, Price Consulting; David Bradley, NCAF; Doug Stanley, HAPCAP

Ms. Robinson called the meeting to order. Ms. Warner called the roll. A quorum was established. Ms. Robinson asked for a moment of reflection.

Mr. Shea moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Hamilton seconded. The agenda was approved.

Mr. Devany moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Norris seconded. The minutes were approved.

#### **ODSA Report**

Nothing reported

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

Mr. Bollenbacher reported in Ms. House's absence. Mr. Bollenbacher reported that there were no changes in the dues report. The second half of the year dues will go out next month. Mr. Bollenbacher summarized the Board Financial report for the period ending in April. He brought special attention to the Lead Project, which is in the process of being closed out. The report reflects a negative budget balance of \$6,322. He explained that these are expenses that have been

submitted to OACAA in excess of our original agreement. We have been told by ODH that there are additional funds to cover these costs and OACAA has submitted an invoice for these funds. OACAA will hold payment until the funds are received. All other projects are proceeding as expected. Ms. Robinson noted that the Finance report will be approved for OCATO in the OCATO board meeting. Mr. Brightbill moved to accept the Finance report. Mr. Norris seconded. The motion passed.

#### **President's Report: Gwen Robinson**

Ms. Robinson thanked everyone for what they bring to the network and for allowing her to serve as chair.

#### **Social Enterprise/Marketing Report: Robert Chilton**

Mr. Chilton reported that he will be emailing the final report from the survey to everyone. He also reported that the Ohio CDC Association is having a social enterprise class on June 19. They asked us to participate in it and he encouraged agencies to attend. He also recommended that we invite Cause Impact to do a class at our next conference.

Ms. Robinson asked Mr. Norris about the financial status of his social enterprise. He said that they were currently in the hole because they are doing upgrades, but they normally break even and they recently paid off their loan.

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

Nothing to report.

#### **Training and Development Report: Robert Hamilton**

Mr. Hamilton reported that there were 198 people registered for the Summer Conference. The expenses for the Winter Conference were \$160,475.09. The revenue was \$61,375. Mr. Hamilton also reported that there are 22 trainings pending or in progress and 12 have been completed. Ms. Robinson commented that it is impressive the number of agencies requesting training and how much the numbers have gone up. She also commented how much her staff enjoyed their training.

#### **Legislative Committee and Executive Director's Report: Phil Cole**

Mr. Cole reported that the last he has heard about CLS, they are \$1.6 million in debt. They are not providing any services except transportation and DOT is doing an audit on that service. He said he believes they will eventually shut down. They gave up their CSBG funding. That funding is going to go to DMU. DMU is going to pick up whatever services they can. CLS needs to determine if they're going to file for bankruptcy. Mr. Cole doesn't think they have a choice. We will have to go through the process of finding another agency to cover those counties.

Mr. Cole also reported that the executive director of SOURCES had changed positions and was moving to Fort Wayne. They have moved their HWAP questioned cost down to \$300,000. The board president and Mr. Cole are working to bring in Ray Roberts as the interim executive director. They are waiting for board approval and approval from the state to use funds to pay him.

Mr. Costa asked if at some point if there would be questions of why OACAA is not doing more training with some agencies. Mr. Cole said we cannot force people to go to training. Most of the agencies experiencing problems have not gone. There will be a special meeting in September for the by-laws with ethics training. Mr. Devany explained that we did work with CLS and they misrepresented our efforts to the state.

Mr. Cole said there has not been any additional news coverage of CEOGC and there do not seem to be any questions about the agency. Mr. Hamilton agreed and said there is no investigation of the agency, it centers on the president and CEO. The board is doing a search for a new president and CEO and has put together a committee made up of people in the community. He doesn't know if they're using a firm. Brian Gleisser is the acting CEO. Mr. Cole said that he understands that there may be some changes to the board.

Mr. Cole also reported that he met with Congressman Stivers about Lancaster. Congressman Stivers is supportive.

Mr. Cole also met with Steve Grants about workforce issues. He works with high schools and colleges for alternatives for students. We will keep working with him on this effort. The governor's office is also receptive regarding workforce issues. They want to hear our ideas. Mr. Kudlak said we've been working with the governor's office and they have requested our ideas. We need to put together three or four ideas for workforce to add to the governor's budget. Ms. Robinson commented that we need to form an alignment with JFS because they have programs we could run.

Mr. Cole said that he has also begun having monthly meetings with Sadicka White that he thinks will be productive. Mr. Kudlak commented that they've been having meetings with Matt Peters, too. Mr. Brightbill commented on the difficulties in working with field reps and that we need to impress the need for local control. Mr. Devany asked about OCEAN. Mr. Kudlak said that they are very aware of the issues. Mr. Cole said he has discussed it with Ms. White.

Mr. Cole said that he needs approval on the contract with the Sheraton for next year's Winter Conference, which will be held January 27-30.

Mr. Devany moved to accept the contract. Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Cole said he would like to move the Membership Meeting and elections to lunch today if the elections are uncontested as attendees will still be at the conference and hold committee reports for Friday. Ms. Robinson requested that we do it all today and just have camaraderie on Friday.

**Personnel Report: Tim Donnellan**

Nothing to report.

**Best Practices: Bambi Baughn**

Nothing to report.

**Veteran's Committee: Robert Hamilton**

There was nothing to report and Mr. Hamilton requested that it be made an ad hoc committee as the program has closed and there is no more funding.

Mr. Devany asked Mr. Cole about MYCAP. Mr. Cole said that they are a good agency, but they have \$800,000 in debt due to a paperwork error. They have people talking with the Departments of Education and Agriculture on their behalf and have enlisted lawyers.

**Head Start Report: Rodney Reasonover**

Mr. Reasonover reported that Barb Haxton has been meeting with the governor's advisory group about applying for early childhood grants. She has been presenting to the people applying for grants. It is going well. He also reported that OHSAI's conference is June 2-5.

**NCAF Report: David Bradley**

Mr. Bradley gave the board members an update on appropriations issues and members of Congress that are supportive of Community Action.

**Energy Report: Joe Devany**

Mr. Devany reported that SB 58 is a real concern. Allies are lining up on both sides. He said that Mr. Rinebolt is doing as much as he can to stop passage of the bill. Mr. Kudlak said that the senate passed a version of the bill, but he doubts it will pass before lame duck. He said he did not know enough about the bill though and would look into it.

**Partnership Report: Joe Devany**

Mr. Devany reported that the Partnership is reconvening the Standards Committee to work on definitions and guidance starting in June. Once all of the guidance is put together a draft will be sent out to agencies. He commented that this was the intent of the process the whole time and that he is serving on the finance section.

**CAPLAW: David Brightbill**

Mr. Brightbill reminded everyone that the CAPLAW Conference will be June 18-20 in New Orleans.

**Agency/District Reports**

Nothing to report

**Old Business**

No old business

**New Business**

No new business

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Chilton. Mr. Shea seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janice W. Warner, Secretary

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