



**Ohio Association of  
Community Action Agencies**

**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 20, 2014  
Holiday Inn, Capitol Square  
Columbus, Ohio**

**Members Present:** Tom Reed, President; David Brightbill, First Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Janice Warner, Secretary; Joe Devany; Tim Donnellan; Ken Kempton; Al Norris; Josh Anderson; Deb Gerken; Judith Barris; David Shea; Wayne McLaughlin; Gary Ricer

**Members Excused:** Gwen Robinson; Bambi Baughn; Malcolm Costa; Cheryl Thiessen; Robert Hamilton; Gary Obloy; Rodney Reasonover

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

**Guests Present:** Jim Mermis and Paul Kudlak, Junto Company;

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order. A quorum was established. Mr. Reed asked for a moment of reflection.

Mr. Reed thanked everyone for their support in the nomination and election process.

Mr. Norris moved to approve the agenda. Ms. House seconded. The agenda was approved.

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

**Finance Report: Ruthann House**

Treasurer House reported that membership dues for the second half of the year will be out soon. There were no issues to discuss other than the 2013 state audit has been completed and they disagreed with the calculation of restricted versus unrestricted revenues on conferences. The difference was about nineteen thousand dollars. This is money that does not need to be paid back, but restated as program income. We agreed with the state on the issue.

Motion to accept the report by Ruthann House. Second by Joe Devany. Motion passed.

**President's Report: Tom Reed**

Mr. Reed reported that the standing committees would continue, we are looking for a Legislative Chair if anyone is interested. Once again he thanked everyone for their support.

**Training and Development Report: Robert Hamilton**

Discussion about locations in Toledo and the possibility of having the 2015 summer conference there. Our Lucas County agency is willing to host.

**Public Relations Report: Janice Warner**

Mr. Cole told the board that Colleen was leaving and that the effort to replace her will begin soon. Almost all of the 50 stories are scheduled to be released through Constant Contact.

**Veteran's Committee: Robert Hamilton**

No report

**Best Practices: Bambi Baughn**

No report

**Personnel Report: Tim Donnellan**

No report

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

SOURCES. Ray Roberts as currently the interim executive director and is working with the board to analyze the situation. There are some challenges with the prior executive director who has been talking with the local press.

CEOGC. Mr. Cole has had discussions with representatives of the board chair. There may be some changes in the board membership and many names are being considered.

CLS- They have surrendered CSBG and their CAA certification. CAO of DMU has taken over some programs and other agencies taken others. OACAA has been working with the CLS board and offering assistance. They are probably filing bankruptcy. Our interest is ensuring that the re-competition for certification is done properly.

Mr. Cole began a discussion about funding NCAF. Mr. Devany said that Ohio could consider opening a line of credit to NCAF of up to \$50,000. Mr. Cole has done research on the issues involved; Mr. Devany thanked him for that. There are legal complications pointed out by Mr. Cole.

Another option is to have NCAF conduct a workshop on the History of the War on Poverty and have Ohio pay up to \$50,000 for this. This would allow us to get valuable training without traveling for it and keep NCAF funded. There was discussion that OACAA could charge no more than \$100 to cover the cost of meals, with up to \$250 for nonmembers.

In his last conversation with David Bradley, Mr. Cole believes that things are turning around, but more to problem is that there is still not a long-term plan to keep NCAF solvent.

The State said they might contribute to funding for the workshop.

Mr. Brightbill suggested that OACAA send a letter about the long-term solvency issue to NCAF. He also asked if the rest of the country understands the issue and asked how we convince them that they need to be aware of it.

Mr. Ricer asked if, over the years, there has been too much emphasis on funding CAPPAC and not enough on NCAF.

Mr. Donnellan raised the issue of what happens when David Bradley retires. Mr. Cole said he discussed this with Bradley and NCAF does not have the funds to hire someone to train.

Mr. Norris moved that OACAA contract with NCAF to do training and, that OACAA send a letter recommending NCAF create a business plan and also look at some of these points to raise revenues consistently. Mr. McLaughlin seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Bi-Laws: Ken Kempton**

No report

#### **Energy Report: Joe Devany**

Mr. Devany reported that HWAP grants are out. The allotments and program goals are somewhat higher this year. David Bradley seems optimistic that funding levels will be at least comparable next year.

#### **Partnership Report: Joe Devany**

Mr. Devany said that the CAP annual conference will be held through Saturday this year, with the Annual Gala being held on Friday, August 22. The Partnership is also anticipating a very large CCAP class this year in honor of the 50th anniversary celebration.

#### **Head Start Report: Rodney Reasonover**

In Mr. Reasonover's absence, Ms. Gerken reported that the U.S. House Appropriations Committee passed an increase for Head Start of \$100 million. There was discussion of the status of agencies forced to re compete.

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

Mr. Brightbill reported that the CAPLAW conference will be in June 18-20 in New Orleans. He encouraged members to attend.

#### **Agency/District Reports**

It was reported that Mr. McLaughlin is now the chairman of District 4. Mr. Gerken stated that a response was received from OCA Chief Randy Hunt about the issues District One raised about OCEAN.

#### **Old Business**

No old business

**New Business**

No new business

Motion to adjourn by Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Anderson seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janice W. Warner, Secretary

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