



**Ohio Association of
Community Action Agencies**

**Ohio Community Action Training Organization
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 16, 2015
Sheraton on Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio**

Members Present: Tom Reed, President; David Brightbill, First Vice President; Gwen Robinson, Second Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Deb Gerken; Joshua Anderson; Andrew J. Devany; Judith Barris; David Shea; Wayne McLaughlin; Cheryl Thiessen; Steve Sturgill; Tim Donnellan; Bambi Baughn; Robert Chilton; Malcolm Costa

Members Excused: Janice Warner, Secretary; Robert Hamilton; Gary Ricer; Ken Kempton; Gary Obloy; Alvin Norris; Rodney Reasonover

Staff Present: Philip E. Cole, Executive Director; Josh Summer, Development Director; Kathryn Clausen, Communications Director; Lorie McClain, Program Manager; Neva Dunn, Office Manager.

Guests Present: Paul Kudlak, The Junto Company; Melissa Stanford, Ohio Development Services Agency; Sharon Smith, Ohio Development Services Agency

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and asked for a moment of reflection.

Ms. Dunn called the roll on behalf of Ms. Warner. Mr. Reed confirmed a quorum was established.

Mr. McLaughlin motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Gerken seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Thiessen motioned to approve the November 2014 minutes. Mr. Brightbill seconded. The motion passed.

Finance Report: Ruthann House

Ms. House reviewed the financial report with the board and stated there were no concerns. Ms. House recommended the budget be tabled until February when funding discussions with the state will be finalized. Ms. House moved to approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Ms. Gerken seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. House motioned to approve \$30,000 transfer of funds from OCATO to OACAA for operational support. Ms. Thiessen seconded. The motion passed.



Training and Development: Lorie McClain

Lorie McClain provided an update on the Innovations Summit which was held in November 2014 as well as a registration update for the upcoming Winter Legislative Conference. A raffle will be held during the conference to support OACAA PAC.

Program Reports: Josh Summer

Josh Summer reported to the board that he is working to complete T&TA requirements. The farmer's program with ODJFS has completed four of fourteen projects, all of which have been inspected and paid. Mr. Summer also discussed the new federal T&TA grant known as RPIC. The grant may need to be modified to include VirtualCAP and/or conference adjustments. Mr. Summer also reported the State of Poverty Report is nearing completion and is slated to be released within the next month.

Mr. Summer also reported to the board discussions held at the Community Action Partnership conference which he attended earlier in January. Discussions surrounded a network-wide needs assessment which may be focused on meeting the new Community Action Standards. The Partnership's management and leadership conference will discuss the Standards which will be finalized this month. ROMA Next Generation, which will focus on national effectiveness, will be discussed later in the year. Jeannie Chaffin, Director of the federal Office of Community Services, discussed that OCA is looking at more collaborative approaches with partners in addition to working with adults and their children simultaneously in efforts to reduce poverty.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

Mr. Brightbill moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. Mr. Anderson seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

End:

Respectfully submitted,

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date