



**Ohio Association of
Community Action Agencies**

**Ohio Community Action Training Organization
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 20, 2013
Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio**

Members Present: Gwen Robinson, President; David Brightbill, First Vice President; Janice Warner, Secretary; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Joe Devany; Tim Donnellan; Wayne McLaughlin; Cheryl Thiessen; Tom Reed; Ken Kempton; Gary Ricer; Al Norris; Judith Barris; Bambi Baughn; Robert Hamilton

Members Excused: Robert Chilton, Second Vice President; Gary Obloy; Jacqueline Middleton; Rodney Reasonover; Malcolm Costa; David Shea; Deb Gerken; Greg Hopkins

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

Guests Present: Jim Mermis and Paul Kudlak, Junto Company; Randy Hunt and Melissa Stanford, DSA; Mary Pockl, Snodgrass; Larry Price, Price Consulting; Stanley Lowe, EOPA; Jackie Boehnlein, LCCAA

Ms. Robinson called the meeting to order and acknowledged the quorum.

Mr. Devany motioned to approve the agenda and minutes, Mr. Reed seconded. The agenda and minutes were approved.

Program Report: Josh Summer

Mr. Summer reported that OCATO was approached by the Ohio Department of Education regarding a program they're working on entitled "Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income" where they will be recruiting 2,000 disabled children on SSI for a longitudinal study. Mr. Summer said he does not know the specifics yet, but our job would be to recruit and enroll children. All agencies can be involved in the project. He is unsure how funding will work, but perhaps on a fee per enrollment basis. Mr. Brightbill motioned to approve OCATO's involvement in the project. Mr. Devany seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Summer also reported that he attended a meeting yesterday with people involved in the Affordable Care Act. People who had gone through the Certified Application Counselor training explained what it entailed. Mr. Summer said that there is a lot of potential for liability that agencies should be aware of and consider if helping with enrollment, but outreach efforts are fine.

Ms. Robinson asked if Mr. Summer was our state certified ROMA trainer. Mr. Summer said that he was a state certified ROMA trainer and that he can train people, but not certify them. He has been told that agencies only need to have access to a certified ROMA trainer. Ms. Stanford said that “access to” was in the original language and there is no language that says an agency has to have a certified ROMA trainer. Mr. Hunt said that in the state plan, they are looking at having field reps get ROMA training and it was discussed having ICs get training as well so that they all have an understanding.

President’s Report: Gwen Robinson

Nothing to report

Executive Director’s Report: Phil Cole

Nothing to report

Finance Report: Ruthann House

Nothing to report

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

Mr. Brightbill motioned to adjourn. Mr. Devany seconded. The motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date