



**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 20, 2018
Sheraton on Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

Members Present: Tom Reed, President; Gwen Robinson, Second Vice President; Janice Warner, Secretary; Andrew J. Devany; Deb Gerken; David Shea; Judith Barris; Douglas Bennett; Ken Kempton; Gary Ricer; Steve Sturgill; Kellie Ailes; Alvin Norris; Bambi Baughn; Cheryl Grice; Sheila Triplett.

Members Excused: David Brightbill, First Vice-President; Ruth Ann House, Treasurer; Josh Anderson; Gary Obloy, Gary Ricer, Andrew Binegar; Jeffery Diver, Rodney Reasonover.

Staff Present: Philip E. Cole, Executive Director; Josh Summer, Development Director; Greg Bollenbacher, Fiscal Director; Kathryn A. Clausen, Communications Director; Lorie McClain, Program Manager; Neva Dunn, Office Manager; Jeannette M. Jarrett, Operations and Support Specialist.

Guests Present: Paul Kudlak, The Junto Company; Jim Mermis, The Junto Company; Jackie Boehnline, Lorain County Community Action Agency; Larry Price, L. Price and Associates; Gloria Haven, CAC of Portage County; James Chamberlain, Ashtabula County Community Action Agency.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. A quorum was established.

Mr. Shea motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Bennett seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Kempton motioned to approve the March 2018 minutes. Mr. Norris seconded. The motion passed.

Finance Report: Ruthann House

Mr. Reed asked for a motion to approve the financial report presented during the OCATO board meeting. Mr. Sturgill motioned to accept the financial report. Mr. Devany seconded. The motion passed.

President's Report: Tom Reed

Mr. Reed shared a letter of recognition and thanks to Ohio's Community Action Agencies which was received from Mr. David Bradley regarding the efforts to ensure the continuation of CSBG.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Cole reported on the NCAF Conference. Representatives from Akron-Summit Community Action, Inc., Highland County Community Action Organization, Inc., and Ross County Community Action Commission, Inc. participated in an opioids panel discussing what their



agencies are doing to address the opioid crisis. Short presentations from agencies in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania were also included.

Mr. Cole also discussed CSBG reauthorization and stated funding for the opioid crisis is a top priority for Congress. He also stated Mr. Clarence Carter is the acting director of the Federal Office of Community Service.

Mr. Cole reported on Payday Lending Reform H.B. 123 stating it passed out of committee. The bill could be addressed by the Senate this year.

Mr. Cole asked the board to allow sponsor funding for this year's CAPLAW opening conference session at the \$4,000 level.

Mr. Sturgill motioned to sponsor funding for this year's CAPLAW conference. Mr. Devany seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Cole stated OACAA had begun discussions with the Attorney General Mike DeWine's office about work on opioid issues. Mr. Cole stated he would meet with the Governor's Director of Heroin Issues on April 30, 2018.

Mr. Cole met with Mr. David Wilhelm of the Hecate Energy Project in mid-April to discuss the partnership with OACAA, Hecate, and American Electric Power (AEP). OACAA and Hecate are optimistically awaiting the results of the bids.

Mr. Cole reported the Oral Health Ohio expressed interest in partnering with CAA's to address stronger oral health initiatives, particularly in rural areas. Mr. Cole had already met with program coordinator Marla Morse. Members of OHO will speak at summer conference, and through the Health Path group mini-grants, a few thousand dollars may be available for agencies.

Mr. Cole stated that OACAA's contract with Mercury, LLC terminates at the end of April. OACAA will continue to work with Our Ohio Renewal.

Partnership Report: Joe Devany

Mr. Devany reported the 2018 Partnership conference would be held August 28th, through September 1st in Denver, Colorado. The 2019 conference would be held in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Devany reported on the strategic planning meeting held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The plan will be presented at the national conference in Denver. Mr. Devany asked for the support of the board as he runs for re-election this year.

CAPLAW Report: David Brightbill

No report.

NCAF Report

Ms. Warner reported Ms. Belva Dorsey was the newest NCAF board member. Ms. Dorsey fills the Region IV position previously held by Ms. Janice Riley.



Ms. Warner reported NCAF continues to discuss the need for the Executive Director Succession planning. She also reported that NCAF is beginning the strategic planning process. Mr. Bradley is also engaging members of Congress regarding the opioid crisis. The focus for 2019 is to continue to increase funding and funding opportunities for Community Action Agencies. Mr. Bradley will also produce a 10-minute video on CSBG.

Legislative Committee Report: David Brightbill

Mr. Kudlak reported the Speaker of the House replacement vote would be held May 16, 2018.

Public Relations Report: Janice Warner

Ms. Clausen reported on the Legacy Project stating filming at Cincinnati-Hamilton County CAA and Hocking Athens Perry County Cap was completed. Belmont County is slated to be filmed later this year. Ms. Clausen stated four to five completed videos are expected to be released this year.

Ms. Clausen also reported the PR conference call would be delayed until June 2018. Mercury, LLC has reached out to Pathway and MYCAP to work on media coverage for programs mentioned during their January 2018 call.

Ms. Clausen stated the State of Poverty Report release and press conference took place April 12, 2018. Mercury, LLC is working to schedule a one-on-one interview with Mr. Cole to expand coverage of the report.

Ms. Clausen reported finishing the PICCA marketing and branding plan. Ms. Robinson thanked Ms. Clausen and Mr. David Woolever of the Community Action Commission of Fayette County for their efforts on the Legacy Project.

Training and Development Report: Rodney Reasonover

No report.

Membership Committee Report: Gwen Robinson

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Reed appointed a nominating committee to seek a Slate of Officers for the July election. Mr. Bennett will chair the committee and would be assisted by Mr. Shea and Ms. Ailes. Mr. Reed asked if anyone is interested in running for those offices to let the committee know.

Executive Session

The board entered Executive Session at 11:59 a.m. Staff and guests were excused from the session. The Executive Session ended at 12:15 p.m.



Ms. Warner made a motion allowing staff to donate sick time to other staff members as permitted by grant guidelines. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. Mr. Devany opposed. The motion passed.

Open Dialogue

None.

Adjourn:

Mr. Devany motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kempton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date