



**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 18, 2018
Sheraton on Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

Members Present: Tom Reed, President; David Brightbill, First Vice President; Gwen Robinson, Second Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Janice Warner, Secretary; Josh Anderson; Andrew J. Devany; Deb Gerken; David Shea; Judith Barris; Ken Kempton; Gary Obloy; Gary Ricer; Steve Sturgill; Kellie Ailes; Andrew Binegar; Bambi Baughn; Jeffery Diver, Rodney Reasonover; Cheryl Grice.

Members Excused: Douglas Bennett; Alvin Norris; Sheila Triplett.

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

Guests Present: Paul Kudlak, The Junto Company; Jackie Boehnline, Lorain County Community Action Agency; Cherish Cronmiller, Miami Valley Community Action Partnership; Larry Price, L. Price, and Associates.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. A quorum was established.

Mr. Binegar motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. House seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Warner motioned to approve the April 2018 minutes. Mr. Binegar seconded. The motion passed.

Finance Report: Ruthann House

Mr. Reed asked for a motion to approve the financial report presented by Ms. House during the OCATO board meeting. Mr. Kempton motioned to accept the financial report. Ms. Gerken seconded. The motion passed.

President's Report: Tom Reed

No report.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Cole commented on the meeting with John Ryan, State Director at Senator Sherrod Brown Office. Mr. Cole stated concerns and ideas were shared and discussed. Mr. Cole and Mr. Ryan agreed to continue working together on the issues that affect persons in poverty around the state.

Mr. Cole reported that he, Mr. Bo Chilton, and Mr. Summer met with Maurice Jones, CEO of Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) and Mr. Kevin Boes, CEO of New Markets Support Company (NMSC). Mr. Jones is tentatively schedule to speak at the OACAA Summer Conference in Dayton, Ohio in July.



Mr. Cole reported the Payday Lending Reform H.B. 123 could be addressed by the Senate this year. Mr. Cole explained the expediency of getting the bill out of committee involved the conflict of interest between the Pay Day Lending group and the former speaker. There is a Speaker Pro Tempore serving, but no bills will be voted on until a new speaker of the house is in place.

Mr. Cole reported the Non-Emergency Medical Transport (NEMT) has been delayed and will most likely be decided by the next administration. The RFP will not be released until July 2019.

Mr. Cole met with Stephanie Loucka, former Department of Aging Director and current representative of MAS. This agency would like to operate NEMT in Ohio. Ms. Loucka understands that Community Action doesn't want to change the system. Mr. Cole stated if a broker is used Community Action needs to be aligned with them.

Mr. Cole attended ODOT's regional meeting on the future of transportation in Ohio. Mr. Cole asked that better public transportation or other forms of transportation be available for low-income people. Mr. Cole encouraged ODOT to continue to remind other departments which offer transportation programs to coordinate them with ODOT.

Mr. Cole reported Hecate Energy and OACAA are still waiting on the American Electric Power solar initiative bid. Mr. Cole met with Dr. Evan Blumer who will represent the manufacturers when AEP moves forward with the bid. OACAA remains optimistic that the delay will not slow down the progress of the project once the grant is awarded.

Mr. Cole met with Amy Hanauer, Executive Director of Policy Matters, to discuss working together more closely on issues. Mr. Cole invited Ms. Hanauer to present a workshop at Summer Conference based on her latest policy paper, "A Winning Economic Agenda for Ohio's Working Families." Mr. Cole asked board members to please be prepared to provide helpful ideas, comments, and input during her session.

Mr. Cole and Mr. Bradley are discussing strategies for generating more bi-partisan congressional support for CSBG with the goal of increasing CSBG funding to \$750 million. Mr. Cole has asked Mr. Jai Chabria to discuss OACAA pursuing legislative appropriations using redesignated funds with the Washington D.C. Mercury office. Mr. Cole will update the board on the progress at the June meeting.

Mr. Cole has been informed by some D.C. sources that the Senate will pass appropriations for the opioid crisis in September.

Mr. Cole thanked the board for voting to support CAPLAW. The board's contribution will be used for the CAPLAW conference opening session. Mr. Cole stated if there is a shortfall, OACAA will contribute the difference.

Mr. Cole shared that HAPCAP's Executive Director Mr. Doug Stanley is retiring effective the 1st of June. Mr. Cole and several executive directors attended the reception/luncheon held for him on May 11th. Mr. Cole urged anyone who wished to contact Mr. Stanley to do it so as soon as possible. Mr. Stanley will be moving to Oregon in July.



Mr. Reed asked for a motion to approve the OACAA sick leave policy presented at the April board meeting. Ms. House motioned to approve the policy. Ms. Grice seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Devany abstained.

Partnership Report: Joe Devany

Mr. Devany reported a Partnership Board meeting would be held next month in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

CAPLAW Report: David Brightbill

Mr. Brightbill reported CAPLAW conference would be held June 22nd. Mr. Brightbill reported the overflow hotels are filling quickly so make reservations soon. Mr. Brightbill relayed CAPLAW's gratitude for sponsoring the opening session. Mr. Brightbill announced CAPLAW webinars on employment law are now available.

NCAF Report

Ms. Warner announced the NCAF Board meeting will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico in June at CAPLAW conference. Ms. Warner will present a report at OACAA's June meeting.

Legislative Committee Report: David Brightbill

No report

Public Relations Report: Janice Warner

No report.

Training and Development Report: Rodney Reasonover

No report.

Membership Committee Report: Gwen Robinson

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Dialogue

None.

Adjourn:

Ms. Warner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Grice seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date