



**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 18, 2019
Sheraton on Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

Members Present: Janice Warner, President; David Brightbill, First Vice-President; Melissa Pearce, Second-Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Julia Wise, Secretary; Deb Gerken; David Shea; Judith Barris; Douglas Bennett; Ken Kempton; Steve Sturgill; Kellie Ailes; Andrew Binegar; Bambi Baughn; Jeffrey Diver, Rodney Reasonover; Cheryl Grice.

Members Excused: Joshua Anderson; Andrew J. Devany; Gary Ricer; Alvin Norris; Sheila Triplett.

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

Guests Present: Paul Kudlak, The Junto Company; Larry Price, L. Price, and Associates; Randy Hunt, Office of Community Assistance; Megan Meadows, DSA; Office of Community Assistance; Cherish Cronmiller; Miami Valley Community Action Partnership; Terry Jacobs, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership; Terry Boehm, LEADS.

Ms. Warner called the meeting to order at 10:44am. A quorum was established.

Mr. Diver motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Reasonover seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Baughn motioned to approve the November 2018 minutes. Mr. Reasonover seconded. The motion passed.

Finance Report: Ruthann House

Ms. House reviewed the financial reports and recommended their approval. Ms. Warner asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Reasonover motioned to accept the financial report. Mr. Brightbill seconded. The motion passed.

President's Report: Janice Warner

Ms. Warner asked for volunteers to serve on the Membership and Legislative committees. Ms. Pearce who is the Membership Committee Chairwoman would be joined by Mr. Binegar, Ms. Baughn, and Mr. Brightbill. Mr. Brightbill, Legislative Committee Chairman, would be joined by Ms. House, Ms. Pearce, and Ms. Warner. There was also a need for volunteers to work with Mr. David Bradley on Legislative issues in Washington D.C. Mr. Reasonover, Ms. House, and Mr. Brightbill volunteered to work with Mr. Bradley. Ms. Warner thanked the members for their willingness to serve.



Executive Director's Report

Mr. Cole updated the board on the association's relocation to 140 East Town Street. Mr. Cole expressed optimism after speaking with the Governor's Chief of Staff on their office willingness to build relationships with Community Action, and stated these partnerships would generate programs in the area of, financial literacy, criminal justice, job opportunities, and the continued fight against the opioid epidemic.

Mr. Cole is planning to meet the Governor's Director of Early Childhood Initiatives, Ms. LeeAnne Cornyn. He agreed with board members that executive directors of Community Action Agencies should be part of the discussion. Mr. Cole stated he would invite Ms. Cornyn to address the board during the March meeting. Mr. Cole also stressed the importance of establishing a relationship with DSA Director Lydia Mihalik.

A discussion ensued that concluded with the development of an OACAA Workforce Development Committee. Mr. Reasonover was chosen to be Chairman, Ms. Grice, Ms. House, Ms. Wise Mr. Diver, Ms. Pearce, and Mr. Sturgill completes this committee which plans to meet during the Winter Conference.

Mr. Cole reported the Ohio conference call with Mr. David Bradley focused on CSBG and HWAP reauthorization. Ohio Congresswoman Marcia Fudge supports this effort for CSBG. Ohio Congresswoman Marcie Kaptur will be a key player in reauthorization of HWAP. Mr. Bradley would speak during Winter Conference on Friday morning.

Mr. Cole reported on the delayed Hecate Energy Solar project, the Winter Conference and Legislative reception, the success of the Post-Election Summit, the 2020 Census, the OACAA Exemplary Practice Awards, and his continued work with NCAF paying particular attention to SNAP and Medicaid. Mr. Cole also spoke of further strategic considerations for 2019 and stated he would keep the board apprised of all situations.

Mr. Cole discussed the Veteran's Project operated by Mr. Nick Sunday. Mr. Sunday had received some support from the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, and OACAA. Mr. Cole would like to meet with Mr. Sunday to discuss continuing support from OACAA. Mr. Cole stated he would invite Mr. Sunday to the March board meeting.

Mr. Cole asked the board to take a hard look at the effectiveness of the Winter Conference Legislative Reception and possibly doing it in a different way. The discussion will continue at the March meeting.

Partnership Report: Joe Devaney

No report.

CAPLAW Report: David Brightbill

Mr. Brightbill reported the 2019 CAPLAW conference would be held from June 19 through June 21 in Charlotte, NC. The 2020 conference would be held in Chicago, IL. The date is to be announced. He reported Ms. Jerilyn Neff is serving her last year on the board. Mr. Brightbill stated there would be an increase in CAPLAW dues for the first time in seven years. The membership has increased from 240 to 506 agencies. Mr. Brightbill reported the National Head Start Association and



CAPLAW would work together in the future with CAPLAW lending their expertise to Early Childhood initiatives and concerns.

NCAF Report

Ms. Warner announced the 2019 NCAF conference would be held March 19 through the 22 in Washington D.C. and encouraged members to attend.

Legislative Committee Report: David Brightbill

Mr. Kudlak reported Mr. Householder regained his House Speaker seat and no other leaders had been appointed yet. Mr. Kudlak stated he would be visiting Washington D.C. soon to sit down with the members of Congress, and also OACAA is in a good position with the General Assembly. He announced Governor DeWine had hired Mr. Dan McCarthy to work with the General Assembly. Mr. Larry Price stated Congresswomen Joyce Beatty, Marcia Fudge, and Marcy Kaptur are Community Action Champions expressing the unique position that OACAA is in.

Public Relations Report: Janice Warner

Ms. Warner reported five to seven Legacy Projects would be completed this year. Ms. Warner announced the Public Relations conference call would be scheduled in February. Ms. Warner encouraged all agencies to continue to share their stories by contacting Ms. Clausen. She also reminded the board to sign up for and support the OACAA Winter Legislative Conference.

Training and Development Report: Rodney Reasonover

No report.

Membership Committee Report: Melissa Pearce

Ms. Pearce thanked Membership Committee volunteers for their participation and willingness to serve. Ms. Pearce stated the committee would focus on governance issues.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Open Dialogue

None.

Adjourn:

Ms. Diver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Shea seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date