

**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 16, 2011
Sheraton on Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio**

Members Present: Gwen Robinson, President; David Brightbill, Second Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Janice Warner, Secretary; James Powell; Joe Devany; Charles Chipps; David Shea; Gary Ricer; Gary Obloy; Tom Reed; Dave Hannahs; Wayne McLaughlin; Al Norris; Tim Donnellan; Bambi Baughn; Rodney Reasonover and Robert Gilchrist.

Members Excused: Robert Chilton, Deb Gerken, Robert Hamilton and Ken Kempton

Staff Present: Philip E. Cole, Executive Director; Josh Summer, Development Director; Lorie McClain, Program Manager; Neva Dunn, Office Manager and Jim Danes, Consultant.

Guests Present: Nick Sunday Deputy Chief, Office of Community Assistance, Melissa Stanford Field Service Program Manager with Office of Community Assistance and Ron Rees, Executive Director Corporation of Ohio Appalachian Development.

Mrs. Robinson opened the meeting with reflections. Ms. Warner called the roll.

A quorum was established.

Mr. Brightbill moved to approve the agenda with Mr. Chipps seconding. The motion passed.

Mr. Norris moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting with Mr. McLaughlin seconding. The motion passed.

President Robinson welcomed Mr. Powell back from being out ill. Mr. Powell thanked everyone for their calls and expressions of concern.

Finance Report: Ruthann House

Ms. House reported that all except three agencies have paid their second half dues. Invoices have been sent to the remaining three and we are awaiting a response. Mr. Reed moved to accept the August financial reports and Mr. Norris seconded. The motion passed.

The auditors of S. R. Snodgrass will be at the October meeting. The financial committee will meet prior to the board meeting.

ODOD Report: Nick Sunday

Inactive PIPP accounts will be required to pay a \$50 co-pay and the account will have until the next bill cycle to pay or they will have to pay their arrearages. OCA contested this action by the PUCO to no avail.

The first year of the PIPP plus program has been analyzed; the winter crisis program saw about 20,000 less people and almost 15,000 less in the summer crisis program. The programs are working. How well the program is working was discussed.

Markups for our programs in D.C. have begun there will probably be quite a few continuing resolutions around the first of the year. One of the better scenarios would be to use last year's figures.

The board discussed CSBG Senate numbers which will be \$680 million. House numbers are not yet known.

LIHEAP is doing very well, some benefits have been raised, everybody got last year's levels and we will entertain some amendments in December.

Mr. Sunday will be transferring \$7 million dollars of ARRA for the good performers for weatherization.

Melissa Stanford has replaced Chris Reis as Field Service Program Manager with the Office of Community Assistance. Mr. Reis has been moved to another position; he will be handling the T T&A working closely with OACAA.

OCEAN and EPP will go live October 14th. Winter reconnect will take effect October 17th. Mr. Sunday stated that the Vet-Op program is moving along, the program plans to utilize utility funds thru OCS to develop a comprehensive support system for Ohio Veterans and their families. The program aims to be up and running by Veterans Day.

Presidents Report

No report

Personnel Committee: Tim Donnellan

No report

Public Relations Committee: Janice Warner

No report

Training and Development Committee: Robert Hamilton

In Mr. Hamilton's absence Lorie McClain reported that the numbers were in from the Summer Conference for this year. See attached report.

Mrs. Robinson commented that this was a very well attended conference and that the topics were excellent choices.

Best Practices: Bambi Baughn

No report

Partnership Report: Joe Devany

The Partnership convention was well attended. There will be a combined meeting of the Partnership and David Bradley October 3 and 4th in Tampa Bay, Florida this year to make sure both are speaking the same message on the hill. The Board Strategic planning session will be November 8 – 11th in California. The annual midyear conference will be January 1- 6th in Miami.

Energy Report: Joe Devany

No report

Head Start: Rodney Reasonover

There will be a Region 5 Conference October 31 –November 4. It will be held in Chicago. Mrs. Robinson reported that Congressman Steve Chabot along with Barb Haxton, Executive Director of OHSAI visited one of the agency Head Start programs in Cincinnati. A very nice turnout of board members and parents were in attendance. The board discussed the event.

COAD: Ron Rees

COAD held its annual conference August 17 – 19 this year in Marietta, appreciation to Mr. Nick Sunday for speaking at the conference was given and congratulations to Mr. Tom Reed new chairperson and David Brightbill new secretary.

He also reported that the Appalachian Task Force is being reactivated and COAD will coordinate with it. He is concerned about the impact of HB 298 which targeted family planning and how it will affect agencies.

OURS: Rodney Reasonover

OURS will be issuing a statewide communication this week regarding advocacy of CSBG funding

Legislative Committee and Executive Director's Report: Phil Cole

See full report attached.

The Junto contract has been expanded to include congressional and senatorial visits in Washington. Meetings have been set up with Boehner's office and Portman's office next week. A meeting has been set up with David Bradley and Junto the day before the Washington meetings so that the message being given is the same message across the board.

Mr. Cole asked that the Junto contract be increased from \$3,000 not including expenses to \$8,000 all inclusive of all expenses per month through December 2011. There was discussion to go to Region V for support of the additional lobbying efforts.

Motion to approve the Junto contract at the increased amount of \$8,000 dollars, which is all inclusive through December 2011 and the one month contract of September 2011 for the \$8,000 all inclusive by Al Norris, second by Wayne McLaughlin. Motion passed.

Mr. Cole asked for a donation for the OLBC conference which will be held October 2011 in Columbus, Ohio. There was discussion as to the amount to donate. A motion to donate \$10,000 by Al Norris was seconded by Rodney Reasonover. Motion passed.

It was the consensus of the Board to send a letter to the network asking each agency to send in unrestricted revenues for the Information Fund.

Old Business

New Business

Wayne McLaughlin said Ross County Community Action has received a small grant for LUPUS awareness, if anyone would like information please see him after the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Reed, second Wayne McLaughlin. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date