



**Ohio Association of
Community Action Agencies**

**Ohio Community Action Training Organization
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 19, 2013
Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio**

Members Present: David Brightbill, First Vice President; Robert Chilton, Second Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Joe Devany; Tim Donnellan; Wayne McLaughlin; David Shea; Cheryl Thiessen; Deb Gerken; Tom Reed; Ken Kempton; Gary Ricer; Al Norris; Greg Hopkins; Judith Barris

Members Excused: Gwen Robinson, President; Janice Warner, Secretary; Gary Obloy; Jacqueline Middleton; Bambi Baughn; Rodney Reasonover; Robert Hamilton; Malcolm Costa

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, Junto Company; Melissa Stanford, DSA; Gerry Spencer, Washington-Morgan Community Action; Jim Danes and Nick Sunday

Mr. Brightbill called the meeting to order and acknowledged the quorum.

Mr. Norris motioned to approve the agenda, Mr. Ricer seconded. The agenda was approved.

Mr. Norris motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. McLaughlin seconded. The minutes were approved.

Program Report: Josh Summer

Ms. McClain reported in Mr. Summer's absence that OCATO is doing another Pathways session. There are six spots and three have already been filled. If an agency is interested in participating, they should contact Mr. Summer. Ms. House explained that the Pathways program provides information for agencies to conduct a self-study of their organization to determine if they meet a set of standards. The agency then submits a report of their findings, which is reviewed by the Partnership.

President's Report: Gwen Robinson

Nothing to report

Executive Director's Report: Phil Cole

Mr. Cole reported that we are looking at having next year's Summer Conference in Athens in honor of our 50 year anniversary. In August, we will be looking at the facilities. Mr. Cole explained that having the conference there would make things a little different. There is not a hotel that is big enough to house the conference, so attendees will have to stay at different hotels and be bussed to locations. Also, we would like to have classes on campus and have something where LBJ signed the War on Poverty. Mr. Bradley will also do the history of Community Action. We'd like to try and keep costs down so that agencies can bring their employees, especially new employees. Mr. Cole asked for the board's thoughts on this. The board liked the idea. Mr. Cole said that the board will need to vote on this location at the September board meeting. Mr. Reed said he was concerned about costs. Ms. McClain said that she has viewed food costs already and it is in-line with previous conferences.

Mr. Mermis said that the legislature is quiet right now. He also said that he believes the Department of Insurance Navigator issue will be worked out and we will get the rule changed the way we want, hopefully by the end of next week. He also reported that after Labor Day the gubernatorial election cycle will begin.

Finance Report: Ruthann House

Ms. House requested that the Finance Report be accepted as presented in the OACAA board meeting. Mr. Reed motioned to approve the Finance Report. Mr. Norris seconded. The Finance Report was approved.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

Mr. Ricer motioned to adjourn. Mr. Donnellan seconded. The motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Janice W. Warner, Secretary

Date