



Ohio Association of
Community Action Agencies

**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies
Board of Trustees Meeting
DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus-Worthington
175 Hutchinson Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43235**

March 15, 2019

Members Present: Janice Warner, President; Melissa Pearce, Second-Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Julia Wise, Secretary; Joshua Anderson; Andrew J. Devany; Deb Gerken; David Shea; Judith Barris; Douglas Bennett; Ken Kempton; Alaire Mancz, Steve Sturgill; Kellie Ailes; Andrew Binegar; Alvin Norris; Bambi Baughn; Rodney Reasonover; Cheryl Grice; Sheila Triplett.

Members Excused: Gary Ricer; David Brightbill, First Vice-President; Andrew Binegar, Jeffrey Diver.

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: Cherish Cronmiller, Miami Valley Community Action Partnership; Van Nelson, Trumbull County Community Action Agency; Larry Price, L. Price, and Associates.

Ms. Warner called the meeting to order at 11:31am. A quorum was established.

Ms. Warner requested to amend the agenda and replace the President's Report with an Executive Committee Report. Ms. House motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Devany seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Devany motioned to approve the February 2019 electronic meeting minutes. Mr. Reasonover seconded. The motion passed.

Finance Report: Ruthann House

Mr. Bollenbacher reviewed the financial reports bringing attention to the Combined Statement of Financial Position titled Cash Investments on Page 3 of the Financial Report. He noted this line refers to the Association's recent investment plan implementation.

Ms. House recommended the board accept the finance and audit reports as presented. Mr. Reasonover motioned. Mr. Kempton seconded. The motion passed.

Executive Committee Report: Janice Warner

Ms. Warner requested Mr. Cole excuse himself during the Executive Committee report; the staff was invited to stay. Ms. Warner reported the Executive Committee's evaluation of Mr. Cole was favorable and the committee was pleased with his performance. She stated the committee recommended a 2.2% merit increase and a one-time lump sum bonus of \$7,500.



Ms. House motioned to approve the recommended compensation from the committee. Mr. Devaney seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Cole returned to the meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Cole reported on the HWAP reauthorization meeting held March 11, 2019. Mr. David Bradley, Mr. David Wilhelm, and other invited guests discussed the challenges of providing solar energy to the low-income sector. All in attendance agreed on the need to develop a project that would work for many—if not all—agencies in serving their clients. Mr. Cole shared that although he felt this was the most important part of the meeting, a solution had yet to be reached. Mr. Cole shared that DSA was open to discussing a change that would allow weatherization funds to be used for renewable energy; it is currently prohibited in the current HWAP State Plan. Mr. Cole stressed to the board that Community Action Agencies must remain a part of innovation with HWAP and renewables.

Mr. Cole thanked board members for their feedback regarding workforce development and stated he would review all information received and determine what can be used to develop a proposal for Lt. Governor Husted.

Mr. Cole shared he believed the association would be invited to a meeting of parties interested in Senate Bill 3, which deals with the drug sentencing reform act. Mr. Cole stated this bill is also connected to prison re-entry. He asked members to review the SB 3 position document located in their folders and welcomed any comments they would like to share.

Mr. Cole reported on Senate Bill 36 which proposes to change how LIHTC and related affordable is valued for tax purposes. Ms. Baughn, Mr. Kempton, and Mr. Norris volunteered to testify at public hearings.

Mr. Cole met with the general manager of the Sheraton to address major areas of concern. He was assured that his concerns would be addressed. Members of the board expressed that they would be willing to try again. Ms. House stated the association should decide based on the proposals presented.

Mr. Cole reported he had requested the association be part of the 2020 Census state coalition. Mr. Cole also stated he would invite Mr. Nick Sunday to the April or May board meeting to discuss a veterans project in which he is currently involved. Mr. Cole reported on the ruling of the Sixth District Courts of Appeals' decision to defund Planned Parenthood. Mr. Cole would like to write an op-ed piece and talk about how the program benefits low-income families.

Mr. Cole announced the success of the office move and that board meetings may occasionally be held in the new office location. The board discussed the next meeting, which would be held on Friday, April 12, 2019, due to the holiday the following week. Mr. Nick Sunday and Ms. Tia Moretti would be invited to attend. Ms. Moretti is a friend of Community Action and is also part of the DeWine administration.

Partnership Report: Joe Devaney

Mr. Devaney reported the Partnership board meeting would take place the following week during the NCAF Conference, and that he would present a full report in April. He announced the Partnership's



conference would be held in Chicago the last week of August 2019. Future years, the conference will be held in Seattle, Boston, New York City, and then Atlanta. The Partnership is also discussing holding a national conference in Puerto Rico showing support in generating revenue for the commonwealth.

Mr. Devaney is on the committee that is working on a policy paper at the Partnership. He intends to make ensure a disclaimer is included to recognize the diverse nature of each program.

CAPLAW Report: David Brightbill

No report.

NCAF Report: Janice Warner

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

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: Melissa Pearce

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Shea announced his term as Weatherization Policy Advisory Council alternate had expired, and he expressed an interest to continue serving in the position.

Ms. House motioned for Mr. Shea to remain on the Weatherization Policy Advisory Council as the alternate. Mr. Reasonover seconded. The motion passed.

Open Dialogue

None.

Adjourn:

Mr. Norris motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Shea seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Julia Wise, Secretary

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