



Community Services Block Grant Program Advisory Committee
77 S. High Street, 31st Floor South A
1:00 p.m.
April 16, 2015

Board Members in Attendance

Deborah Gerken, Chair	Northwestern Ohio CAC
Colette Harrell	The Breathing Association
Robert Chilton	IMPACT Community Action
Kimberly Hettel	Governor's Office of Faith-Based Community Initiatives
Wayne McLaughlin	Ross County Community Action

Board Members Absent

Robert Hamilton	CEOGC CAC
Gary Ricer	GMN Tri-County CAC
Rodney Reasonover	Stark County CAA
Lisa Hamler-Fugitt	Ohio Association of Foodbanks
Phil Cole	Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies

Ohio Development Services Agency Staff in Attendance

Melissa Stanford	Office of Community Assistance
Michael Higgins	Office of Community Assistance
Mark Alderman	Office of Community Assistance
Randall Hunt	Office of Community Assistance
Sharon Smith	Office of Community Assistance
Alicia Sullivan	Office of Community Assistance
Tamara Johnson	Office of Community Assistance
Susan Miller	Office of Community Assistance

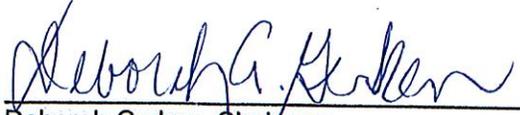
Others Present

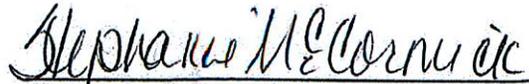
Josh Summer	Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies
Alvin Norris	Adams Brown Counties Economic Opportunities
Gary Cates	Ohio Board of Regents
Cynthia Zengler	Ohio Board of Regents
Tom Hutter	OJFS/Office of Workforce Development
Malcolm Costa	Akron Summit Community Action Agency

- Chairman Deborah Gerken called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and quickly went through the introductions of the committee.

- Randall Hunt welcomed everyone and spoke briefly on the new changes for the State Plans which are now being processed and submitted online. Stated that he wanted to meet with the Advisory Committee on a more frequent basis and preparing for the next two year grant cycle that will be starting on January 1, 2016. Also mentioned that it will be another advisory committee meeting prior to the next Public Hearing and before the State Plan is due. In terms of the agencies guidance was sent out in regards of organizational standards training on May 1, 2015. These new Federal standards will impact all Community Action Agencies. Information Memorandum 138 was issued which defined the changes and updates to organizational standards. Most of the agencies are embracing these changes as well as implementing them. Randall Hunt also touched on some changes that occurred within the Office of Community Assistance (OCA) with one being Sharon Smith moving to the Business Services Division and Tracey Ballas coming in to serve as the Assistant Deputy Chief of the Office of Community Assistance (OCA) May 5, 2015.
- Steven Kelly from the Office of Research spoke on the Ohio Poverty Report and its trends within the State of Ohio. He presented a PowerPoint and passed out handouts regarding the statistics on poverty within the State of Ohio. One of the big changes is now they are getting census reports and updates on an annual basis in which it shows the stats all the way down to the county level. This data is available online and downloadable for review.
- Melissa Stanford spoke about the new model Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) State Plan and its changes with one of them being an online submission. Melissa Stanford stated that the next Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) Advisory Committee meeting will be on August 6, 2015 and the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Public Hearing will be on August 20, 2015.
- Kimberly Hettel from the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives spoke on the collaboration and linkages between their office and the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA). She touched on the advantages and disadvantages of Non Profit Organizations. She also mentioned that a partnership between the two and if the assets were used as a team it would create a better community in turn which will create a better Ohio. Kimberly Hettel also provided a website and instruction on how to navigate through the database on how to search in the Compassion Map for information on assistance organizations in counties throughout Ohio. She quickly touched on a few partnership programs with one of them being the Community Connector's Program. It is the Governor's initiative to get Non Profit Organizations to partner with organizations that are interested in supporting the values development of kids and schools to do some mentoring and businesses.
- Thomas Hutter from Ohio Job and Family Services also spoke on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and One-Stop partnerships for the community and how it relates under the Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG). The new workforce act will be in effect starting July 1, 2015. He also provided a handout that showed the total cost of the workforce program which showed a breakout of the Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) funds used per county. Bo Chilton asked about the duplication of services and ways to prevent it, and commented on the success of the One Stop program.
- Chairman Deborah Gerken asked the public if they had any comments at this time. Nothing was mentioned.
- Chairman Deborah Gerken adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Note: Minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote at the CSBG Advisory Committee meeting of August 18, 2015.


Deborah Gerken, Chairman


Stephanie McCormick, Recorder