

Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
Minutes from the Meeting of Thursday, February 16, 2017

Attendance	
Commissioners	Representative Michael Ashford Senator Bill Beagle Representative Nicholas Celebrezze Mr. Mike Davis Mr. David Frash Mr. Ron George Mr. Chad Hibbs Mr. Joseph Hill Mr. Scott Neely Director Ann Ream Mr. John Silverman Mr. Socrates Tuch Mr. Tarik White
Presenters	Ashiko Hudson – Action For Children Christi Meuser – Action For Children Keith Wollenberg– Action For Children Eric Hare – ForeverDads Robin Jack – ForeverDads Burl Lemon – ForeverDads Kelly Lynch – ForeverDads Steve Stewart – ForeverDads
Guests	Angela Daniels – Action For Children Mike Dean - YouthBuild Allison Glasgow – Governor’s Office Darryl Graves - ODRC Jessica Harrison – Break Chains Make Changes Organization Ketha Harrison – Break Chains Make Changes Organization DamitaPerry -ODYS Richard Robinson – Cuyahoga County Div. CFS Laura Smith – Intern at ODRC Judy Williams – Action For Children Eli Williams – Urban Light Ministries
OCF Staff	Director Kimberly Dent Ms. Terena Arnold Ms. Monica Mahoney Mr. Judy Strayer

I. Call to Order & Welcome New Commissioners	
10:00-10:05	Senator Bill Beagle
<p>Sen. Bill Beagle called the meeting to order, welcomed our guests, and invited all attending to introduce themselves.</p>	
II. Approval of September 22, 2016 Minutes	
10:05-10:10	Senator Bill Beagle
<p>The minutes from September 22, were approved as submitted.</p>	
III. NBNF Grantee, Action For Children	
10:10-10:54	Ashiko Hudson, Christi Meuser, Keith Wollenburge
<p>Ashiko Hudson (NBNF Program Manager), Christi Meuser (NBNF Fatherhood Engagement Specialist) and Keith Wollenberg (NBNF Job Developer) introduced themselves and explained their roles as Action for Children's (ACF) NBNF staff. AFC staff discussed NBNF class structure and how the classes teach fathers about parenting, co-parenting, and financial literacy. Ms. Meuser explained the intake process and the importance of relationship building, specifically with the younger fathers. Mr. Wollenburge explained the job/skills assessment process and the subsidized employment component of the NBNF grant. Other topics covered in the presentation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Management • Cohorts • Challenges • Success <p>PowerPoint Presentation can be found on the OCF website.</p>	
IV. OCF Grantee ForeverDads	
10:54-11:22	Burl Lemon & ForeverDads Staff
<p>Burl Lemon, the Executive Director of ForeverDads, presented the TANF funded fatherhood programming for his agency. He introduced his staff and gave them an opportunity to explain their roles and the importance of fatherhood programming in the counties they serve. Mr. Lemon talked about the wrap around services fathers receive at ForeverDads, ways that he has been able to stretch the grant dollars his agency receives and various collaborative programming with other fatherhood programs in the surrounding counties. Other topics covered in the presentation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Programs at ForeverDads • Highlights • Proposed Structural Development of ForeverDads <p>PowerPoint Presentation can be found on the OCF website.</p>	

V. OCF Director's Report	
11:22- 11:30	Kimberly Dent
<p>Director Dent updated commissioners all OCF activities since the previous meeting. Some of the highlights include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2017-2019 OCF Funding 2. TANF RFGA 3. June is Responsible Fatherhood Month 4. Star CJC Pilot Project 5. County Mobilization Project. <p>Director Dent's report is posted on the OCF website.</p>	
VII. Fiscal Funding Appointments / Requests for Summit Committee Members	
11:30-11:32	Senator Bill Beagle
<p>Senator Beagle discussed how he and the Fiscal/ Funding Committee members, Ann Ream, John Silverman, and Chad Hibbs reviewed the RFGA. Fiscal/Funding Committee members were able to ask questions and give their suggestions on its composition. Senator Beagle enjoyed the process and encouraged other commissioners to utilize committee structure as it applies to the Summit Committee.</p> <p>Sen. Beagle explained that the next State Fatherhood Summit is not until 2018 and there is not an urgent need for the committee at this time. Commissioners on the committee will have an opportunity to shape the agenda.</p> <p>Scott Neely, Ron George and Joseph Hill volunteered for the Summit Committee during the meeting.</p>	
VIII. Announcements and New Business	
11:33-12:00	Senator Bill Beagle
<p>Sen. Beagle: A budget has been introduced to the finance committee. The budget includes funding for the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.</p> <p>Commissioner Scott Neely Recognition</p>	
IX. Adjourn	
12:00	Meeting Adjourned

