

**Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
Minutes from the Meeting of Thursday, November 19, 2015**

Attendance	
Commissioners	<p> Senator Bill Beagle Representative Michael Ashford Director Susan Brown Representative Nicholas Celebrezze Mr. Jamoya Cox Director Kim Hettel Mr. Chad Hibbs Representative Stephen Huffman Mr. Scott Neely Ms. Ann Ream Mr. Socrates Tuch Mr. Tarik White </p>
Presenters	<p> Darryl Grayson Derrion Matthews Robert Pierson Eli Williams </p>
Guests	<p> Adam Bechler, Legislative Aid (State Rep. Bill Hayes) Douglas Bennet, Vice President of Council for Economic Opportunities Jonathan Collins, COO of NCUS Kevin Conwell, Cleveland City Council Fred Crum, Fatherhood Ohio Dewaine Dodds, Fatherhood Ohio Perry Gregory, Workforce Director Mike Jenkins, Fatherhood Ohio Cathy Jordan, ODJFS Joe Koenig, Legislative Aid (State Rep. Stephen Huffman) Louis Moore, Brick City Productions Distribution Company Lisa O'Connell, ODJFS Maggie O'Shea, Aid (Sen. Bill Beagle) Joe Proctor, Fatherhood Ohio Clark Siddle, Ohio Senate Staff Person Jeff Swaddling, Fatherhood Ohio </p>
OCF Staff	<p> Director Kimberly Dent Ms. Monica Mahoney Ms. Terena Arnold </p>

I. Call to Order & Welcome New Commissioners	
10:00-10:05	Senator Bill Beagle
Senator Beagle called the meeting to order, welcomed our guests, and invited all attending to introduce themselves.	
II. Fatherhood Ohio, Award Presentation	
10:05-10:08	Dewaine Dodds & Eli Williams
Mr. Dewaine Dodds give a brief introduction of Fatherhood Ohio. Mr. Eli Williams presents Senator Bill Beagle with the inaugural Leadership for Fatherhood Award.	
III. Election of Co-Chair	
10:08 t-10:12	Monica Mahoney
Monica Mahoney asked that all commissioners vote on the new co-chair for the Commission's Executive Board using ballots provided in each commissioner's packet. Once the vote was cast, she asked that they fold ballots so that she could collect them and count. Co-chair to be announced later in the meeting.	
IV. Approval of Minutes	
10:12-10:14	Senator Bill Beagle
The minutes from September 24, 2015 were approved as submitted.	
V. Urban Light Ministries	
10:14-10:49	Darryl Grayson & Derrion Matthews
Darryl Grayson from Urban Light Ministries (ULM) presented the grantee report for the fatherhood programs at their agency. The Power Point presentation can be found on the OFC website. Topics covered in the presentation include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mission & Vision 2. Service Areas 3. OCF Historical Data 4. Highlights 5. 2015-2016 Grant Expectations, Strengths, and Updates 6. ULM Fatherhood Process 7. NBNF Grant Programming Darrion Matthews then spoke briefly about his experiences as a father, how he came to be connected with ULM, and the advantages of the Nurturing Fathers curriculum. Mr. Matthews also gave the testimony of one of the fathers he worked with and explained how authenticity encourages connection and positive experiences create positive memories.	
VI. New Executive Co-Chair Announcement	
10:49-10:52	Senator Bill Beagle
Senator Beagle announces the New Executive Co-Chair : Mr. Scott Neely	

VII. Stark County Child Support : Schools

10:52-11:18

Robert Pierson

Robert Pierson with the Stark County Child Support Agency talked about his involvement and the progression of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition's, "Walk Your Child to School Day" program. He spoke of the 16 governmental agencies and non-profits they are partnered with and the 5 year gradual progression and success of the program.

Mr. Pierson also talked about how Stark County is making strides to assist fathers with the fees and the process of getting their records expunged or earning their Certificate for Qualified Employment (CQE).

VIII. Recap of OCF Retreat

11:18-11:40

Senator Bill Beagle

Senator Beagle recaps the items discussed during the Oct. 15th Commission retreat. Items considered include:

- Revision of Bylaws and Standing Committees; should there be a Fiscal/Funding committee and should the fatherhood Summit committee be enhanced with an education component?
- Socrates Tuch moved to dissolve legislative committee; Stephen Huffman seconded the motion; commissioners unanimously voted to dissolve legislative committee.
- Monica Mahoney points out that a revision in the bylaws is needed to have the Statement of Purpose match the Mission Statement; commissioners unanimously vote to change Statement of Purpose.
- Senator Beagle address the issue of creating a Fiscal/Funding committee; Scott Neely asks for clarification as to the committee's responsibilities will be; Ms. Mahoney suggests that the **Executive Committee meet and define language and responsibilities of Fiscal/Funding Committee before voting on its existence**; Jamoya Cox and Senator Beagle agree.
- Ms. Mahoney reads the OCF commissioners meeting attendance policy.
- Ms. Mahoney raises the issue as to **whether OCF retreats should be public or private**; Representative Stephen Huffman asks whether it would be legal for the retreats to be closed to the public; Mr. Tuch clarifies that it is legal as long as no official decisions are made during the retreat; **Senator Beagle decides to table the matter until the next meeting (2/11/2016) and states that the Executive Committee will draft proposed language for consideration at the next OCF meeting.**
- OCF Director, Kimberly Dent and ODJFS TANF manager, Matthew Cunningham explain the grantee termination process.
- Ms. Mahoney briefly discusses Julia Carson Bill and poses several questions to commissioners in regards to it. **Senator Beagle decides that the Executive Committee will draft proposed language for consideration at the next OCF meeting.**

IX. Federal Fatherhood Grant	
11:40-12:03	Kimberly Dent & Monica Mahoney
<p>Director Dent and Ms. Mahoney explain the parameters of the \$10 million federal grant. The Power Point presentation can be found on the OFC website. Topics covered in the presentation include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OCF received \$10 million in grant funding but the state of Ohio received a total of \$20 million. OCF plans to reach out to the other grant recipient. 2. There is a 9 month planning process associated with the grant. 3. Expected Outcomes 4. Target Population 5. Infant Mortality Epidemic 6. Program Curriculum 7. Timeline 8. State budget will subsidize employment to assist with father employment and retention. 9. Safe sleep initiative 	
X. Action Items	
12:03-12:04	Senator Bill Beagle
Senator Beagle deferred all action items to the Executive Committee	
XI. Adjournment	
12:04	Meeting Adjourned