

**Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity
Commission Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 27, 2006
Grand Tower Building-Dempsey Room-Lansing, MI
Minutes**

Call to Order: Vice-Chairperson Gary Gilbert

Roll call: Judith Clark

Present: Karol Bolton, Bill Dubord, Gary Gilbert, Sonia Harb, Marsha Kreucher, Tracy Nash, Eva Ozier.

Absent: Sheilah Clay, Sonia Harb and Daniel Piepszowski

Bureau staff present: Dwayne A. Haywood, Judith Clark, Diane Holley, Dianne Morales, Frank Pattinson, Stacie Gibson, Carol Maddox, Julie Burgess and Mike Rodriquez

Guest: Jack Litzenberg, Steven Haider, Doreen Woodward, Jacqui Broughton and Ann Marston

Presenters: Jack Litzenberg of the Mott Foundation and Steven Haider of the Dept of Economic at Michigan State University, **please see attached.**

Gary: What will we do with all the information received from each presenter? It was suggested by Steven Haider to establish a Michigan Poverty Center. Gary feels that this is a good idea. It was suggested by Bill to have this as one of the recommendations to the Governor. An action plan should be put together on how to put this plan together to present to the governor.

Gary: We need to ask the Chair to establish a work session (with one or two topics) outside the Commission to deal with some of these issues.

Marsha: With all the information received specifically bringing in some university partners for discussion.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dwayne Haywood

Weatherization Demonstration House – Diane, this will be the first UP Weatherization Demonstration House scheduled to take place Wednesday, October 4, 2006. In addition to the demo, Mike Peterson from Department of Energy will be conducting a monitoring of Michigan's DOE Weatherization Program.

Commission members are encouraged to attend the Weatherization Demonstration.

Dwayne: Last year Demonstration at the Capital, there was a celebration of 250,000 homes that had been weatherized.

ROMA Report - The report will be available in about 2 weeks and will be provided to the Commission at the October meeting.

Also at the October meeting, Dwayne will re-submit the 14 points to the Commission on the Operation of the Bureau and the goals and objectives in PA 123 have been met.

Outstanding Business:

Gary: There was a communication committee phone conference – All public communication should come from the Chair. Individual commissioners are not to make any public comments regarding specific issues that may come before the commission.

Daniel will bring a press release to the Commission to support the Michigan League for Human Services position regarding questions for the potential candidates. (It is important to support the League questions for the candidates).

Information Sharing

Gary: The Commission's informational session at the MCAAA quarterly meeting will be Monday, October 16, 2006 from 2 -3:15pm. Doreen distributed a draft copy of the agenda to the Commission for review.

All Commissions members that can are asked to attend the quarterly meeting.

Karol: Tracey and I have been selected to gather articles for the members to review. This information will be passed onto Judith for distribution to all Commission members.

Gary: The appointment to fill the empty spot vacated by Alicia Harrison has been frozen. The Senate will not approve any appointments until after the election.

Marsha suggested that the Commission include Jack Litzenberg and Ann Marston in the Commission work session.

Doreen Woodward will be presenting at the October meeting.

Commission Meeting Change

- October Meeting – October 24, 2006 – Grand Tower Building Room 13A at 10:00 a.m.
- November Meeting–November 28, 2006–Grand Tower Building Room 1D at 10:00 a.m.
- December Meeting – no meeting scheduled.
- New meeting schedule will be included in your October package.

Dwayne will contact Pat Caruso to get information regarding the Michigan Homeless Summit to be held at the Lansing Center October 24-25 and forward to Commission members.

A copy of the Commission minutes will always be forwarded to Doreen and she will forward a copy to all CAAs.

Eva will not be able to attend the quarterly conference in Detroit.

Bill informed the Commission that there are more HHS budget cuts expected after election. Judith will forward information received from Bill regarding this matter to all Commission members.

Senate Bill 334: A revised version have been received. They do want to move forward with that, would like to get letters to the legislatures asking them to support something to replace the low income energy fund. Funding for the funds runs out on December 1, 2006.

Doreen: There is a National Poverty Symposium scheduled for May 29-31, 2007 in Maryland. This is a joint effort between the Community Action Partnership and HHS. I received a handbook from them regarding how to put on a conversation with your community about poverty and I have shared them with the CAA Directors.

Michigan League -Jacqui Broughton distributed:

- The Consumer Connection

Jacqui also informed the Commission that the SOS Proposal was not passed.

Meeting Adjourned