



Agency Happenings

Welcome New Executive Directors

Throughout the end of 2012 and 2013, several new executive directors have joined the Community Action network. Although some are not new to Community Action, OACAA would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to their new role. Following is a little bit about each of these new leaders.

EOPA New Executive Director Stanley Lowe

Stanley Lowe started as the chief executive officer for the Economic Opportunity Association of Greater Toledo (EOPA) in July 2013. Prior to joining EOPA, Stanley was the president and CEO of Pittsburgh Neighborhood Preservation Services, and director of the Richard Mellon Scaife Community Development Initiative Grant. Mr. Lowe is the former executive director of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Housing Authority and the Galveston, Texas Housing Authority. He was also the former managing partner in charge of Gulf Coast operations for Fourth River Development, LLC. Over the years, Mr. Lowe has held a number of positions, including posts as the president of the Pittsburgh Community Services, vice president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, president of the National Trust Community Development Financial Institution, and board member of the National Trust Community Investment Corporation. He also worked as assistant to former Mayor Tom Murphy for Neighborhood Housing and Policy Planning and founded the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group, a coalition of 33 community-based organizations striving to improve housing and financial opportunities for Pittsburgh's low-income neighborhoods.

HHWP Community Action Commission New Executive Director Joshua Anderson

Joshua Anderson joined the Hancock Hardin Wyandot Putnam (HHWP) Community Action Commission on November 1, 2013. An Upper Sandusky native, Josh spent five years as the workforce development supervisor for the Wyandot

County Department of Job and Family Services. During his tenure there, he supervised and administered a variety of programs meant to help people reach self-sufficiency, a goal that ties into the mission of Community Action. Mr. Anderson's vision is to guide the agency in continuing to provide effective and relevant services and supports to the individuals and communities that the agency serves. He believes strongly in the Community Action philosophy of giving people a hand-up to assist them in moving out of poverty and attaining self-sufficiency. He feels that the HHWP CAC has played an important role in the provision of these services and has become a trusted partner to many area agencies and organizations who share this philosophy. He wants to continue to build upon these positive relationships as a means to reach common goals.

Lorain County Community Action Agency New Executive Director Jackie Boehlein

Jacqueline (Jackie) Boehlein was brought into the interim president & CEO role for Lorain County Community Action Agency in January 2012 to help strengthen and develop the organization. She was appointed to the position by the board of directors in October 2012. Her career has centered on service, including working in banking and higher education. Under her leadership, LCCAA has recommitted to quality services and has taken on new initiatives and partnerships in fulfillment of the agency's mission to "service and empower residents in need." In addition to her non-stop activities at LCCAA, Jackie is a member of the Elyria Rotary Club and serves on the Lorain County Family and Children First Council, Workforce Investment Board, and Lorain County Youth Council. She also serves as a peer reviewer with the Community Action Partnership's Pathways to Excellence program.

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Pickaway County Community Action Organization New Executive Director Andrew Binegar

Andrew Binegar has been the executive director of Pickaway County Community Action Organization (PICCA) since June 2012. Prior to joining PICCA, Andrew worked for the State of Ohio as the Home Weatherization Assistance program manager for two and a half years. Andrew has been involved with Community Action since he graduated college with a BA in Business Administration/Accounting from Ohio University in 1991. He has worked with two other Community Action Agencies in Ross and Highland Counties, managing Head Start, transportation, meals-on-wheels, the Home Energy Assistance Program, and home repair programs. "I have been in the Community Action network for over 20 years," Mr. Binegar stated. "I am honored to be part of such an amazing organization. I am extremely excited to fulfill my duties as executive director at PICCA."

SOURCES Community Network Services New Interim Executive Director Kirk Moriarty

Kirk Moriarty was appointed the interim executive director for SOURCES Community Network Services in 2013. Prior to that, Mr. Moriarty served as the executive director of the Urban Enterprise Association (UEA), a division of Community Development for the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana. For 24 years, he was employed by Bobick's Golf, a nationally renowned golf shop based in Fort Wayne where he mainly served as general manager. He also worked for the City of Celina, Ohio in the Parks & Recreation Department. Mr. Moriarty serves on several Indiana and Ohio board of directors and committees including, secretary for the Fort Wayne UEA board, Workforce Investment Act Region 8, Balance of State Continuum of Care (Homeless Prevention & Rehousing), and Mercer County C.O.L.T. (Community Organizations Linking Together). Mr. Moriarty plans to apply for the permanent role of executive director with the agency.

WSOS Community Action Commission New Executive Director Ruthann House

After 28 years of service, Ruthann House was appointed president and chief executive officer of WSOS Community Action Commission in March 2013. Prior to that, Ms. House served as vice president of the agency from 2001-2013. In addition, House served as WSOS's housing & energy director for six years. Ruthann also serves on the boards of the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies, where she is the Treasurer, the Ohio Community Action Training Organization, the Ohio Head Start Association, the United Way of Ottawa County Board of Directors, the Sandusky County Family & Children First Council, and the Lutheran Homes Society Foundation Board of Directors. Her goals for WSOS include completing the strategic planning process initiated this fall in order that the board and staff are working towards a unified vision and goals, to continue building strong partnerships in their region, and to ensure WSOS remains a strong, vibrant agency for the next 50 years of Community Action so that they are providing the best services possible to the individuals, families and communities they serve. "I am deeply appreciative of the support I have received from our board of directors, the WSOS staff and our partner agencies," House said. "I am honored to be leading the WSOS family in our journey to serve those less fortunate."