

**Ohio Commission on Fatherhood
Minutes from the Meeting of
Thursday, November 15, 2012**

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I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chairman David Kontur called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Chairman Kontur introduced himself and welcomed our guests, a delegation of state and county administrators from Virginia and representatives from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

II. Remarks from Director Michael Colbert of Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services

Director Colbert welcomed our guests from Virginia and spoke about the range of services ODJFS provides for fathers.

III. Remarks from Director Gary C. Mohr of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Director Mohr spoke about initiatives to help incarcerated parents who are soon to be released find employment and clear up child support arrearages. He shared a Power Point Presentation (PPP) about ODRC initiatives for incarcerated parents which is posted on the OCF website.

IV. Remarks from Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Interim Executive Director, Kimberly Dent

Director Dent spoke about outreach efforts to help fathers become more involved parents and overcome financial obstacles to paying child support.

V. OCF Business

Commissioner Steve Killpack moved with Commissioner Scott Neely seconding, that the minutes from the meeting September 6, 2012 be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Kontur shared the proposed 2013 meeting calendar with the commissioners.

VI. History of Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

Commissioner Killpack shared a brief history of the OCF.

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VII. Collaborating with County Services

A. Child Support

Commissioner Susan Brown, Director, Franklin County Child Support Enforcement and Glenn Harris, Action for Children and formerly with the Columbus Urban League, spoke about how they collaborated to track child support payments of men who graduated from fatherhood programs offered in Franklin County. The data revealed an increase in payments following completion of fatherhood classes. Director Brown believes tracking this data is a way to show a measurable impact of investing in fatherhood.

B. Children Services

Pastor Eugene Norris, CEO of Fame Fathers and Jeannie Bennett and Ann Reams of Summit County Children Services shared a PPP about their innovative approach to include fathers in Children Services. Since the initiative's start in 2010 the number of fathers involved in case plans and awarded custody has dramatically increased. Their PPP is posted on the OCF website.

C. TANF

Lucas County Job and Family Services Director Deb Ortiz-Flores and Daniel Johnson and Craig Gerbers of the Zepf Center presented a PPP about their Fatherhood Connections program which is funded with TANF funds. The program individualizes services for fathers focusing on family engagement, employment and economic stability. Their PPP is posted on the OCF website.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.