

NORTHEAST OHIO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM

Executive Committee

Thursday, June 27, 2013, 11:00 AM

Akron Urban League 44 Vernon Odom Blvd, Akron, OH

1. Welcome
2. For Action
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes May 28 and June 11, 2013 (attachment)
 - b. Board retreat report out and assignments for next steps (David Fitz, Grace Gallucci)
3. For Discussion
 - a. Preview of Board Meeting Discussion Items
 - b. Review workshop schedule and promotion
 - c. In-kind participation
4. For Information
 - a. Standing Committee Reports
 - i. Technical Steering Committee (attachment)
 - ii. Finance Committee Report (no business conducted)
 - iii. Communications and Engagement Committee Report (attachment)
 - iv. Nominating Committee Report (no business conducted)
 - v. Personnel Committee Report (no business conducted)
 - b. Organization
 - i. Month End Financial Report (attachment)
 - ii. Open and Pending Contract Update (attachment)
 - iii. Leveraged Match Report (attachment)
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. July Watch List (H. Morrison)

Adjourn

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, July 11 at 1:30pm in Akron (if requested)
No Executive Committee on Tuesday, July 23

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Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 28, 2013
NEOMED Conference and Event Center
4209 Ohio Rt. 44 Rootstown, OH 44272

Board Members: Grace Gallucci, Robert Nau, Jason Segedy, Steve Hambley, Fred Wright, Mike Lyons, Joseph Hadley, John Getchey, Rachel McCartney, Bethia Burke, Gene Nixon, Shawna Daugherty

Board Alternate: Donna Skoda

Staff: Hunter Morrison, Emma Petrie Barcelona, Jeff Anderle, Carl Brinkley, Sara Maier, Antoine Buie and Kelly D Harris

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Grace Gallucci.

There was a ***motion*** to approve the April 23 and May 14, 2013 minutes made by ***Mike Lyons*** and seconded by ***Gene Nixon***. The motion was approved.

The date for the board retreat will be Monday, June 17, 2013. This will be an all-day event. Two locations have been chosen and the final interview for the facilitator position will be this afternoon. There was no unified direction on what goals or outcomes from this meeting will be. The facilitator will be present during the June 11, 2013 Executive Committee meeting.

It was suggested that before the meeting the original grant application should be reviewed. The implementation and direction of the organization should be the main focus for the retreat. There should be a later retreat to review the previous goals to ensure we are on target or implement or make adjustments. Assess where we are in this process.

It was discussed that an electronic version of the talking points for the facilitator should be passed out before the meeting. Reach out to the board to see if we could get more participation for the meeting.

The Business as Usual (BAU) workshop outcomes were discussed. We need to have more break-out sessions for the different levels of understanding of where we are at in the process. We have to reach out to people or various groups in unique ways. Arrange more venues to answer questions. Possibly try a city club forum debate theme as a venue. Additional outreach is needed, more locations for workshops or places to discuss the process.

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Jeff Anderle discussed the overview of round one Vibrant NEO Workshop attendance which is attached to the packet. There were 589 attendees; 28 out of 33 member organizations had either their primary or alternate that attended; 14 non board members and 45 elected officials.

The highest attendance came from Cuyahoga and Summit County. The lowest attendance came from some of the smaller represented counties including Geauga, Wayne, Portage and Lake. Most attendees were identified as white and a goal for the next workshops is to increase the number of attendees representing different races, incomes, and geographies.

Any financial reporting is attached to the packet for review. It was noted that the next NEOSCC board meeting will be moved to **Thursday**, June 27, 2013 at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Akron Urban League.

There was a ***motion*** to adjourn the meeting by ***Mike Lyons*** and seconded by ***Jason Segedy***. The motion was approved. The meeting ended at 1 p.m.

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Special Meeting of Executive Committee

Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 1:30 PM

Citi Center Building, Basement Conference Room, 146 S. High St., Akron OH, 44308

Attendance: Mike Lyons, Gene Nixon, John Getchy, Jason Segedy, Grace Gallucci, Rachel McCartney, Fred Wright, Donna Skoda, Joe Hadley, Erin Seibel, Hunter Morrison

Phone: Bethia Burke, Jeff Dutton, Freddy Collier

Non Members: Emma Petrie Barcelona, Sara Meier, Joe MacDonald, Antoine Buie, Julie Whyte, Kelly Harris, Carl Brinkley, Lucy Miller Michael Gramm, David Fitz

1. Welcome
 - a. Welcome and introductions.
 - b. Called to order at 1:38 pm

2. For Discussion
 - a. Presentation of Strategy Design Partners .
 - i. Background of firm given.

 - b. Board Retreat Agenda
 - i. To facilitate agenda of next week's board retreat to ensure productive outcome of the retreat.
 - ii. An action plan needs to be determined, over a specific period of time, i.e. 30, 60, and 90 days.
 - iii. Mr. Fitz discussed the agenda created for the retreat. Each group at the retreat will break out and create their own options for the future of NEOSCC, each group will report back.
 - 1 H. Morrison recommended that having each member displaying their recommendation might be met with some apprehensiveness.
 - a The group agreed that this exercise would be helpful.
 - iv. Joe Hadley asked whether or not the staff will have any input into the future of NEOSCC.
 - 1 H. Morrison said the staff is looking for direction from the board.
 - 2 D. Fitz noted that having a separate meeting with staff could be helpful.
 - 3 M. Lyons noted that the staff would have a good perspective on this issue.
 - 4 G. Gallucci said having staff input would be helpful at some level.
 - v. D. Fitz recommended meeting with staff prior to the board retreat.
 - vi. D. Fitz then discussed the *Discussion* part of the agenda.
 - 1 A set time table with action needs to be a result of the retreat.

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- 2 J. Segedy noted having a working group to follow-through with action would be needed. G. Gallucci concurred by added that as many board members as possible should be included.
 - 3 H. Morrison noted that the executive committee would be a stand in group until another group is determined.
- vii. Bethia Burke noted recommendations she made for the retreat.
- 1 How to engage outside people?
 - 2 Who the right stakeholders are to move the work forward?
- viii. G. Gallucci noted what staff and board requirements will be needed for the options that come out of the retreat.
- 1 What resources and structure are needed to carry out the decided option?
- ix. H. Morrison recommended that the discussion needs to assume that we have achieved the mission of the grant. Assessing the mission going forward. What are the board structure and staffing needs to carry this out?
- x. M. Lyons noted that discussion is often not rooted in goals.
- xi. G. Nixon: goals will be shifting significantly and need to be talked about.
- xii. Having questions circulated and getting answers back from board to facilitators would be helpful for the firm to get a grasp of the varying viewpoints of the board.
- xiii. What value do we need and how do we obtain it.
- 1 What else to we need to advance the work we have done.
- xiv. H. Morrison noted that he practical realities of the organization closing. Letting staff know what will happen is paramount. Clear direction is needed. Moving in one direction or the other is needed.
- 1 F. Wright need not continue to push this question out. A scaled down entity is most likely the reality.
- c. What does it cost per month to keep organization going per month as is? This information needs to be provided to the board for the retreat.
- i. Basic idea of cost.
 - ii. Number of staff and specific positions.
- d. It will be the MPOs working with member communities to implement the plan. The board has to think about themselves.
- e. Attendance and meeting logistics were briefly discussed.

Adjourn – 2:58pm