

**Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**  
**10:30 am- 12:30 pm**  
**Room A601**  
**50 West Town Street**  
**Columbus, Ohio**

**AGENDA**

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| <b>I.</b> Call to Order & Welcome   | Peter Lawson Jones, Chairman              |
| <b>II.</b> Introduction of Guests   | J. Tracy Robinson, Executive Director     |
| <b>III.</b> Fiscal Fitness for Fathers<br>Program Presentation  | Tei Street, Treasurer's Office            |
| <b>IV.</b> Minutes from March 24, 2009  | Rose Handon, Secretary                    |
| <b>V.</b> Executive Director's Report   | J. Tracy Robinson                         |
| A. Outreach   |   |
| B. Grantees Update  |   |
| C. OFI-RFGA 2009-2011   |   |
| D. Putative Fatherhood Registry   |   |
| <b>VI.</b> Advance Fatherhood Ohio<br>Summit Report   | Burl Lemmon, Forever Dads                 |
| <b>VII.</b> Discussion and Decision   |   |
| A. OCF Summit/Cuyahoga County<br>Fatherhood Initiative Annual Conference<br>(Cleveland, June 17-20, 2009) | Al Grimes, Cuyahoga Fatherhood Initiative |
| B. House Bill 1<br>OCF statute amendment  | Senator Ray Miller                        |
| C. Fathers' Month Proclamation  | Representative Alan Sayre                 |
| D. OCF Vacancies  | Peter Lawson Jones                        |
| E. Rescheduling of July 2009<br>OCF Meeting   | J. Tracy Robinson                         |
| F. OCF Bylaws, Section 5.05 Revision  | Monica Mahoney                            |
| <b>VIII.</b> Announcements & New Business   |   |
| <b>IX.</b> Adjournment  |   |



## ANNOUNCEMENT

Treasurer Kevin L. Boyce's office and the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and Ohio will co-sponsor a Fiscal Fitness for Fathers Conference on September 18, 2009 in Columbus.

### Brief Description:

Fiscal Fitness for Fathers will be the first of what will become an annual one-day conference. Through a series of financial workshops, the conference will provide meaningful and engaging learning opportunities for fathers across socioeconomic demographics. The goal of the conference is help fathers make informed decisions that will result in healthy financial futures for their families.

### Partners:

Ohio Treasurer Kevin L. Boyce's Office  
Ohio Commission on Fatherhood  
Ohio Council of Urban Leagues  
Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs  
Columbus State Community College

Date: September 18, 2009

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Location: Columbus Ohio (Exact Location TBA)

### Conference Goals:

- The day long conference will bring together fathers from all over Ohio to attend informative workshops, motivational educational sessions, and a vendors fair to provide tools and resources for fathers.
- The conference will be the catalyst for regional Fiscal Fitness for Fathers programming that will provide sustainable impacts and systemic changes for fathers regarding finances.
- Develop future regional workshops for individual community organizations and groups.

For more information please contact Andre Lampkins in the Treasure of State's Community Education and Engagement Department at (614)466-7923 or [andre.lampkins@tos.ohio.gov](mailto:andre.lampkins@tos.ohio.gov).

# Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

Minutes from the Meeting of  
Tuesday, March 24, 2009

<b>Commissioners Present:</b> Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones, Chairman Mr. David Kontur, Vice Chairman Ms. Rose Handon, Secretary Councilman Kevin Conwell Mr. Robert Boykins Mr. Robert "Bo" Chilton Mr. Cedric Collins Mr. Thomas "Eddie" Joyce Dr. Diane Karther Mr. Steven Killpack Mr. Greg Landsman Mr. Scott Neely	<b>OCF Staff Present:</b> Mr. J. Tracy Robinson, Executive Director Mr. Derrick Bryan Ms. Monica Mahoney Mr. Stanley Upton
<b>Commissioners Represented by Designee:</b> Senator Ray Miller (by Calvin N. Cooper)	<b>Guests:</b> Reverend Eli Williams, Urban Lights Ministry Pastor Eugene Norris, Summit County Fatherhood Initiative Mr. Al Grimes, Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative Mr. Kevin Lottes, Supreme Court of Ohio Mr. Gerald Anderson, Fatherhood House Mr. Winston Gragg, Men Who Are Fathers Ms. Rhonda "RJ" Frazier, The Transformation Place

## I. Call to Order & Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by Vice Chairman David Kontur. Chairman Peter Lawson Jones was en route from Cleveland and arrived soon thereafter to chair the meeting. A quorum was achieved.

## II. Introduction of Commissioner Robert Boykins

Commissioner Robert Boykins was appointed by Deborah S. Delisle, Superintendent of Public Education, as her designated representative to the OCF, effective January 30, 2009. Mr. Boykins stated that he is very committed to the issue of father involvement and is honored to be appointed to serve on the Commission. He also shared that he has been married for 15 years and is the

father of five children. Director Robinson said that he looks forward to collaborating with Commissioner Boykins and the Department of Education.

### **III. Minutes from January 27, 2009**

Commissioner Kontur moved with Commissioner Cedric Collins seconding that the minutes from the meeting of January 27, 2009, be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **IV. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Robinson provided a written summary of his activities in February and March, minutes from the March 12th grantee conference call and an invoice summary of all ten grantee programs. Those documents are incorporated into these minutes. Director Robinson highlighted the following events from the past two months:

- Meeting on February 27th with Gene Smith, OSU Athletic Director, to discuss the development of a program and curriculum to help athletes succeed as fathers.
- Meeting on February 19th with Read Allen, Columbus Crew Community Outreach Director, to plan a fatherhood event sponsored by the team and to be held at Crew Stadium on September 13, 2009.
- Meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> with Nan Beeler and Dr. Leslie Ahmadi of the Institute for Human Services ("IHS"). IHS has a contract with the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program ("OCWTP"). Discussed collaborating to create new curriculum and conferences for OCWTP focused on identifying and engaging fathers.
- Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> with Amy Swanson, Voices of Children Executive Director, to discuss ways to make county government more father-friendly. September OCF retreat identified Voices for Children as a potential collaborating organization.

- OCF requested that every grantee program submit the names of the legislators who represent their district. Director Robinson will continue meeting with legislators to inform them about the work of the OCF.
- The OCF website ([www.fatherhood.ohio.gov](http://www.fatherhood.ohio.gov)) was launched and featured on the Ohio government main page. Since the site launch, OCF has received e-mail and telephone inquiries from people and organizations throughout Ohio and Illinois.
- OCF staff set up an intranet site for use by all grantee programs ([www.ohiofathers.webexone.com](http://www.ohiofathers.webexone.com)) which includes a calendar of upcoming program events, links to all grantee programs and a forum for discussion. OCF plans to post future Requests for Proposals (“RFPs”) and program evaluation forms on the website so that the information and data gathered will be consistent across programs. Stanley Upton will e-mail all commissioners, inviting them to join the intranet site.

Greg Landsman, Director of the Governor’s Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (“GOFBCI”) was very impressed with the OCF intranet site and requested that Mr. Upton train GOFBCI staff on establishing a similar site for that office. Mr. Landsman offered to provide the name of contacts with the Cincinnati Reds and Cincinnati Bengals’ executive offices for possible sponsorship of future fatherhood events.

#### **V. “Dadz Breakfast” Presentation**

Reverend Eli Williams, Director of Urban Light Ministries (“ULM”), made a presentation. He highlighted the “Dadz Breakfast” held at a public elementary school on February 6th. ULM arranged for Bob Evans® restaurants to sponsor the event and provide a hot breakfast for the fathers and children who attended. Over 300 people participated, and the event was featured in the Dayton Daily News. Since the event, more than ten other school principals have contacted ULM about holding a “Dadz Breakfast” at their schools. Al Grimes noted that Cleveland has a “Donuts for

Dads” program and suggested that ULM contact local PTAs and school superintendents about possible funding for future breakfasts.

Since receiving their OCF grant, Urban Light Ministries has served 185 fathers including sixty incarcerated fathers, forty middle school boys, and eighty-five custodial fathers. The middle schools boys participate in a premature fatherhood prevention class whose motto is “become a man before you become a father.” ULM provides free monthly father-child events in the nine counties throughout their region, including a new Spanish-language “Nurturing Fathers” class.

Mr. Landsman asked whether ULM offers incentives for fathers to participate in its programs. Reverend Williams replied that ULM empowers fathers from the start. When a father commits to participates in ULM’s 12-week fatherhood course, the fathers are paid for sharing their experiences and in effect become the meeting leaders.

Chairman Jones suggests that during the monthly conference calls, Director Robinson ask one grantee to highlight some aspect of its program that was particularly successful, e.g. ULM’s “Dadz Breakfast.”

## **VI. Discussion and Decision**

### **A. Proposed OCF Statute Revisions**

Commissioner Steve Killpack reviewed the proposed revisions to the OCF statute, O.R.C. 5101.34. House Bill 1 proposes the addition of the Director of ODADAS as a commissioner. Although Chairman Jones cautioned that the statute only be amended to add agencies whose mission is to serve fathers, he suggested that we agree to add the Director of ODADAS, Angela Cornelius Dawson, because of her genuine interest in the Commission and her promise to personally attend all OCF meetings if her agency is added as a commission member.

After review of the proposed changes, Commissioner Kontur moved to adopt the statute as revised. Commissioner Diane Karther seconded the motion, and the proposed amendments to the statute were unanimously approved.

As a matter of strategy, Chairman Jones suggested that we seek to have the proposed OCF statutory revisions amended into House Bill 1. Commissioner Collins advised that the deadline for proposed amendments to House Bill 1 is this Thursday. Director Robinson promised to contact Representative Sayre and all OCF commissioners who are also legislators and ask them to champion our proposed changes as part of House Bill 1. Chairman Jones said he would discuss this with Governor Strickland when he met him later that day. Copies of the proposed amendments of the OCF statute were given to Chairman Jones to share with the Governor.

#### **B. Fathers' Month Proclamation**

Monica Mahoney drafted proposed language for a Fathers' Month Proclamation. Commissioner Conwell has drafted related legislation that he plans to present to the Cleveland City Council and which he will share with the OCF. Commissioner Conwell suggested that we add language urging President Obama to create a national commission on fatherhood. Ms. Mahoney revised the proclamation to include his suggestion and provided copies to Chairman Jones to share with the Governor. Chairman Jones noted that our motions regarding the OCF statute and fatherhood proclamation both require legislative support yet there were no commissioner-legislators in attendance. He hopes our legislators will be present at our next meeting.

#### **C. Subcommittee Meetings**

The Ad Hoc Committee on Grantee Evaluations met by conference call. OCF staff worked with Commissioner Killpack to create program evaluations of the ten grantee programs. Copies of the program summaries were distributed at the meeting, and Mr. Upton will e-mail

copies to all commissioners. Four of the programs are exceeding their target goals (Urban Light Ministries, East Toledo Family Center, ARCA and Forever Dads); however, many of the grantee programs need to increase their levels of participation, capacity building and outreach.

#### **D. Proposed Revision of Section 5.05 of OCF Bylaws**

Ms. Mahoney presented a proposed amendment to section 5.05 of the OCF bylaws that was not discussed at the previous OCF meeting at which the Commission unanimously approved the bylaws. Ms. Mahoney recommended that section 5.05 be amended to provide that vacancies in membership “shall not impair the rights of a quorum to perform all the duties of the Commission.” The proposed amendment was adopted without dissent. Chairman Jones then requested that the Commission consider an additional amendment of the bylaws which would provide that, should a member leave a Commission meeting after a quorum has been established, his or her departure would not defeat the quorum. Ms. Mahoney will draft language that embodies the Chairman’s proposal for the Commission to consider at its next meeting.

#### **E. Commissioners’ Expense Reimbursement**

Ms. Mahoney reminded commissioners to submit all travel related expenses from 2007 and 2008 OCF meeting to her by the end of March.

#### **F. OCF Funding Discussion**

Chairman Jones noted that representatives from a number of state commissions have testified before the Ohio House Finance and Appropriations Committee on the budget bill and inquired whether Director Robinson has been invited to testify. The Executive Director has not been invited to testify, but he would be willing to do so.

Greg Landsman did not think testifying would be the best strategy. He stated that he has spoken with his contacts in the Governors’ office and key legislators to ensure OCF’s funding is included in the budget. Although earmarks have been eliminated in the current

budget, GOFBCI will provide funds to OCF as an inter-agency transfer. Mr. Landsman is confident that OCF will receive the same percentage of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ("TANF") funds GOFBCI awarded OCF in the previous budget although GOFBCI's TANF allotment has been reduced from \$13 to \$7 million. He will find out whether the commissions that have testified before the Ohio House are receiving TANF funding and advise Director Robinson and Chairman Jones.

Chairman Jones noted that the Governor's Transition Report on the OCF and fatherhood-related issues urged that OCF be an autonomous body. He also suggested that OCF enlist our legislator-commissioners to protect OCF funding. Mr. Landsman and Director Robinson will make the reappointment of legislators to the Commission a priority.

#### **G. New RFPs Discussion**

Director Robinson has begun work with ODJFS on the new RFPs which will include different grant types, grant amounts and quantitative and qualitative program evaluations. He is also creating a timeline for rolling out the RFPs. They should be drafted by May and funds will be awarded over two years. Director Robinson plans to hold a series of meetings throughout Ohio to present the new RFPs and assist applicants in completing applications so that grants can be awarded by July 1, 2009.

Based on the performance of the current grantees, Director Robinson anticipates awarding new grants to three of the current recipients. Any money not spent by the current grantees will go to ODJFS for welfare cash payments rather than be returned to the federal government.

Commissioner Conwell asked if the new RFPs could include an evaluation question about how much time fathers spent in church before and after participating in fatherhood programming. Mr. Landsman noted that it is well established that the First Amendment of

the United States Constitution prohibits the use of public funds to support religious activities. Mr. Landsman said he would contact the U.S. Department of Health to learn how they have handled this potential conflict. He believes that any grantee that is religiously affiliated has to establish a separate 501(c) (3) non-profit in order to qualify for TANF funds.

## **VII. Announcements & New Business**

- Commissioner Conwell announced the Young African-American Male Resource Fair in Cleveland on March 26th. All are invited.
- Commissioner Collins suggested visiting a grantee program as part of a future Commission meeting.
- Mr. Upton will invite all commissioners to join the grantee intranet site which includes a calendar of upcoming grantee program events.

## **VIII. Next Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2009  
Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Place: Lazarus Building  
Conference Room A601  
50 West Town Street  
Columbus, Ohio

**IX. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

# Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

## Executive Director Report Summary – April - May 2009 Meeting

### 1. Outreach

#### **Executive Director made presentations at the following:**

Talbert House, Nurturing Fathers Graduation New Thought Center, Cincinnati, Ohio (March 31, 2009)

Infant Mortality Task Force, Ohio Center for Occupational Health and Safety, Pickerington, Ohio. Developing a plan to address infant mortality and disparities in Ohio. Discussed “What fathers can do to support healthy outcomes for mother and child during prenatal care?” Final report to Governor September 2009. (April 7, 2009)

Women of Achievement 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon, Breaking Down Barriers, YWCA Columbus, Ohio 2009. (April 8, 2009).

Talbert House, 2009 Fatherhood Celebration. Millennium Hotel Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. (April 24, 2009)

Wal-Mart Managers Diversity Training, Regional Operation Center, Gove City, Ohio. Provide Overview of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, Highlight the problem, strategies and goals. (April 28, 2009).

Forever Dads/Advance Fatherhood Ohio Spring 2009 Summit, Salt Fork State Park, Cambridge, Ohio. (April 30 – May 1, 2009).

PowerNet of Dayton, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Raising the Bar Ex-Offender Reentry Conference, Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio. (May 2, 2009)

Ohio Grantmakers Funders Brownbag program, Lunch & Learn, Increase awareness about fatherhood programs. Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and National Fatherhood Initiative. Cleveland, Ohio. (May 8, 2009)

Ironton-Lawrence Co. CAO Head Start Father's and Family Fun Festival, Central Park, Ashland, Ky., (May 8, 2009)

#### **Briefings:**

Governor's Office on Faith Based and Community Initiatives Advisory Council. Executive Director Robinson represents Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. Burl Lemon, Forever Dads will make a fatherhood presentation on serving Appalachian dads on June 25, 2009. (April 2, 2009)

Ohio State Treasures Office: Fatherhood and Finances

Met with Tei Street, Director, Community Education and Engagement Department, Traci Bell-Thomas, Marketing & Strategic Communications Manager, Public Affairs Department, Office of, Kevin L. Boyce; and Eddie Harrell, President & CEO, Columbus Urban League. Discussed co-hosting a statewide conference in Columbus, Ohio in Autumn 2009 on Fatherhood and Finances (April 9, 2009)

Community Fatherhood Awareness Program, Lighthouse REAL Dads, New Unity Thought Center, Cincinnati, Ohio. (April 16, 2009).

Gene Smith, Athletic Director, The Ohio State University. Second meeting to discuss development of fatherhood program for Athletic Department at The Ohio State University. (April 27, 2009).

### **Legislators**

State Representative Weddington (D-27th District) Columbus (first term)

Briefed Rep. Weddington on the purpose of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. He expressed a desire to join the commission as a member. He has requested the Speaker Budish Office for an appointment. (April 9, 2009)

Congressmen Steve Driehaus, U.S. House of Representatives, Cincinnati, Ohio. Briefed Congressmen Driehaus on Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. (April 16, 2009).

State Representative Marian Harris (D-19th District) Columbus (first term)

Briefed Rep. Harris on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood purpose. She recommended meeting with Rep. Yates to discuss proposed legislation from previous session on prevention of pregnancies. (April 13, 2009).

State Representative Michael DeBose (D-12th District) Cleveland. Briefed Rep. DeBose on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood purpose. Rep. DeBose expressed his support for the Commission.

Senator Jimmy Stewart (R-20th District) Albany Briefed Senator Stewart on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood purpose. (April 23, 2009).

State Senator Jason H. Wilson (D-30th District) Columbiana. Assistant Minority Whip. Briefed Senator Wilson on the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood purpose. He possesses a personal strategy for his own approach to fatherhood. (April 15, 2009)

Family Stability Legislative Agenda addressing our of wedlock births, divorce rates, child custody and child support. Hosted by State Senator Ray Miller, (D-15<sup>th</sup> District), Minority Whip and OCF Member. Columbus, Ohio. Senator Miller plans to introduce legislation to the Ohio General Assembly in near future. (May 1, 2009).

Fatherhood Commission Invoice Summary

SFY 09 Fatherhood	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total 08	Total Left to Spend
<b>Alvis House</b>								
Clients Served (goal 60)	22	17	19	29	20	71	178	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 26,006.22	\$ 28,744.09	19047.04				\$ 73,797.35	\$ 151,202.65
<b>ARCA</b>								
Clients Served (goal 100)	0	252	279	47	49	0	627	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 10,304.20	\$ 9,714.25	\$ 11,128.11	\$ 13,558.05	\$ 17,917.45	\$ 23,738.98	\$ 86,361.04	\$ 136,163.96
<b>CAA of Columbiana Co.</b>								
Clients Served (goal 100)	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	
<b>Total</b>		\$ 824.06	\$ 7,519.86	\$ 8,719.05			\$ 17,062.97	\$ 210,609.03
<b>Cleveland Eastside</b>								
Clients Served (goal 100)	0	0	11	24	40	66	141	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 13,029.34	\$ 16,085.18	\$ 16,088.71	\$ 17,547.60	\$ 19,481.88	\$ 18,431.11	\$ 111,549.73	\$ 113,443.27
<b>East Toledo Family Center</b>								
Clients Served (goal 100)	19	30	59	232	225	228	794	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 8,888.61	\$ 16,046.74	\$ 35,831.14	\$ 15,710.97	\$ 17,865.45	\$ 31,059.69	\$ 134,201.54	\$ 90,798.46
<b>Forever Dads</b>								
Clients Served (goal 100)	27	38	28	29	2	0	153	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 11,220.79	\$ 15,835.71	\$ 11,508.34	\$ 21,895.88	\$ 31,151.85	\$ 43,302.76	\$ 139,606.89	\$ 85,393.11
<b>Ironton-Lawrence CAO</b>								
Clients Served (goal 100)	13	16	10	0	132	86	257	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 33,927.06	\$ 33,927.06	\$ 10,365.35	\$ 13,209.33			\$ 57,501.74	\$ 167,089.26
<b>Urban Lights Ministries</b>								
Clients Served (goal 100)	0	78	45	29	77	56	285	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 21,270.70	\$ 20,895.15	\$ 26,873.78	\$ 26,530.57	\$ 22,101.37		\$ 123,571.82	\$ 101,355.78
<b>WSOS CAC Region 6</b>								
Clients Served (goal 100)	7	52	21	17	37	12	146	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 5,686.38	\$ 13,950.41	\$ 11,270.72	\$ 13,612.62	\$ 14,618.26		\$ 59,138.39	\$ 165,861.61
<b>WSOS CAC Region 2</b>								
Clients Served (goal 100)	0	6	26	31	11	50	124	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 6,431.70	\$ 17,172.97	\$ 8,664.67	\$ 17,779.77	\$ 12,149.50		\$ 62,198.61	\$ 162,801.39
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$ 102,837.94	\$ 173,195.62	\$ 158,297.72	\$ 148,563.84	\$ 135,285.76	\$ 116,532.54	\$ 864,990.08	\$ 1,384,718.52
<b>Clients Served All Programs</b>	88	489	498	458	593	569	2725	

\*\* Pending TANF and Executive Director Approval

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**Legislative Strategy of OCF**

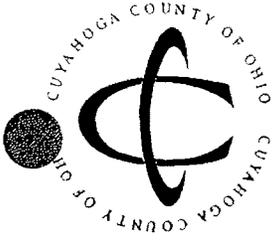
First	Last	Home/Cty	Meeting	Discussed	Party	District	Leadership	Grantee District	Legislation
1	John	Sidney			R	78	Minority Whip		
2	Kevin	Columbus	Aug-08		R	21			
3	Troy	Muskingum	29-Apr	Briefed on OCF	R	94		Forever Dads	
4	William	Medina			R	69	Minority Leader		
5	Louis	Hamilton			R	29	Assistant Minority Leader		
6	Linda	Columbiana	15-Apr	Briefed on OCF	D	1		Columbiana	
7	Todd	McDermott			D	89		Ironton-Lawrence	
8	Barbara	Cleveland			D	9			
9	Edna	Toledo	Dec-08		D	48		Northcoast Fatherhood	
10	Armond	Cleveland			D	8	Speaker of the House		
11	Michael	Cleveland	14-Apr	Briefed on OCF	D	12	Chair Faith Based Initiatives		
12	Clyde	Rio Grande			R	87		Ironton-Lawrence	
13	Jennifer	Marietta			D	93	Majority Floor Leader	Forever Dads	
14	Ray	Mansfield			D	73	Majority Whip/ VC Faith Based		
15	Marian	Columbus	13-Apr	Briefed on OCF	D	19			
16	Sandra	Trumbull	28-Apr	HB 40 and Briefed on OCF	D	65	Chair of Judiciary Committee		
17	Tracy	Columbus	Dec-08		D	26	Assistant Majority Floor Leader	Alvis House	
18	Kris	Delaware			R	2	Assistant Minority Whip		

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Legislative Strategy of OCF

	First	Last	Home/Cty	Meeting	Discussed	Party	District	Leadership	Grantee District	Legislation
19	Tom	Letson	Warren	28-Apr	HB 40	D	64	Chair Ways & Means		HB 40
20	Clayton	Luckie	Dayton			D	39			
21	Dale	Mallory	Cincinnati			D	32			
22	Ross	McGregor	Springfield			R	72		Urban Lights	
23	Eugene	Miller	Cleveland	Sep-08		D	10		ARCA	
24	Allan	Sayre*	Dover	22-Apr 28 Apr	HB 1 and Fatherhood Proclamation	D	96	Assistant Majority Whip		
25	Vernon	Sykes	Akron	Jan-09		D	44	Chair Finance & Appropriations		HB 1
26	Matt	Szollosi	Toledo			D	49	Speaker Pro Tempore		
27	Peter	Ujvagi	Toledo			D	47		Northcoast Fatherhood	
28	Jeff	Wagner	Sycamore			R	81		WSOS	
29	W. Carlton	Weddington	Columbus	9-Apr	Contacted House for appointment to OCF	D	27			
30	Sandra	Williams	Cleveland			D	11	Chair Economic Development	Cleveland Eastside, ARCA	
31	Tyrone	Yates	Cincinnati			D	33	Chair Criminal Justice		Teen Pregnancy
		*OCF Commission Members								





COMMISSIONER  
Peter Lawson Jones

May 1, 2009

The Honorable Sandra S. Harwood  
Chair, Judiciary Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Letter of Support for H.B. 40

Dear Representative Harwood:

I am writing in my capacities as a Cuyahoga County Commissioner and Chairman of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood to express my support for House Bill 40 which, if enacted, would require employers to allow a parent to exercise parenting time according to a court ordered schedule and prevent employers from terminating the parent's employment, reducing the parent's pay or take any other similar adverse action against the parent for such exercise.

Recognizing that state government should neither explicitly or tacitly countenance actions that are injurious to the interests of parents who have been awarded visitation rights, I endorse this proposal as a means of ensuring that such parents will be able to spend quality time with their children without fear of repercussion from their employers. The legislation is also necessary to facilitate non-custodial parents' taking an active role in the lives of their offspring, thereby enhancing the physical, mental and emotional health of both children and families. Additionally, by passing this legislation Ohio will build upon its reputation as a family-friendly state.

I thank you for your time and attention and, once again, strongly urge you to favorably consider House Bill 40. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (216) 443-7182 should you wish to discuss my support of the subject measure in greater detail.

Sincerely,

Peter Lawson Jones

PLJ/caw

**OHIO FATHERHOOD COMMISSION  
AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE  
PRESENT  
2009 FATHERHOOD SUMMIT  
“CELEBRATING FATHERS FOR 100 YEARS”  
JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND JUNE 20, 2009**

**Wednesday – June 17, 2009**

5pm – 7pm **Registration** – First Day of Conference

6pm – 9pm **Opening Night Reception-** Honoring Governor Ted Strickland and  
Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones

**Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Ohio Commission on Fatherhood/Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative (Aldonis Grimes and Tracy Robinson)

**Acknowledgements:** Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative (Aldonis Grimes and Tracy Robinson)

**Remarks:** Governor Ted Strickland (Wade Rakes)

Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones

*(Music provided by John Perry Jazz Trio) Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, open bar)*

**Thursday - June 18, 2009**

7am – 4pm **Registration**

8am-3:30 pm **Resource Fair**

8:30 am – **Welcome-** Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative (Aldonis Grimes and Tracy Robinson)

**Purpose**

**Invocation:**

8:45- 10:00 am **General Plenary Breakfast: Fatherhood: “Legislation and Public Policy”.** This session will review and discuss pending and proposed legislation, methods to educate and influence policy makers.

**Facilitator:** State Senator Ray Miller?

**Panelists:** State Representative Allan Sayre? State Representative Kevin Bacon , Kevin Conwell ?

\* Other panelists to be identified

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10:15 am – 11:45 am **-Morning Forum I** “Special Session For Young Fathers-*Young Fathers Care.* “ Building strong self -esteem in their children and developing fathers from boys to men, testimonial and stories from young fathers both those living with their children and those who are living apart from their children the joys and challenges of young parents. Family health experts will weigh in on this subject.

**Moderator:** Robert Chilton?/Stephan Hawkins (Teen Father Program Administrator)

**Panelists:** (6) Fathers from various ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds – (2) experts in behavioral health and family counseling

\* Panelists to be added.

10:15 pm – 11:45 am – **Morning Forum II:** “*Images of Fathers In the Media*”- *The Portrayal of fathers and the impact these images have on the development of the family. This session will explore how society is portraying fathers and how we want them to be portrayed.*

**Moderator:** Diane Karther?/Arnel Hurt/Dave Kontur?

**Presenters:** Obie Shelton, Margaret Bernstein, Sharon Broussard- Editors of Print and Electronic Media and (2) Professional Experts -(clips of examples provided by practitioners)

\* Other panelists to be added.

12 pm – 1:30 pm **-Lunch:** “*Celebrating Fathers for 100 Years*”

**MC:**

**Invocation**

**Opening Remarks:** Douglas Lumpkin?

**Music**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Closing Remarks:**

**Benediction**

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1:45pm-3:00 pm **Workshop I:** *“The Special Relationship Between A Father and His Daughters”- A close look at the impact a positive relationship has on both a father and his daughter. The first male a daughter loves should be her father.*

**Moderator:** Robert Boykins ?/Maurice Stevens

**Panelists:** \* Panelists to be identified

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm **Workshop II:** *“Let’s Talk Jobs and Business Opportunities”. An opportunity for participants to learn what is available through the Federal Stimulus Plan and the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, where the jobs are and funding for business opportunities and non profit organizations.*

**Moderator:** Sara Parks Jackson

**Panelists:** Larry Bender, Executive Assistant to Mayor Jackson, Jeanetta Johnson, Development Finance Analyst, County Microloan, Christine Henry, Executive Director WECO Microloan

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm – **Afternoon Forum:** *“Promising Practices Serving Fathers in Ohio: Highlighting successful fatherhood programs and funding opportunities.*

**Facilitator:** Tracy Robinson and Aldonis Grimes

**Panelists:**

\* Panelists to be identified by Tracy (State) and Al (County)

## **Friday –June 19, 2009**

7am-12pm - **Registration**

8am-3pm **Resource Fair** – all day

8am-9:30am **Public Officials/Funders Breakfast**

**Invocation:** Rev. Steven Rowan

**Moderator:** Eric Fingerhut (?)

**Panelists:** Bill O’Neill, Senator Shirley Smith, Denise Zeman,

\* Additional panelists to be identified.

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9am-10am **Workshops**

**Workshop I:** *Financial Literacy “Learning How To Succeed In Today’s Financial Environment”* This will provide basic information on managing a checking account, recovering from bad credit and staying on top of your finances. There will be an opportunity to sign up with agencies for more training.

**Facilitator:**

**Panelists:** Poppie Parish, Clifford King, Lawrence Sharp, Michael Taylor (Job Corps),

\* Other panelists to be identified.

**Workshop II:** *“Custody and Parenting Time 411.”* Gaining the knowledge necessary to ensure your legal rights as a father/parent.

**Facilitator:** Susan Organiscak, Ray T. Miller?

**Panelists:** Judith Layne (GAL Administrator), Mary Malloy (Attorney- Developed “Parenting in Separate Household Seminar”) Darella Motley

\*Other panelists to be identified.

**Workshop III:** *“Faith Matters”* – An open dialogue on the role that spirituality plays in the decision-making and behavioral patterns of families. There will be representation from various faiths on the panel.

**Facilitator:** Muqit Sabur, Rose Handon ?

**Panelists:** Steve Clapp, Christian Community, Rev. Kenneth Chalker, Pastor First Baptist Church, Rabbi Richard Block

\* Other panelists to be identified.

**Workshop IV:** *“From Prison to Home –Inside Out- Bridging the Gap for Families.”* Will address overcoming barriers and researching opportunities for success as you transition back into the community.

**Facilitator:** Dr. B. A. Moore

**Panelists:** Caroljean Gates, Mike Randle (DRC), Edward Little/Luis Vasquez

\* Other panelists to be identified.

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**10am-11: 45am-Town Hall Meeting: An opportunity for open dialogue between clients, practitioners and service providers.**

**Moderator:** TV News Reporter

**Panelists;** Judge Allison Floyd, Aldonis Grimes, Jim Viviani (Child Support Director), Susan Organiscak (Justice Affairs Office of Mediation), (Workforce Development Director)

\* Other panelists to be identified.

**12-2pm - Awards Luncheon:**

**Master of Ceremony: Wayne Dawson (Fox 8 News)**

**Invocation:**

**Welcome:**

**Musical Selection:** The Cleveland Public School Jazz Ensemble

**Lunch**

**Musical Selection:** Rainy Institute Students

**Introduction of Key Speaker:** Honorable Peter Lawson Jones

**Keynote Speaker:** Mark Shapiro, Cleveland Indians General Manager

**Father Recognition Awards:**

**Ohio Fatherhood Commission Recognition:**

**County Department Recognition:**

**Essay Celebrating Dads Recognition:**

**Closing Remarks:**

**Benediction**

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2:30pm-3:45pm **Workshops:**

**Workshop I:** Involving Latino Fathers “*Experiences From The Field*”-*Different Culture/Same Issues. Cultural competency and where to go for help.*

**Facilitator:** Max Rodas

**Panelists:** Felix Muniz, Andres Gonzalez, Jose Feliciano

*\*Other panelists to be identified.*

**Workshop II:** “New Dads and Teen Dads”- (*Identifying the development needs of children and understanding the importance of being an active father from the start.*)

**Facilitator:** Sandy Hoch

**Panelists:** Bob Farmerie, Eric Czatt, Lydia Furman, MD (UH peds), James Wingo

*\* Other panelists to be identified.*

**Workshop III:** “How to Make CSEA My Friend” -The Rights of Fathers (Child Support Enforcement Agency) is your child support order correct, are you paying too much? This session will offer valuable information surrounding paternity and child support establishment. It will also remove myths about CSEA and prove to be a good source of information, showing how to stay pro-active with your cases and provide win-win solutions for families.

**Facilitator:** Mike Falatach

**Panelists:** John Latimer, Support Officer II, Akilah Rasheed-Tinsley, Support Officer III, Diane Tubbs, Support Officer II, Carri Brown, State Department of Child Support

*\* Other panelists to be identified.*

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**SATURDAY – FATHER AND FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO**

10:00 am – 1:30 pm **Registration – Doors Open**

10:00 am – Food Service Begins – Invocation and Welcome

Music begins

10:30 am – 1:45 pm – **Continual Entertainment**

Clowns

Face Painting

Rock N Robots

Musical Groups

Dancing Groups

Raffle (every 15 minutes)

2:00 pm – **Closing Remarks – Families can visit the Zoo and Rainforest until closing**

**Proposed Revisions to OCF Statute**

**5101.34 Ohio commission on fatherhood.**

(A) There is hereby created in the department of job and family services the Ohio commission on fatherhood. The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1)(a) Four members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, not more than two of whom are members of the same political party. Two of the members must be from legislative districts that include a county or part of a county that is among the one-third of counties in this state with the highest number per capita of households headed by females.

(b) Two members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, each from a different political party. One of the members must be from a legislative district that includes a county or part of a county that is among the one-third of counties in this state with the highest number per capita of households headed by females.

(2) The governor, or the governor's designee;

(3) One representative of the judicial branch of government appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

(4) The directors of health, job and family services, office of child support, rehabilitation and correction, youth services, and alcohol and drug addiction services, and the superintendent of public instruction, or their designees;

**Comment:** H.B.1 includes this addition

(5) One representative of the Ohio family and children first cabinet council created under section 121.37 of the Revised Code appointed by the chairperson of the council;

(6) Seven representatives of the general public appointed by the governor. These members shall have extensive experience in issues related to fatherhood.

**Comment:** If OADAS added, add 7 members of public so have odd number of commissioners

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(B) The appointing authorities of the Ohio commission on fatherhood shall make initial appointments to the commission within thirty days after the effective date of this section. Of the initial appointments to the commission made pursuant to divisions (A)(3), (5), and (6) of this section, three of the members shall serve a term of one year and four shall serve a term of two years. Members so appointed subsequently shall serve two-year terms. A member appointed pursuant to division

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(A)(1) of this section shall serve on the commission until the end of the general assembly from which the member was appointed or until the member ceases to serve in the chamber of the general assembly in which the member serves at the time of appointment, whichever occurs first. The governor or the governor's designee shall serve on the commission until the governor ceases to be governor. The directors and superintendent or their designees shall serve on the commission until they cease, or the director or superintendent a designee represents ceases, to be director or superintendent. Each member shall serve on the commission from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Members may be reappointed.

Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall serve on the commission for the remainder of that term. A member shall continue to serve on the commission subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor is appointed or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses.

### **5101.341 Chairperson - staff - funding.**

(A) The Ohio commission on fatherhood annually shall elect a chairperson from among its members. The department of job and family services shall provide staff and other support services for the commission.

(B) The commission shall appoint an executive director and fix his duties and compensation. The commission may also employ such other persons as are necessary to administer section 5101.342. The executive director and said employees, if any, shall serve in the unclassified status and at the pleasure of the commission.

**Comment:** Modeled on language in Ohio Civil Right Commission statute

(C) The commission may accept gifts, grants, donations, contributions, benefits, and other funds from any public agency or private source to carry out any or all of the commission's duties. The funds shall be deposited into the Ohio commission on fatherhood fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. All gifts, grants, donations, contributions, benefits, and other funds received by the commission pursuant to this division shall be used solely to support the operations of the commission.

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**5101.342 State summit – initiatives – annual report.**

The Ohio commission on fatherhood shall:

(A) Organize a state summit on fatherhood once every state biennium;

(B) Identify and fund public and non-profit sector sponsored fatherhood-related initiatives, including but not limited to programs that seek to:

(1) Increase public awareness of the critical role of fathers;

(2) Augment father-readiness by preventing premature fatherhood, building parenting skills, and providing employment-related services for low-income fathers;

(3) Promote and enhance father-child bonding, family reconciliation, and father-involvement in schools through education on topics such as childbirth, paternity, child support, custody, visitation, incarceration and reentry; and

(4) Develop relationship skills of all fathers to strengthen their capacity for success in parenting, employment, and marriage.

(C) Prepare an annual report each state fiscal year that evaluates programs and services to which funds were awarded. The commission shall submit each report to the president and minority leader of the senate, the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the governor, and the chief justice of the supreme court.

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(a) Build the parenting skills of fathers;¶

(b) Provide employment-related services for low-income, noncustodial fathers;

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**Proposed amendment to Section 5.05 of OCF Bylaws**

Should a member leave a Commission meeting after a quorum has been established, his or her departure does not defeat the quorum. Voting may proceed and the absent member is treated as having abstained from the vote.

Peter

This is the only similar language about members leaving a meeting after a quorum has been established. I think our language is more concise and accomplishes the same purpose. Please let me know if you have other suggestions or changes.

Monica

**3379-3-05 Quorum.**

A simple majority of the members of the Ohio arts council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and when a quorum is present, business may be transacted upon a simple majority vote of the members present at such meeting. In the absence of a quorum, any meeting may be adjourned from time to time by a vote of the majority of the members present thereat, but no other business may be transacted. In any adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally noticed. The members present at a duly called meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment.

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