



**July 2, 2007 – Akron, OH-** The Board of Trustees of Akron Summit Community Action, Inc., Councilman Michael D. Williams, Chairman, met Thursday, June 28, 2007 at Virtues, Akron City Hospital at 5:15 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Councilman Michael D. Williams, Chairman, representing Akron City Council

Dennis Prough-2nd Vice Chair, representing First Energy

Larry McDonald, CPA-Treasurer, Vice President LaSalle Bank

Claudia Coleman, Executive Director, Community Builders, Inc. representing North Akron Neighborhood Center

Thomas Johnson, Vice President, FirstMerit Bank

Sarah Layton, Head Start parent, representing Head Start Policy Council

Evonne Welton, Ph.D., Assistant Dean - College of Education, University of Akron

Judge John Quinn, representing Summit County Domestic Relations Court

Larry Stewart, United Streets Block Club, Vice President

Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio, representing Summit County Juvenile Court

Malcolm J. Costa, CEO/President, Akron Summit Community Action, Inc.

The mid- year meeting agenda engaged board members in lively dialogue and a collaborative exchange of ideas on a number of current and future Agency plans and objectives.

The Board of Trustees welcomed a new Trustee, Ms. Andrea Reynolds, Interim Director, Marketing and Public Relations at Akron Children's Hospital in pursuit of the Agency's mission – "To reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency".

In keeping with the agenda, the Board of Trustees received the Head Start program's triennial monitoring report of June 19, 2007 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families recognizing the Head Start program for being in full compliance and meeting quality standards in the areas of: Health, Nutrition, Safe Environments, Mental Health, Family and Community Services, Transportation, Education/ Early Childhood Development and Fiscal Management.

The Head Start Disabilities service plan was determined to be non-compliant in and is being corrected. Infant / toddler staff qualifications of one staff person was determined to be non compliant and was immediately corrected.

One thought-provoking agenda item focused on the ELI (Early Learning Initiative) Program and possibilities of expanding ELI services in Summit County. The Trustees approved subcontracting with six providers for ELI services for 7/1/07-6/30/08. These childcare providers include: Kids Play, Abacus, Kandy Kane, All About Kids, Project AGAPE and Salvation Army.

An additional item that garnered substantial enthusiasm was a presented by Bill Alford, Head Start Director, Richard Nelson, Vice President, and Malcolm J. Costa, CEO. The team provided the Board of Trustees Head Start/Early Head Start Program an annual briefing in preparation for finalizing the 2007- 08 program. The Board of Trustees also approved exercising a 1<sup>st</sup> year lease option for the Waterloo Head Start site, serving 146 preschool children and their families- located at 1205 E. Waterloo Rd. The Board will not meet in July or August of this year.

“This was a most energetic and stimulating Board meeting,” said Malcolm J. Costa, CEO and President, Akron Summit Community Action, Inc. “The Board of Trustees clearly understands their role guiding and directing the Agency and we appreciate the exchange with exceptional Summit County leaders.”