



North Dakota Community Action Board Training April 29, 2022

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TODAY'S TRAINING TOPICS

Workforce Development in North Dakota

HR5129

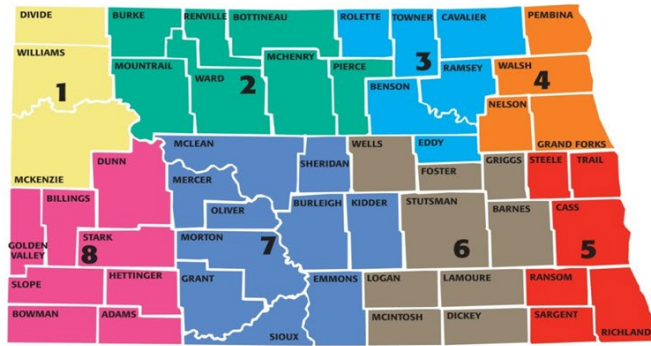
Board of Directors Retreats



“Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

**THE PROMISE OF
COMMUNITY ACTION**

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES IN NORTH DAKOTA



- Region 1 - Community Action Partnership - Williston/Dickinson
- Region 2 - Community Action Partnership - Minot
- Region 3 - Dakota Prairie Community Action - Devils Lake
- Region 4 - Red River Valley Community Action - Grand Forks
- Region 5 - Southeastern ND Community Action Agency - Fargo
- Region 6 - Community Action Program Region VI - Jamestown
- Region 7 - Community Action Program Region VII - Bismarck
- Region 8 - Community Action Partnership - Dickinson/Williston

North Dakota Executive Directors

- Erv Bren, Dickinson
- Kristina Brownell, Jamestown
- Kevin Cooper, Grand Forks
- Brandon Kjelden, Fargo
- Perry Lundon, Devils Lake
- Willy Soderholm, Minot
- Andrea Werner, Bismarck

WHY BOARD TRAININGS?



Community Action Agencies are each governed by a volunteer board of directors. Community Action Partnership of North Dakota, in conjunction with the North Dakota Department of Commerce, is committed to educating and training board members. We know this investment in leadership is important and trainings will help board members gain the appropriate tools to assist them in the board room.



Board trainings ensure members are current on their roles and responsibilities and have confidence in their leadership abilities while lending their expertise and knowledge to our network. On-going training is vital and makes our CAA boards informed, knowledgeable, and strong.



WELCOME, KATIE RALSTON HOWE!

North Dakota

Department of Commerce

**Workforce Development,
Director**



**H.R. 5129 – COMMUNITY SERVICES
BLOCK GRANT MODERNIZATION ACT**

H.R. 5129 BACKGROUND

- Poverty has many causes and consequences but most government programs for low-income people focus on a specific need like hunger, housing, skills development or early childhood education. Addressing one critical need, however, may not resolve all barriers to economic security for many poor individuals or families. **The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act authorizes a nationwide network of antipoverty agencies that take a unique approach.** They look at poverty holistically, starting at the local level, identifying the range of problems facing people and communities and then finding or creating comprehensive solutions.
- For more than 40 years, Congress has shown bipartisan support for CSBG and its network of local agencies. Generally known as Community Action Agencies (CAAs), more than 1,000 of these multipurpose human service agencies exist in virtually every county of the U.S., collectively known as the Community Action network. They have been authorized by the CSBG Act since 1981 and began during the War on Poverty in the 1960s. **Community Action is the only federal program with the overarching goal of reducing poverty, regardless of cause or condition.**

Reauthorizes the CSBG Act for 10 years – the longest reauthorization in CSBG history

Authorizes appropriations of \$1 billion per year for the first five years and “such sums as necessary” for the next five years.

Requires states to adopt 200% of poverty as the income eligibility level for CSBG

Raises minimum state allocation to $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% (from $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%), to be triggered when funding reaches a level that no states are disadvantaged compared to current levels

Community Action Innovations Program & Broadband Navigator Projects

Strengthens tripartite Board of Directors through specified operations, duties and required expertise

Maintains strong focus on performance measurement and promotes accountability





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you!*

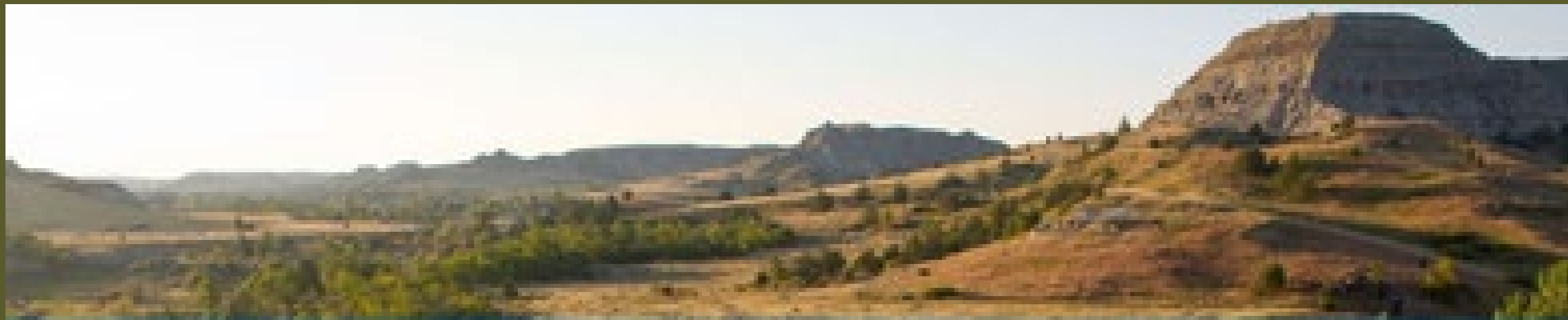
**The House Ed + Labor Members who
voted in favor of HR 5129!**

Chair Bobby Scott (D-VA-3)
Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12)
Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1)
Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-NY-16)
Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX-20)
Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick
(D-FL-20)
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Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11)
Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY-13)
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Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3)
Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-CT-5)

Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-7)
Rep. Mondaire Jones (D-NY-17)
Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez
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Rep. Kathy Manning (D-NC-6)
Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA-6)
Rep. Mary Miller (R-IL-15)
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Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN-5)
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Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA-41)
Rep. GT Thompson (R-PA-15)
Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA-7)
Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL-24)



2022-2023 BOARD RETREATS



September 13-14, 2022

Community Action Partnership of North Dakota Conference

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THANK YOU!

ANY
QUESTIONS?



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