

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday March 16, 2021**  
**Via Microsoft Teams hosted by Ohio EPA/OCAPP**

**CAP members Present via Teams:** Carolyn Cybulski, Glorianna Corman, John Pierko, Ben Stratton and Dan Sowry

**Absent:** Christina O’Keeffe, Rep. Shane Wilkin

**Non-member participants:** Jerry Rouch, Gretchen Craycraft, Steve Canter, Brooke Grant, Lexie Andrews and Jessica Cáceres

**Roll Call:** Lexie opened the meeting at 10 a.m. followed by introductions and roll call.

**Opening Remarks:** Lexie kicked the meeting off by introducing herself (Ohio EPA’s Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) Supervisor). Lexie shared that the meeting would be recorded and posted on Ohio EPA’s webpage. Lexie then handed the presentation off to Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) Chief, Jerry Rouch.

Jerry also provided updates on the 2020 [DEFA Annual Report](#), and highlighted the success of DEFA’s two state revolving fund programs, webinars, H2Ohio, the VCAC and the Encouraging Environmental Excellence Programs. Jerry elaborated on the H2Ohio projects that Ohio EPA is involved in focused on wastewater, drinking water, home sewage system replacements, upgrades and the replacement of lead service lines. Jerry also shared, for those interesting in learning more about H2Ohio, to visit the [H2Ohio webpage](#).

**Budget Update:** Next, Ohio EPA’s Deputy Director, Government Affairs, Gretchen Craycraft, introduced herself and provided a short update about Ohio EPA’s budget that Director Stevenson gave testimony to the previous week. Gretchen shared that she handles advocacy issues with state and local officials, monitors legislation and budget items that occur with the General Assembly. Gretchen also mentioned that the Director’s testimony given for the Agency’s budget is available on Ohio EPA’s webpage. Gretchen provided an update regarding the funding for H2Ohio as the Agency is looking to receive funding of about \$92 million over the next biennium which is a very large increase in funding to help communities in Ohio with infrastructure needs. Gretchen also said that the Agency is requesting to end fee sunsets as we currently have to renew the Agency’s fees every two years. Gretchen said they are asking for no new increases on fees. Gretchen also shared that one of the new regulatory changes the Agency is working on would increase the maximum number of scrap tires cleaned up at a no-fault site from 5,000 to 10,000 or more at the director’s digression, helpful to get more tires removed and removal the health risks that left over tires create

- Requesting to eliminate 2 fees: 15 app fee for solid waste program related to solid waste actions, VAP certified lab fee removed for a lab to become a VAP certified lab, 3,000 initial fee, \$500 renewal fee, the fee is currently duplicative as national standards are already in place
  - Reduction of regulatory burden
- Gretchen can be reached at:

**Ohio EPA Updates:** Dan Sowry shared that SBEAP annual report being submitted for Ohio EPA's OCAPP program. Dan also mentioned the nominations for the SBEAP awards and applications that Ohio submitted for a small business, MadTree Brewing. Dan continued with asking the CAP for future recommendations of small businesses that should be recognized. Next Dan shared that, through the SBEAP, OCAPP has been working with a regional representative from U.S. EPA Region V liaison Rae Trine to provide comments on the 6H regulations which mainly applies to automotive/collision repair shops that are coating something that will go out on the roadways. Dan then provided an update on the DEFA webinars the team is continuing to put on each month, one series is focusing on explaining environmental regulations to local leaders through the, "In Your Community" series and the other contains more technical sessions geared towards businesses and others in the regulated community. Dan also highlighted OCAPP's environmental webinars that were done to compliment BWC's Safety Congress. Through the four webinars OCAPP provided on March 12 were provided to over 1,500 attendees. Dan encouraged the CAP to keep an eye on future webinars and those that have been missed by visiting Ohio EPA's OCAPP webpage [training tab](#). After the training/webinar update Dan highlighted the DEFA annual report focusing on the 13,000 assistance requests that the team aided. Dan provided an update on Ohio EPA's E3 program talking about how there are three classifications in this program, one for businesses, one for community recognition and one for academia, specifically for grades K-12. More information can be found by visiting the [E3 webpage](#). Dan specifically mentions the newer recognition program that focuses on recognizing student lead initiatives at schools. The program is called Encouraging Environmental Excellence in Education (E4), for more information Dan suggested contacting Kelsey Heyob ([Kelsey.heyob@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:Kelsey.heyob@epa.ohio.gov)). Dan said that the goal of these programs is to highlight and recognize those businesses and communities and schools that have gone above and beyond. Lastly Dan mentioned that the team is in the beginning phases of planning for the Sustainability Conference, which is where recognition for the E3 programs would take place. Dan shared that the team is still working on theme and focusing on highlighting successes and stories, how they took that first step into sustainability.

**SBO Updates:** Brooke Grant provided an update about how OAQDA is charged by the General Assembly to serve as the Small Business Ombudsman for the Clean Air Act through their Clean Air Resource Center. Brooke shared that at the beginning of this fiscal year, OAQDA restructured their program. As a follow up to that restructuring, OAQDA implemented a outreach campaign and year to date have worked with seven small businesses, providing \$1.2 million in financing assistance, and awarding \$103,000 in grant dollars. The outreach campaign focused on trying to reach more of the rural areas. Brooke also asked the CAP to share OAQDA's information for businesses looking to install clean air technology.

Ben Stratton commented asking if Brooke had any advice on how to break down barriers for those businesses that would like assistance from OAQDA but are hesitant of working with Ohio EPA. Brooke and Lexie shared that it is really a partnership. Lexie added that OCAPP is non-regulatory and is always available for conversations to take some of the anxiety and apprehension away from working with Ohio EPA and OAQDA.

**Agenda & 2021 Meeting Schedule:** Lexie shared that the remaining meetings for 2021 will take place via Teams on May 18, August 17 and November 16.

**Open Discussion:** Lexie opened the meeting up for an open discussion.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at ~11:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Andrews, OCAPP Supervisor/CAP Secretariat