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APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.
COUNCIL BOARD ROOM
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

10:30  I.  Call to Order – Mr. Joe Dill, Chair
   A.  Invocation
   B.  Introduction of New Board Members and Guests
   C.  Approval of December 7, 2018 Board Minutes
      (Section 1, Board Packet)
   D.  December 31, 2018 Financial Statements [Information Only]
      (Section 2, Board Packet)

10:35  II.  The Opioid Epidemic in South Carolina and the Upstate, Part 2 – Ms. Brandi Simmons, Public Education Coordinator, the Phoenix Center, Ms. Michele Grecco, Child Abuse Prevention Director, GHS, and Ms. Rachel Richman, PharmD Inspector, DHEC Bureau of Drug Control
   Briefing:  This session follows up the presentation from the October Board meeting. Panelists will address prevention initiatives, youth outreach, regulations, and enforcement efforts.

11:05  III.  Request for Special Distressed Area Designation in Accordance with the Recently Amended SC Textile Communities Revitalization Act – Mr. Don Godbey, Chair, Regional Economic Development Committee and Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director (Section 3 Board Packet)
   Briefing:  The recently revised Textile Communities Revitalization Act provides tax credits for the re-development of abandoned textile mills. To be eligible for tax credits, the property must be located in a distressed area, as designated by the applicable council of governments. Distressed areas were designated by ACOG during the October Board Meeting.
In addition, it was decided that should a project be located outside a designated distressed area, the ACOG Board may create a special distressed area for the project, provided it meets the spirit and intent of the legislation. Such a request is being made for properties located at 356 Mauldin Road, Central, SC (formerly American House Spinning). The Economic Development Committee will present a recommendation concerning this special designation.

**Action Item**

11:15 IV. Appalachian Region 2018-2019 Aging Services Needs Assessment – Mr. Tim Womack, Aging Director

A link to the report is available on the home page of the ACOG website, at www.scacog.org. To request a printed copy, please contact Denise Ernul at dernul@scacog.org, or by phone at (864) 242-9733.

**Briefing:** AAAs (Area Agencies on Aging) are required by federal law to develop a needs assessment that is used to target services in a manner that most effectively serves the elderly population of the region. Mr. Womack will present findings from the recently completed 2018-2019 report.

11:40 V. Election of Board Officers to Serve for the April, 2019 – March, 2020 Term– Mr. Dennis Claramunt, Chair, Board Officer Nominating Committee

**Briefing:** The Board Officer Nominating Committee will recommend that the current officers be re-elected for a second term. Chair Joe Dill, Vice Chair Mike Forrester, Treasurer Henry Jolly

**Action Item**

11:45 VI. South Carolina 2019 Legislative Preview – Ms. Brooke Ferguson, Economic Development Director

**Briefing:** Ms. Ferguson will preview potential legislation to be addressed during the 2019 session of the South Carolina General Assembly, with emphasis on items of interest to local governments.

11:55 VII. Executive Director’s Report – Mr. Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

12:00 VIII. Adjourn to Lunch