



Cuyahoga County Transition

Brecksville Kiwanis

Thursday, July 15, 2010

- **November 3, 2009**

- Cuyahoga County voters adopt the Charter, establishing an executive/council form of government, eliminating the Board of County Commissioners and all elected offices except for the Prosecutor, fully effective January 2011.

- **November 19, 2009**

- The Board of County Commissioners appoint the Charter-mandated 3 person senior county official Transition Advisory Group (TAG) – James McCafferty, Gary Holland, Joseph Nanni

- Throughout **November**, many interested parties weighing in on **how** to transition

- County TAG planning a process
- New Cuyahoga Now, successor to Issue 6 group, planning a process

Transition Timeline

- **December 2009-mid January 2010**
 - Meeting with Gund Foundation
 - Transition web site and volunteer registration
 - Several meetings between TAG and New Cuyahoga Now to consider whether and how to work together
 - Meetings resulted in
 - Structure and Leadership
 - Volunteer and Workgroup Expectations
 - Transition Team Objectives
 - Initial Workgroup Charges
- **January 28, 2010**
 - 1st Executive Committee Meeting followed by meeting with all workgroup co-chairs at which goals, org chart, proposed roles and responsibilities, and workgroup charges were shared
- **February 17, 2010**
 - 1st Public Forum – sponsored by the PE Workgroup; seeking ways to involved 1000+ volunteers
- **Workgroup meetings begun – to date, 270 meetings of workgroups or subgroups have been held**
 - Meetings are public
 - Noticed with agendas on website; meeting summaries posted as well
- **April 2010 to present**
 - Project Manager role created

Transition Timeline

Spring Summer Fall 2010

- **Continuing workgroup meetings and public forums**
 - Public Forums – report outs of workgroup progress and/or education on selected topics; invite public input
- **June 24** – Candidate filing deadline
- **July 14** - TAG sponsored candidate session – 74 Exec and Council Candidates attended
- **August 31** – Workgroup recommendations to the Executive Committee
- September
 - primary election on September 7th for Executive and Council
 - Executive Committee vets recommendations; sends to TAG
- October – TAG vets recommendations
- **November 2nd** - general election for Executive and Council
- November-December
 - TAG offers recommendations to Executive and Council
 - Elected Official In-Service – CSU Levin College to partner
- **January 2011**
 - Elected Officials sworn in
 - Decisions on immediate recommendations made by executive and/or council

Transition Timeline – Next Steps

Recommend efficiencies in county government that will lead to reductions in total county government general fund expenditures of 15% in addition to the 11% reductions that were implemented in 2009

Identify and invest \$50 million per year of realized savings from above actions into significant job creation and economic growth in Cuyahoga County

Shift a greater percentage of overall expenditures and the balance of savings from above towards direct services to communities and taxpayers

Recommend enhanced capacities, streamlined structures and operation procedures necessary for the effective functioning of county government by January 1, 2011

County Transition Team Objectives

Citizens of Cuyahoga County

Transition Advisory Group

Appointed by the Board of County Commissioners:
Gary Holland, James McCafferty, Joseph Nanni

Transition Executive Committee

James McCafferty, Marty Zanotti, Co-Chairs
Sandy Cutler, José C. Feliciano, Mayor Frank Jackson, Randy McShepard,
Jerry Sue Thornton, Tom Zenty

Related Workgroups

County Government Collaboration

Mayor Bruce Akers
State Rep. Mike Foley
State Senator Nina Turner

Public Engagement

Harriet Applegate, Mary Denihan, Kelly Farrell,
Andres Gonzalez, Linda Lalley, Randy McShepard,
Robyn Minter Smyers, Lorna Wisham

Functional Workgroups

Boards and Commissions
Erin Davis
Adrian Maldonado

County Council Planning
Joanne Gross
Tim Reynolds
Jeanne Schmotzer

Economic Development
Sandy Pianalto
Judy Rawson
Lee Trotter

Finance/ Administration
Rick Fearon
Robin Thomas

Human Capital/ Quality Places
Lonnie Coleman
Harry Conard
Sharon Sobol Jordan

Human Resources
Tom Helfrich
Debbie Southerington

Human Services
John Begala
Rick Werner

Information Technology
Bill Blausey
Dan Weaver

Justice Services
Judge Larry A. Jones
David Kutik

Procurement and Public Works
David LaRue
Lenora Lockett

Organizational Chart

- **1081 volunteers** signed up on the website, expressing an interest in one or more workgroup areas
- **An additional 50-100 others** – both county employees and others have been asked to offer their expertise in a specific area
- **Workgroups**
 - Leaders - one or two county administrators and a community partner with expertise in an area selected by TAG and Executive Committee; given the flexibility to organize work as they saw fit
- **Executive Committee**
 - Guide/lead the process to achieve transformational realignment and realize efficiencies in county government
 - Ensure inclusion of entire community in transition process
 - Recommend/ seek support for technical assistance/consulting in strategic areas
 - Oversee the workgroups; ensuring adherence to timelines for work and written recommendations
 - Review/approve workgroup recommendations; forward to the Transition Advisory Group for review, approval and submission to the newly elected County Executive and Council by November 2010.
 - Ensure that the recommendations are seriously considered by newly elected officials
- **Transition Advisory Group**
 - Responsible for “developing recommendations for the orderly and efficient transition to the operation of the county government” - have entrusted the process for developing those recommendations to the community, using strategic leaders and volunteers in a process that is transparent and accountable

Who is involved?

- **Functional Workgroups**

- Functional areas impacted by the Charter; requiring consolidation and/or creation of new function and/or new relationship
- All workgroups are expected to review the existing operations of charter-impacted departments and agencies under their area; recommend organizational and operational structures and best practices in their areas to achieve efficiencies and transformational realignment where possible
- Many workgroups have created subgroups

- **Related Workgroups**

- Public Engagement – ensure volunteers are actively engaged; ensure broad community access to information and opportunity for input; champion transparency
- Government Collaboration – review county interaction with political subdivisions – programs, service delivery and dollars; recommend systematic plan for continuing interaction
- Campaign Finance Reform - being addressed outside of the transition process by the County Prosecutor

Workgroup Charges

- **Financial Support**

- Cuyahoga County - total \$7M allocated
 - \$3.8M - for September primary election
 - Costs associated with new commission offices and meeting chambers TBD
- Other Support
 - GCP Foundation, Foundations, Business Community

**County Budget and Transition
Resources**

Please visit
<http://charter.cuyahogacounty.us/>
for meeting notifications
and regular updates on the
Transition Process



Thank you