A Brief History of the Commission

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July 1, 1999 - The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood (OCF) was established through an amendment to the 2000-2001 biennial budget bill and codified in the Ohio Revised Code, section 5101.34. The bill was originally introduced as HB 195 in the 123rd Ohio General Assembly. Ten million dollars in TANF

funds were appropriated for the Commission in the biennial budget. Click

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Peter Lawson Jones on why he drafted the bill creating OCF.

Second half of 2000 - The OCF was constituted and began formally meeting. The commissioners developed a mission statement, appointed Tony Panzino as Executive Director and allocated funds to support community-based fatherhood programs across the state through County Family and Children First Councils.

July 1, 2001 - The OCF was not funded in the 2002-2003 biennial budget. Although it was not decommissioned, activity ceased

("coincidental" with more HHS-administered HMRF funding, \$150M/yr.

November 2006 – Acting Governor Strickland appointed the OCF Transition Agency Review Committee which issued a report recommending resuscitating and funding the commission.

July 1, 2007 - The OCF received \$2 million in TANF funds per year in the 2008-2009 biennial budget.

November 2007 – The OCF, under the umbrella of the Governor's Office on Faith Based and Community Initiatives, resumed formal meetings after a hiatus of nearly six and a half years.

July 2008 - The OCF funded 10 community-based programs throughout the state through a competitive RFGA process. Tracy Robinson was selected as the Executive Director. "Mobilization" indicates war.

July 1, 2009 - The OCF received \$1 million in TANF funds per year in the 2010-2011 biennial budget. An RFGA was released to fund community-based fatherhood programs throughout Ohio.

2010 – The OCF awarded funding to 8 community-based fatherhood programs located throughout Ohio.

2011 - The OCF launched the Ohio County Fatherhood Initiative which provided community-mobilization raining and canacity building grants to 12 Ohio counties

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NOTE: This legislation leads to directing distributing its funds (state-level) through County CFCs. Even in 2012. I recognized that this was a restructuring of cash flow to specialized entities which would be hard rack (if not gov't entities OR nonprofits

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More busywork for public-minded citizens to look up this entity, and its filing history

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