

AGENDA

**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.

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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

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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