

# ASCOG News 'n Briefs

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(L to R) ASCOG CED Planner Steve Kelly, Senator Chris Kidd, Representative Rande Worthen, Representative Marcus McEntire, and ASCOG CED Director Tom Zigler at OARC Legislative Reception

ASCOG Staff has been busy meeting with newly elected state officials and sharing ASCOG's mission and accomplishments. With continuing budget cuts, it is extremely important they know how much you depend on some of our programs. The new elected officials and who they replaced are listed below:

**Senate District 23 - SENATOR LONNIE PAXTON** replaces Senator Ron Justice.

**Senate District 31 - SENATOR CHRIS KIDD** replaces Senator Don Barrington.

**Senate District 43 - SENATOR PAUL SCOTT** replaces Senator Corey Brooks.

**House District 50 - REPRESENTATIVE MARCUS McENTIRE** replaces Representative Dennis Johnson.

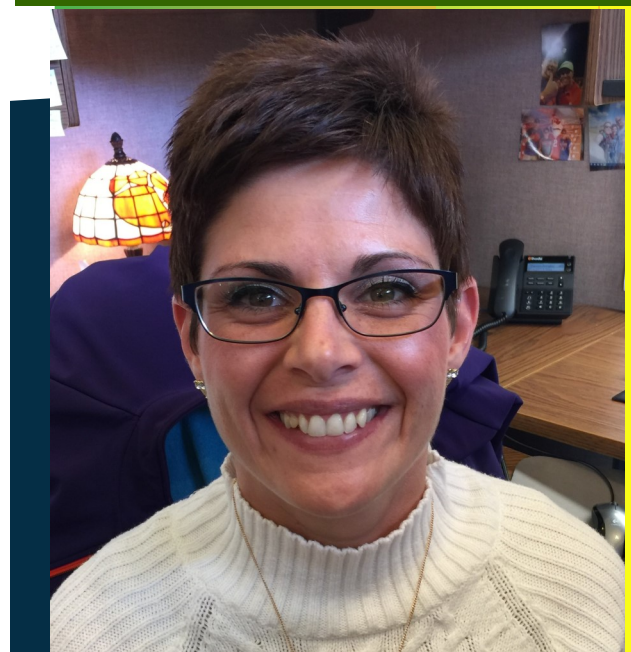
**House District 42 - REPRESENTATIVE TIM DOWNING** replaces Representative Lisa Billy.

**House District 60 - REPRESENTATIVE RHONDA BAKER** replaces Representative Dan Fisher.

**House District 64 - REPRESENTATIVE RANDE WORTHEN** replaces Representative Ann Coody.

## 2016 REAP CONTRACTS

All who have 2016 REAP Contracts have less than three (3) months to spend your REAP funds. The deadline is June 30, 2017. If you have any questions, contact **Tom Zigler** (580) 736-7971 or e-mail [zigl\\_to@ascog.org](mailto:zigl_to@ascog.org).



## SHANNON ARRINGTON

Shannon is the newest addition to ASCOG's Managed Care case managers. She is an LPN and has worked closely with the elderly in nursing homes. We now have a total of 11 case managers.

**NOTHING WORKS UNLESS YOU DO.**  
Maya Angelou

## **PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE**

A meeting was held February 28, 2017, at the RRTC in Duncan to discuss upcoming training opportunities as well as providing instructions on filling out the operational grant forms to be completed by mid-April. These forms will continue to be provided at each of the county meetings. Departments unrepresented will have the forms mailed to them. A BIG Thank You goes out to all the firefighters who attended the Destry Horton wildlife fire school at Fort Sill. A special thanks to the Lawton Fire Department for sponsoring the event as well as to the Fort Sill firefighters who worked hard to make the event a success. The Oklahoma Fire Chiefs' conference will be held in Tulsa on March 29 through 31. For more information, please contact **Perry Brinegar** at (580) 736-7023 or by email [brin\\_pe@ascog.org](mailto:brin_pe@ascog.org).

## **AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET ON MARCH 16**

The ASCOG Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council will meet at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, 1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway in Duncan on March 16 at 10:00 a.m. The location had to be changed since RRTC is closed for Spring Break.



## **ASCOG FULL BOARD TO MEET ON MARCH 16**

For the same reason, ASCOG's Full Board will also meet at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, 1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway in Duncan on March 16 at 6:30 p.m. Food will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m.

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

**Tom Zigler** and **Steve Kelly** have hosted stakeholder meetings for the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Planning Organization (SORTPO) in Frederick and Walters on February 15 and at Waurika and Duncan on February 21. The meetings were well attended in each of the four locations. Participants were invited to mark maps of their county maps to identify areas of concern relating to safety, road conditions, and assets. This marks the beginning of several attempts to gather sufficient information needed to formulate a transportation plan for SORTPO's 16 counties. **SORTPO has a website: [www.sortpo.org](http://www.sortpo.org), where you can express your opinion. Please take time to complete the survey!**

## **CDBG APPLICATIONS DUE DATES**

- Community Revitalization - March 31, 2017
  - Water and Wastewater Construction and Engineering - May 2, 2017
- (No application will be considered unless it includes a copy of the completed FY2016 Audit or Agreed Upon Procedures.)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

ASCOG is looking for volunteers to help with our Area Agency on Aging programs. We can use assistance running the Masonic Charity Foundation Grant, the Oklahoma Silver-Haired Legislature, and especially with the ombudsman program. Some training, travel and meetings should be expected. Contact **Ken Jones** for everything but ombudsman which is managed by **Darin Terry** 736-7975 and **Dacia Nix** 736-7974.

## **QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS**

Call **Ronnie Ward** at (580) 736-7970 or **Nancy English** at (580) 736-7019. We'd love to hear from you.