

Wisconsin National and Community Service Board

Board Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2015

Present: Anthony Hallman, Christine Beatty, Lisa Delmore, Scott Jones, James Langdon, Robert Guenther, Scott Watson (possible new board member), Paula Horning, Robert Griffith, Jane Moore, India McCause, Scott Fromader, Michael Hinman

Not Present Kathleen Groat, Amy McDowell, Angela Ahlgrim, John Scocos

Staff present: Tom Devine, Amy Porter, Jessica Kewin, Casey Sweeney and Steven Yule

Program Staff Present: Donna Lehmkuhl, UW Eau Claire - ECLIPSE; Pat Marcus, Boys & Girls Clubs of Milwaukee – SPARK; Cally Ehle, Easter Seals Wisconsin; Dominique Bradley, Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) - Farm to School; Brian Blahnik, Shelly Kaiser, Marshfield Clinic; Chad Harrie, UW Oshkosh; John Babbitt, Wisconsin Association for Homeless & Runaway Services; Connie Bettin, Dane Co. Human Services - Partners for After School Success; Gary Wagner, Renewal Unlimited; Steven Frodl, NCCAP AmeriCorps Team – Greater Wausau Area; Gwen Jordan, United Way of Dane County - Achievement Connections; Karen Dischler, United Way of Dane county Schools of Hope AmeriCorps Project; Katie Hulbert, Western Dairyland; Patrick Schrank, Milwaukee Christian Center; Andrew Hoyer Booth, WI Primary Health Care Association; Leah Hullinger, Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County – MAPP;

Next meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Vice Chair Lisa Delmore.

Introductions

The Commission members and Serve Wisconsin staff introduced themselves. AmeriCorps Program Directors who were present introduced themselves.

Public Comment

Brian Blahnik of Marshfield Clinic shared about the challenges in recruitment their program had been having this program year (2014-2015) and the changes made to address this issue.

Shelly Keiser of Marshfield Clinic presented regarding the Volunteer Wisconsin program and its upcoming learning opportunities occurring around Wisconsin and online.

Meeting Minutes

Christine Beatty moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 7, 2015. Second by Bob Guenther. The board unanimously approved the January 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

Review of 2015 Tentative Board Meeting Dates

*June 4, 2015 - Formula Funding & Governor Awards

*October 16, 2015 - Retreat

*December 17, 2015 - Funding Competition, Competitive

Tony Hallman moved to approve the change in the June 2015 meeting date from June 5, 2015 to June 4, 2015. Second by James Langdon. The board unanimously approved the change in the June 2015 meeting date from June 5, 2015 to June 4, 2015.

2015-2016 New Formula Request for Proposals with Identified Priorities

Jessica Kewin provided an overview of the 2015-2016 Formula Request for Proposals (RFP) and the identified priority areas associated with this RFP. Paula Horning moved to approve the Formula RFP with the identified

priority areas. Second by Christine Beatty. The board unanimously approved the New Formula Request for Proposals with identified priorities.

Identified Priority Areas for the 2015-2016 New Formula RFP:

Bonus points will be given to applications from organizations that will place members in Southwestern and/or Southern Wisconsin, and/or programs that will focus on early childhood (birth – 4K) or early elementary (5K – 3rd grade). Applicants would be assessed on a tiered scale based on the degree to which the program meets State priorities.

2015 Governor's Service Recognition

Amy Porter shared regarding the upcoming Governor's Service Recognition event to be held before the June 4, 2015 board meeting at Monona Terrace in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mayors Day

Casey Sweeny and India McCanse shared about the upcoming April 7, 2015 Mayors (County) Day of service. Board members were encouraged to participate in their local activities on this day bringing awareness to national service around the state. The goal of Mayors (County) Day is to leverage support in congress and to bring awareness to the great work national service is doing throughout the state.

InterCorps Council

Amy Porter and India McCanse shared about The InterCorps Council of Wisconsin which is to be a peer-led organization of National Service Participants representing State, National, VISTA, Tribal, SeniorCorps and AmeriCorps Alumni throughout Wisconsin. The vision of the InterCorps Council of Wisconsin is to promote engagement, communication and collaboration throughout national service in Wisconsin. The debut of this council will occur in the 2015-2016 program year.

State Service Plan

Paula Horning described the work that the State Service Plan Committee did on March 18, 2015. Recurring ideas around the plan included focusing on community based needs, outreach, awareness, volunteerism, and the quality measurement of outcomes related to service activities.

Update from Wisconsin AmeriCorps Program Directors Association

Katie Hulbert, Program Director of Western Dairyland Fresh Start, shared the recent work of the newly formed Wisconsin AmeriCorps Program Directors Association. Katie shared that this association acts as a support network to help AmeriCorps*State Program Directors understand the many requirements in running an AmeriCorps program. The next meeting is scheduled for July 2015. This association will work under shared leadership; wherever the meeting is located, that Program Director is responsible for organizing and running it.

Understanding Monitoring – Activity

Board members and Program Directors participated in a mock member file review to gain a better understanding Serve Wisconsin's monitoring tools, processes, and outcomes. This activity gave participants a deeper understanding of the requirements Program Directors are held to and the complexity involved in Serve Wisconsin's compliance monitoring.

Update from Commission Members

Tony Hallman shared that he feels strongly about accountability for programs and staff, and appreciated the activity to learn more. Scott Fromader shared about the importance of language while monitoring and urges for more consistency. Paula Horning has been reappointed to the board. Scott Jones shared additional resources (the Global Educators partnership, Global Youth Summit, Connect Ed program, and an initiative on American Indian education) that could be found on the DPI's social networking. Michael Hinnman shared about the upcoming construction at the Department of Military Affairs which will not allow the WNCSB meetings to be held at their location. Bob Guenther shared that it will be his last time at a board meeting as he is retiring. He thanked the board for years of great memories and introduced his possible replacement. India

McCanse gave thanks to the board for their hard work and for the Program Directors for attending. Bob Griffith shared about a Human Trafficking Awareness Project happening at his church in Kenosha in May. Lisa Delmore thanked Marshfield Clinic for the invite to participate in their volunteer recognition event.

Staff Updates

Tom Devine shared thoughts on and thanks for a year of change. Casey Sweeny reminded the board to participate in their local Mayors Day. Jessica Kewin shared about the upcoming July FGMI training Serve Wisconsin will be hosting. Amy Porter handed out copies of the new 2013-2014 Annual Report and requested pictures of Board members if they want to have their picture on the Serve Wisconsin website.

Adjourn

Tony Hallman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:35pm. Second by James Langdon. Motion passed unanimously.