

Wisconsin National and Community Service Board

Board Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2017

Present: Christine Beatty, Sarah Brady, Lisa Delmore, Paula Horning, Michael Hinman, Scott Jones, James Langdon, Margaret Moore, Susan Schwartz (telephone), Maura Taggart

Not Present: Angela Ahlgrim, Pamela Charles, Robert Griffith, Kate Jaeger, Anthony Hallman, Amy McDowell

Staff Present: Jeanne Duffy, Margie Kriel, Alexis Matthews, Kara Rivers, Daria Rydzak, Casey Sweeney, Steven Yule

Program Staff Present: Patricia Balke, Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services, Connie Bettin, Partners for Afterschool Success, Brian Blahnik, Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps Programs, Karen Dischler, Schools of Hope, Cally Ehle, Easter Seals Wisconsin, Steve Frodl, NCCAP, Suzanne Hoppe, Renewal Unlimited, Anna Korb, Easter Seals Wisconsin, Ashley Lee, Public Allies Milwaukee, Kysa Stocking, Wisconsin HealthCorps, Julie Thomsen, Renewal Unlimited

Next Meeting: April 5, 2018, in Marshfield, Wisconsin, exact location TBD

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Board Chair Paula Horning.

Introductions

The commission members and Serve Wisconsin staff introduced themselves. The Board welcomed two new members- Maura Taggart from the Department of Workforce Development and Sarah Brady from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Meeting Minutes

James Langdon made a motion to approve the October 12, 2017, WNCSB meeting minutes. Second by Christine Beatty. Unanimously approved (Susan Schwartz did not vote).

Approve Commission Support Grant

Jeanne Duffy shared background on the 2018 Commission Support Grant (CSG) noting that Serve Wisconsin was eligible to apply for \$329,000 from CNCS which is matched by the State. She also discussed the state statute regarding political affiliation of board members (no more than 9 members serving on the Board can be from the same political party). Changes to the Commission Support Grant for this year include a new, two-day Planning Grant Bootcamp Workshop and allocating more funds to statewide outreach.

Paula Horning made the motion to approve the 2018 Commission Support Grant. Second by Christine Beatty. Unanimously approved (Susan Schwartz did not vote).

America's Serve Commissions (ASC) Afterschool Program Development Grant- Approve Accepting Grant and Entering into Grant Agreement

Steven Yule shared background on the ASC Afterschool Program Development Grant, noting that the grant is from the Mott Foundation to expand quality afterschool programming. Serve Wisconsin will work with the Wisconsin Afterschool Network through Marshfield Clinic and the Wisconsin Center for Education Research on this grant.

Margaret Moore made the motion to approve the ASC Afterschool Program Development Grant. Second by Christine Beatty. Unanimously approved (Susan Schwartz did not vote).

Overview of the Competitive Application Process

Casey Sweeney gave an overview of the competitive application process noting that the RFP was released in September with applications due in early November. There was one amendment due to a change in the applications submission process. One new/re-compete application did not pass the 80% peer review threshold, so it was not presented to the board. One continuation application was below the 80% performance threshold. They provided a corrective action plan. There was one applicant who submitted an intent to apply for formula continuation funding in the spring. After the board approves the applications they will be returned back to the programs with a due date of January 3rd, 2018.

2018-2019 AmeriCorps Competitive Funding Recommendations

Lisa Delmore made a motion to approve the following Competitive applications to be submitted to CNCS for competitive funding consideration for the 2018-2019 program year:

Applicant Name	Amount Recommended
1. Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee- EARN	\$ 285,843
2. Dane County Human Services	\$ 386,518
3. Easter Seals Wisconsin	\$ 263,499

4. Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation- Recovery Corps	\$ 276,600
5. Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation- Volunteer Wisconsin	\$ 604,350
6. North Central Community Action Program	\$ 221,381
7. Renewal Unlimited, Inc.	\$ 140,332
8. United Way of Dane County- Achievement Connections	\$ 291,446
9. United Way of Dane County- Schools of Hope	\$ 258,000
10. Wisconsin Association for Homeless & Runaway Services	\$ 472,451
11. Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation- Afterschool	\$ 345,750
12. Milwaukee Christian Center	\$ 172,082
13. University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire- Blugold Beginnings	\$ 163,064
14. University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire- ECLIPSE	\$ 93,421
15. WI Dept. of Public Instruction- Farms to School	\$ 223,759

Second by Margaret Moore. Unanimously approved (Susan Schwartz did not vote; Scott Jones abstained from voting for Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Farm to School application).

2018-2019 AmeriCorps Competitive Fixed Amount Funding Recommendations

Lisa Delmore made a motion to approve the following Competitive Fixed Amount applications to be submitted to CNCS for competitive funding consideration for the 2018-2019 program year:

Applicant Name	Amount Recommended
College Possible- FT Fixed	\$ 326,040
Public Allies Milwaukee- FT Fixed	\$ 544,635
Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association- FT Fixed	\$ 266,200
Teach for America- Milwaukee- Professional Corps Fixed	\$ 88,000

Second by Christine Beatty. Unanimously approved (Susan Schwartz did not vote).

Ranking of New/Recompete Applications

Lisa Delmore made a motion to approve the following ranking of new/re-compete applications:

Ranking	Applicant Name
1	University of Wisconsin Eau Claire- ECLIPSE
2	Marshfield Clinic- Afterschool
3	Milwaukee Christian Center
4	Teach for America Milwaukee
5	WI Dept. of Public Instruction- Farm to School
6	University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire- Blugold Beginnings

Second by Margaret Moore. Unanimously approved (Susan Schwarz did not vote).

Lisa Delmore thanked the Board for recognizing the Program Evaluation and Development Committee's work as well as the AmeriCorps programs for their presentations to the PE&D Committee. Jeanne Duffy thanked Casey Sweeney for serving as the RFP manager as well the AmeriCorps programs for their flexibility with this year's RFP process.

Update from CNCS State Office

Sarah Brady introduced herself as the new Director of the Wisconsin CNCS State Office. She comes from a background in national service- 11 years as a Program Officer with the Ohio CNCS State Office as well as serving as an AmeriCorps State Program Director and an AmeriCorps VISTA member and leader.

The federal budget is continued through December 22nd. The Corporation will be flat funded until the full appropriation is decided upon for next year. President Trump has nominated Barbara Stewart as the new Executive Director of CNCS pending approval. CNCS has an agency-wide focus on disaster relief especially on areas affected by hurricanes. The 3rd Monday of January will be MLK Day of Service which CNCS encourages programs and board members to take part in. April 3, 2018 will be National Service Recognition Day and the State Office hopes to collaborate with Serve Wisconsin in order to highlight service to national and local officials. The NCCC campus in Maryland will close in the summer of 2018. The total number of NCCC members will not decrease, members will be shifted to different campuses. CNCS will be hosting a Senior Corps conference in spring of 2018. The State Office is continuing VISTA project development, 2 organizations are in the pipeline to apply- Hatch Public Library and Catholic Charities.

Update from Program Director Association

Steve Frodl from NCCAP spoke about the importance of recruitment fairs and encouraged other programs to get involved. Connie Bettin of PASS announced the next Program Director Meeting date as January 16th at Easter Seals in the Wisconsin Dells. Discussion at the meeting will include recruitment, retention, and using AmeriCorps as an internship opportunity. Brian Blahnik of Marshfield Clinic recognized the work that Serve Wisconsin has put into recruitment fairs and summits.

Paula Horning made an announcement to the programs that the Board is currently recruiting members and that they should encourage individuals to apply.

Updates from Commission Members

Christine Beatty announced that she and Bob Griffith have become members of ASC States for Service, a grassroots advocacy group for national service, and she encourages other board members to join. Maura Taggart spoke about the Department of Workforce Development's WisConnect internship program (<https://internshipwisconsin.com/>) as well as their apprenticeship program. She also talked about the new Wisconsin job site WisConomy (<https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/wisconomy/>). She encourages programs to take advantage of these services. Scott Jones mentioned two recent

Department of Public Instruction initiatives- 1. series of standards being updated (<https://dpi.wi.gov/>) 2. resources on social and emotional learning competencies. James Langdon spoke about CNCS Employers of National Service which connects AmeriCorps alumni with businesses. The landmark of 500 employers was recently reached; however, only 6 are in Wisconsin. There needs to be a push to get Wisconsin employers to sign up in order to attract more talent to Wisconsin. Paula Horning spoke about promoting AmeriCorps on Linked In and Twitter. She is working to present to the Young Presidents Association in an attempt to get more Employers of National Service. She encourages board members to continue engaging their communities and notes that progress on community engagement activities will be a standing item on the agenda. Jeanne Duffy shared that Bob Griffith has given two talks to church groups about AmeriCorps.

Updates from Staff Members

Jeanne Duffy gave an overview of Serve Wisconsin's 2017 accomplishments and future plans for continued recruitment of programs and members. The Marketing Committee will be sent an email in the next month to arranging a meeting time to discuss upcoming outreach and marketing plans including a new RFP and the website. She also spoke about board vacancies and the need to recruit new board members.

Paula Horning mentioned the upcoming revision needed for the State Service Plan. Board members present at the meeting who were interested in serving on the State Service Plan Committee include Maura Taggart, Paula Horning, and Sarah Brady.

Alexis Matthews talked about member recruitment efforts noting that Serve Wisconsin is currently signed up for 12 recruitment fairs between January and March. Serve Wisconsin will also have a table at the Wisconsin School Counselors Conference.

Kara Rivers spoke about program recruitment efforts. There will be a two day Planning Grant Bootcamp on January 23rd and 24th in Madison for planning grants and new program staff. Please email kara.rivers@wisconsin.gov if you know of any organizations that might be interested in having an AmeriCorps program.

Steven Yule gave an overview of unexpended funds from the 2016-2017 program year. The overall total of unexpended funds was \$390,395.55 which is lower than the previous two program years. Kara Rivers is representing Serve Wisconsin on an unexpended funds taskforce as this is an issue nationwide.

Margie Kriel introduced herself as Serve Wisconsin's LTE Senior Auditor. She spoke about her work with financial desk reviews for competitive grants and new programs as well as the auditing and accounting technical assistance she is able to provide.

Daria Rydzak gave an overview of the Trauma Informed Care Trainings last month which resulted in 73 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps affiliated individuals being trained. She also spoke about the website

redevelopment project that Serve Wisconsin is currently undertaking as the State moves to a uniform SharePoint platform.

Steven Yule gave an announcement regarding a future peer exchange this spring or summer with a staff member from the Virginia Commission.

Future Meetings

Future meeting dates were set for 2018- April 5th at Marshfield Clinic, June 7th in Madison, October 11th at a TBD program location, and December 13th in Madison.

Adjourn

Christine Beatty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 pm. Second by Lisa Delmore. Motion passed unanimously.