

Wisconsin National and Community Service Board

Board Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2015

Present: Christine Beatty, Lisa Delmore, Kathleen Groat, Bob Guenther, Tony Hallman, Paula Horning, Scott Fromader, Michael Hinman, India McCause, and Scott Jones. Angela Ahlgrim and Jim Langdon via conference call.

Not Present Amy McDowell, Bob Griffith, John Scocos

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

Program Staff Present: Gwen Jordan, United Way of Dane County Achievement Connections; Karen Dischler, Schools of Hope; Brian Blahnik, Marshfield Clinic; Donna Lehmkuhl, UW Eau Claire ECLIPSE; Leah Hullinger, Boys and Girls Clubs of Barron County; Kim Stuyvenberg and Chad Harrie, UW Oshkosh VetCorps; Ava Hernandez and Jenise Terrell, Public Allies

Next meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Kathleen Groat.

Introductions

The Commission members and Serve Wisconsin staff introduced themselves.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Christine Beatty moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 20, 2014. Second by Tony Hallman. The board unanimously approved the October 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Review of 2015 Tentative Board Meeting Dates

- *March 19, 2015
- *June 4, 2015 - Formula Funding & Governor Awards
- *October 16, 2015 - Retreat
- *December 17, 2015 - Funding Competition, Competitive

Lisa Delmore moved to approve the proposed 2015 WNCSB meeting dates. Second by Tony Hallman. The board unanimously approved the proposed 2015 WNCSB meeting dates.

2015-2016 Competitive Funding Recommendations

Jessica Kewin provided an overview of the 2015-2016 application process and review.

2015-2016 Education Award Program (EAP) Fixed Amount Application – Recommendation New Application

Christine Beatty made a motion to approve the following Education Award Program (EAP) Fixed Amount application to be send on to the Corporation for National and Community Service for competitive funding consideration for the 2015-2016 Program year:

Program	Requested 2015 -2016 Funding	Requested 2015 -2016 Members	Requested 2015 -2016 MSYs
Mount Mary University	\$20,800	26	26

Second by Lisa Delmore. Motion passed unanimously.

2015-2016 AmeriCorps Competitive Applications

Robert Guenther made a motion to approve the following competitive applications to be sent on to the Corporation for National and Community Service for competitive funding consideration for the 2015-2016 program year:

Continuation Applications - Recommendations

Program	Requested 2015 -2016 Funding	Requested 2015 -2016 Members	Requested 2015 -2016 MSYs
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee – SPARK, Arts & Environmental Education	\$246,962	73	21.22
Dane County Human Services	\$344,451	35	35
Easter Seals Wisconsin	\$220,174	53	20.42
Indianhead Community Action Agency	\$113,292	20	10
Renewal Unlimited, Inc.	\$185,549	36	14
United Way of Dane County – Achievement Connections	\$257,188	20	20
United Way of Dane County – Schools of Hope	\$336,386	52	26.77
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh – VetCorps	\$72,939	22	5.82
Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council	\$122,550	20	10
Wisconsin Association for Homeless & Runaway Services	\$384,927	35	32.5
WI Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection	\$182,477	28	15
Wisconsin Emergency Management	\$130,503	20	10

New/Recompete Applications – Recommendations

Program	Requested 2015 -2016 Funding	Requested 2015 -2016 Members	Requested 2015 -2016 MSYs
Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County	\$201,414	20	15
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee – Kinder Academy, Summer Slide Prevention & Graduation Plus	\$85,313	24	6.43
Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation – AmeriCorps Afterschool	\$411,900	30	30
Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation – AmeriCorps Coalition	\$274,600	20	20
Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation – Volunteer Wisconsin	\$411,900	30	30
Milwaukee Christian Center	\$172,250	23	13
North Central Community Action Program	\$262,417	35	20.46
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire – ECLIPSE	\$90,330	45	9.52

Further questions were raised as to why all programs were not present at this board meeting which determines funding, discussion was had on the role of the Program Evaluation and Development Committee. It was determined that mandatory attendance is not required at both the full board meeting and PE&D committee meeting, however program attendance at the full board meeting does reflect well on programs.

Second by Christine Beatty. Motion passed unanimously.

2015-2016 Full-Time & Professional Corps Fixed Amount Continuation Applications – Recommendations

Paula Horning made a motion to approve the following full-time & professional corps fixed amount continuation applications to be sent on to the Corporation for National and Community Service for competitive funding consideration for the 2015-2016 program year:

Program	Requested 2015 -2016 Funding	Requested 2015 -2016 Members	Requested 2015 -2016 MSYs
College Possible – FT Fixed	\$384,000	32	32
Public Allies Milwaukee – FT Fixed	\$555,750	45	45
Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association – FT Fixed	\$250,600	20	20
Teach for America – Milwaukee – Professional Corps Fixed	\$112,000	140	140

Second by Christine Beatty. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was had regarding the three programs that were noted as having compliance issues. These three programs had issues with conducting background checks in 2013-2014. Each of these programs has worked to come into compliance and will be monitored closely in the 2014-2015 program year. The board expressed their great concern regarding incomplete background checks and will take these compliance findings into consideration in future funding decisions.

Ranking of New/Recompete Applications

Tony Hallman made a motion to approve the ranking of new/recompete applications to be sent on to the Corporation for National and Community Service for competitive funding consideration for the 2015-2016 program year:

UW Eau Claire ECLIPSE	1
Marshfield Clinic - Afterschool	2
North Central Community Action Program	3
Marshfield Clinic - Volunteer Wisconsin	4
Marshfield Clinic - Coalition	5
Mount Mary University	6
Milwaukee Christian Center	7
Boys & Girls Clubs Barron County	8
Boys & Girls Clubs Greater Milw - 2nd Program	9

Second by Christine Beatty. Motion passed unanimously.

New Serve Wisconsin Website Preview

Program Officers Amy Porter and Steven Yule shared a preview of the new Serve Wisconsin website. At the time of this meeting the new website was still in production phase. Program Officer Casey Sweeney shared the new Serve Wisconsin Twitter and Facebook pages.

State Service Plan

Serve Wisconsin Executive Director Thomas Devine discussed the development of the new 2016-2018 State Service Plan. Devine showed appreciation for the board in making a State Service Plan that can be used regularly in Wisconsin. Board members Anthony Hallman, Lisa Delmore, Angela Ahlgrim, Paula Horning and State Office staff Kara Klein have all volunteered to help in the development of the 2016-2018 State Service Plan. Program Officer Jessica Kewin will serve as staff liaison for this project. This committee will meet before the next Board meeting on March 19, 2015.

Commission Support Grant

Serve Wisconsin Executive Director Thomas Devine discussed the 2015 Commission Support Grant. This grant has been approved by the Corporation. An amendment will be made to adjust the budget to include Serve Wisconsin's allocation increase of \$23,000, which was part of the increased allocation for State Commissions of

one million dollars. Including match, Serve Wisconsin's overall 2015 budget will increase by approximately \$46,000.

Competitive Funding Policies – Revision of 80% Performance Threshold Policy for Competitive Continuation Applicants

Christine Beatty made a motion to approve the revision of the 80% Performance Threshold Policy for Competitive Continuation Applicants. This revision adds an exception to the policy, stating that any competitive continuation application that has a performance scoring percentage less than 80% will be allowed to proceed in the competitive application process if approved by the board; however, the board's recommendation to CNCS will be to not fund the continuation application due to the program's performance scoring percentage.

Second by Bob Guenther. Motion passed unanimously.

Update from Commission Members

Chairwoman Kathy Groat shared that in her district there is a new assembly member who is an AmeriCorps Alumni. Tony Hallman shared a video of Stan McChrystal, chairman of the leadership council of the [Franklin Project](#), urging a year of service become mandatory in America. Scott Jones shared that the DPI has a My WI Standards Facebook page that highlights a standard of the week and provides teachers tips on how to implement that standard. He suggested that Serve Wisconsin can follow that page, and share the tips with AmeriCorps programs across the state. India McCause shared a bit about the upcoming Mayors Day and the intent on reaching out to all mayors in the state. For this year's Mayors Day celebration we will be looking for more than just proclamations, including participation of Mayors on site at our AmeriCorps programs around the state.

Staff Updates

Executive Director: Tom Devine shared about his December 2014 trip to Washington D.C. describing his visits with Representatives Sensenbrenner, Pocan, and Ryan, Senator Baldwin, as well as many Congressional staffers and CNCS staff. Devine followed this trip up by participating in a Homelessness Summit hosted by Representative Duffy in New Richmond, WI. Local AmeriCorps programs were also able to participate in this Summit which brought Representative Duffy's attention to the great work being done in his district by AmeriCorps. Duffy mentioned that he is now strongly considering joining the National Service Congressional Caucus. Devine has three candidates' applications for the board currently to the Governor's office.

Program Officers: Steven Yule discussed Operation AmeriCorps. As of the board meeting, intents to apply have been submitted by the City of Madison and the City of Milwaukee. Amy Porter shared background information on the National Service Criminal History Check Assessment Period as well as the results of the Assessment.

Adjourn

Tony Hallman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15pm. Second by Scott Fromader. Motion passed unanimously.