

Serve Wisconsin – Program Evaluation and Development Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Committee Chairman Robert Guenther called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m., December 12, 2013, at The Lowell Center, 610 Langdon Street, Madison, WI.

Committee Members Present

Bob Guenther, Committee Chair; Kathy Groat; Tony Hallman

Committee Member Not Present

Amy McDowell – Excused Absence

Other Board Members Present

Lisa Delmore, Scott Fromader, Paula Horning, Jane Moore

Staff Present

Tom Devine, Jessica Kewin, Gloria Nikolas, Steven Yule

Program Representation

Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, College Possible, Dane County Human Services, Easter Seals Wisconsin, Indianhead Community Action Agency, Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation, Milwaukee Christian Center, Mount Mary University, North Central Community Action Program, Public Allies Milwaukee, Renewal Unlimited, Teach for America – Milwaukee, United Way of Dane County – Achievement Connections, United Way of Dane County – Schools of Hope, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Oshkosh, Western Dairyland EOC, WI Association for Homeless & Runaway Services, WI Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, WI Dept. of Public Instruction, WI Emergency Management, WI Primary Health Care Association

Approval of June 25, 2013, Meeting Minutes

Tony Hallman made a motion to approve the June 25, 2013, meeting minutes. Seconded by Kathy Groat. Motion passed unanimously.

2014-2015 Competitive Funding Recommendations

Jessica Kewin provided an overview of the 2014-2015 application process and the changes made to the process due to the timing of release of various versions of the CNCS NOFO and Application Instructions and the CNCS delay in making the funding opportunity available in the eGrants online application system.

With permission from the Committee Chair, Steve Kretzmann of WI Dept. of Public Instruction made a statement to the Committee regarding the situation that is believed to have been a contributing factor to the low average peer reviewer score for the agency's application. The Committee took no further action on this matter.

Continuation and New/Recompete Competitive Applications - Recommendations

Applicant representatives gave presentations and applications considered for Continuation Competitive funding were: Easter Seals Wisconsin; United Way of Dane County – Schools of Hope; UW-Oshkosh VetCorps; Western Dairyland EOC; and WI Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection.

Applicant representatives gave presentations and applications considered for New/Recompete Competitive funding were: Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County; Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee; Dane County Human Services; Indianhead Community Action Agency; Milwaukee Christian Center; North Central Community Action Program; Renewal Unlimited, Inc.; United Way

of Dane County - Achievement Connections; UW Eau Claire - ECLIPSE; WI Association for Homeless & Runaway Services; and WI Emergency Management.

Kathy Groat made a motion to forward the Continuation Competitive and New/Recompete Competitive applications (applications numbered 1-16 on the meeting agenda) to the full Board for consideration. Seconded by Tony Hallman. Motion passed unanimously.

Continuation and New/Recompete Full-Time and Professional Corps Fixed Amount Applications - Recommendations

Applicant representatives gave presentations and applications considered for Continuation Full-Time Fixed Amount funding were: College Possible; Public Allies Milwaukee; and WI Primary Health Care Association.

Applicant representatives gave presentations and applications considered for New/Recompete Full-Time and Professional Corps Fixed Amount funding were: Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation - AmeriCorps Afterschool; Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation - AmeriCorps Coalition; and Teach for America - Milwaukee.

Kathy Groat made a motion to forward the Continuation and New/Recompete Full-Time and Professional Corps Fixed Amount applications (applications numbered 17-22 on the meeting agenda) to the full Board for consideration. Seconded by Tony Hallman. Motion passed unanimously.

Education Award Program (EAP) Fixed Amount Application – Recommendation

Applicant representative gave presentation and application was considered for Mount Mary University.

Tony Hallman made a motion to forward the EAP Fixed Amount application (application numbered 23 on the meeting agenda) to the full Board for consideration. Seconded by Jane Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

The Committee began discussion of Competitive and Formula Funding Policies items from the meeting agenda.

Kathy Groat made a motion to carry the average peer review score out to two places beyond the decimal point for application ranking purposes beginning with the 2014-2015 application process. Seconded by Tony Hallman. Motion passed unanimously.

From the discussion regarding grantee effectiveness in expending grant funds, the Committee requested that more information be obtained regarding the reasons some grantees have consistently not been spending all of their grant funds.

Due to time constraints, the Committee decided that it will meet again in the near future to consider the remaining Competitive and Formula Funding Policies items from the agenda.

Adjourn

Tony Hallman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kathy Groat. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.