



**Wisconsin National & Community Service Board
Public Policy and Outreach Committee**

July 24, 2023 • 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

<i>Board Members Present:</i>	Paula Horning (committee chair), Christine Beatty, Theresa Clark, Karen Pritchard, Patricia Takamine
<i>Staff Present:</i>	Kyle Clower, Jeanne Duffy

Call to Order

Paula Horning called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

Approve Minutes from February 6, 2023 Committee Meeting

ACTION ITEM – Theresa Clark moved to approve minutes as corrected to include the attendance of Karen Pritchard. Second by Paula Horning. The motion was unanimously approved.

August Recess Meetings

Kyle Clower and Jeanne Duffy gave provided an update on AmeriCorps funding in the federal appropriations bills. They described the significant reduction of funding in the bill in the House Labor HHS Appropriations Subcommittee, including eliminating funding for the Segal Education Award. They then explained that the Senate Labor HHS subcommittee would discuss their funding levels on July 27. They continued that they were recently part of a larger meeting with Senator Baldwin and staff about the funding levels for AmeriCorps.

Committee members discussed strategies for holding August recess visits with members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation, including inviting them to program service sites in their district and how to involve board members and programs by district. Paula Horning suggested trying to get success stories and details directly from the programs that we can use in meetings. Staff will work on assembling the availability of board members by district and information and talking points that board members can use during the visits.

In addition to holding August recess meetings, the committee members discussed composing letters to the editor regarding AmeriCorps funding following the release of budget numbers from the Senate.



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Discussion of Updated Committee Goals

Board members discussed a process for updating committee goals. Paula Horning suggested potentially attending an upcoming Program Director call to get feedback from them on potential focus areas. Kyle Clower will present this information at Program Director Workshop later this week and will start soliciting feedback from them at the meeting. Additionally, Kyle discussed looking at AmeriCorps member survey data and information from focus groups conducted for AmeriCorps recruitment.

Adjournment

ACTION ITEM - Theresa Clark made a motion to adjourn. Second by Paula Horning. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.