

Serve Wisconsin – Program Evaluation and Development Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Committee Chairman Tony Hallman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., May 24, 2016, at Fresh Madison Market-Event Room, 703 University Avenue, Madison, WI.

Committee Members Present

Tony Hallman, Committee Chair; Lisa Delmore; Scott Fromader; Michael Hinman; Paula Horning; Jane Moore

Committee Members Not Present – Excused Absence

Kathy Groat, Amy McDowell

Staff Present

Tom Devine, Jessica Kessler, Amy Porter, Casey Sweeney, Steven Yule

Approval of March 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Jane Moore made a motion to approve the March 2, 2016 meeting minutes. Seconded by Paula Horning. Motion passed unanimously.

2016-2017 Formula Funding Recommendations

Discussion was held regarding the circumstances involved in the possibly first-ever occurrence of the Board being unable to allocate the total amount of Formula funding available. The staff Formula funding recommendation narrative detailed several steps taken to maximize use of the available funds; however, at minimum \$338,745 will remain unallocated.

Jessica Kewin reviewed details from the staff Formula funding recommendations. Amy Porter provided a summary of the compliance issues involving Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County.

A list of the five Formula funding considerations that are required by federal regulations and had not been included in the Board's annual RFP was provided to Committee members; Committee members considered these items, as applicable, in their review of Formula funding recommendations.

Matt Smyczek, Executive Director, Summit Educational Association, Inc., was allowed to address the Committee related to the staff recommendation to not fund Summit's application for 2016-2017. Mr. Smyczek was asked to submit data to staff that demonstrates that the loss of previous National Direct AmeriCorps funding had a negative impact on the program's results during Summer 2014, which was the program's first year without AmeriCorps funding. Staff would be following up with Mr. Smyczek via e-mail with specifics on the data needed to demonstrate that AmeriCorps funding provides enhancements toward addressing the identified community needs – enhancements that are not present without AmeriCorps funding. The results of these follow-up communications will be shared with the full Board during its meeting on June 2, 2016.

Representatives from Milwaukee Community Service Corps provided a presentation and answered questions regarding their application.

Jane Moore made a motion to recommend to the full Board that Easter Seals Wisconsin, UW Oshkosh Vet Corps, Western Dairyland Fresh Start, WI Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection Farm to School, WI Dept. of Public Instruction Play & Read, Dane County Human Services, Renewal Unlimited, Inc., WI Association for Homeless and Runaway Services, and Milwaukee Community Service Corps be funded at the Recommended Funding and # of MSY noted

in the tables on Pages 1, 3, and 4 of the staff recommendations document. Seconded by Michael Hinman. Motion passed unanimously.

Formula Funding Policies – 2017-2018 and Beyond

Revise the manner in which the Formula funding cap is applied

Jane Moore made a motion to recommend to the full Board that the following RFP policy be changed from a primary Formula funding consideration to a tool that can be used when the total amount of Formula funding requested exceeds the total amount of Formula funds available:

Applicants submitting a request for a grant amount totaling 20 multiplied by the Wisconsin State Maximum Cost per MSY, or greater, will have their award amount considered at the level of 20 multiplied by the Wisconsin State Maximum Cost per MSY. The Board shall have discretion to increase or decrease the total amount awarded to an applicant based on availability of allocable funds and other considerations.

Motion seconded by Michael Hinman. Motion passed unanimously.

Exception – Formula funding for entity without governing body based in Wisconsin

Scott Fromader made a motion to recommend to the full Board that the RFP policy related to eligibility of entities without a governing body based in Wisconsin be revised as follows (the underlined portion has been added to previously existing policy):

NOTE: In order to be eligible for Formula funding through the Board, an applicant shall be one of the following at the time of application for Formula funds: Wisconsin state or local government entity, or one of the following if its governing body operates within the state of Wisconsin: a federally recognized Indian tribe, a public or private nonprofit organization (organized as a tax-exempt entity under the federal IRS Code, including religious organizations and labor organizations), or an institution of higher education as defined in Wisconsin Statute 118.55(1). The only exception to this policy would be for an annual Formula process in which all other possible Formula funding options have been considered and Formula funding remains unallocated. In cases where Formula funds would otherwise remain unallocated, those funds could be provided to an entity that does not meet the requirements of this policy.

Motion seconded by Paula Horning. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Jane Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Paula Horning. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.