

Wisconsin National and Community Service Board

Board Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2017

Present: Angela Ahlgrim, Christine Beatty, Mark Beres, Anthony Hallman, Paula Horning, John Hosteny, Scott Jones, Jane Moore, Jana Steinmetz

Not Present: Pamela Charles, Lisa Delmore, Scott Fromader, Robert Griffith, Michael Hinman, Kate Jaeger, James Langdon, Amy McDowell, Susan Schwartz

Staff Present: Daria Rydzak, Casey Sweeney, Steven Yule

Program Staff Present: Karen Dischler, United Way of Dane County- Schools of Hope AmeriCorps Project; Shelly Kaiser, Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation; Donna Lehmkuhl, UW- Eau Claire ECLIPSE; Pat Marcus, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee; Alexis Matthews, Easter Seals of Wisconsin; Amanda Ross, WI Dept. of Agriculture, Farm to School

Next Meeting: October 12, 2017- Location TBD

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 11:48 a.m. by Board Vice Chair Paula Horning.

Introductions

The commission members and Serve Wisconsin staff introduced themselves. Jana Steinmetz served this meeting as the representative for DOA Secretary Scott Neitzel. John Hosteny is the new interim Director of the CNCS Wisconsin State Office in the place of India McCause.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Meeting Minutes

Anthony Hallman made a motion to approve the April 6, 2017 WNCSB meeting minutes. Second by Angela Ahlgrim. Unanimously approved.

Board Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Anthony Hallman made a motion to nominate Paula Horning as the WNCSB Chair. Second by Angela Ahlgrim. Unanimously approved. Anthony Hallman made a motion to nominate Christine Beatty as the WNCSB Vice Chair. Second by Angela Ahlgrim. Unanimously approved.

Update from Program Director Association

No updates at this time.

Update from CNCS State Office

John Hosteny introduced himself. He provided information on CNCS budget timeline- FY 2017 working on continuing resolution, FY 2018 begins October 1st, 2017. He also provided information on the three recent CNCS council appointments who will be starting in the next couple of weeks along with information on three funding opportunities that are closing soon (AmeriCorps Affiliates, VGF, and Civic Engagement Research).

Update from Commission Members

Jana Steinmetz thanked Daria Rydzak for her work with the 2017 Governor's Service Recognition Event. Christine Beatty gave a report about her recent trip to the ASC North Central Regional Conference in Columbus, Ohio, and highlighted the importance of service in the lives of older adults as well as the importance of volunteer recognition. Mark Beres talked about his efforts to identify a state-wide organization that could support an AmeriCorps program targeted to veterans. He is also working on veteran outreach efforts with the CNCS Wisconsin State Office and Serve Wisconsin. Scott Jones stated that a draft of the Every Student Succeeds Act is on the DPI website. They are looking for feedback on the act and are hosting a series of listening sessions. More information can be found here: <https://dpi.wi.gov/esea>.

Staff Updates

Steven Yule read an update from Executive Director Jeanne Duffy that discussed Serve Wisconsin's success with competitive funding, plans for continuing outreach, upcoming events and trainings, vacant board positions and board reappointments, and filling the two open Serve Wisconsin Program Officer positions. Steven gave an update on the IPERA process. Daria Rydzak spoke about planning outreach summits in the fall. Casey Sweeney gave an update on the Feeding Wisconsin planning grant, spoke about attending the WACAC Conference to promote AmeriCorps, and mentioned the upcoming media campaign with the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association.

2017-2018 Formula Funding- Committee Recommendations

Steven Yule provided an explanation of the process Serve Wisconsin staff went through to allocate the 2017-2018 AmeriCorps Formula funds as described in the Program Evaluation and Development Committee Recommendations 2017-2018 Program Year document.

Anthony Hallman moved to approve the PE&D Committee's 2017-2018 Formula Funding Recommendation outlined as follows:

Applicant	# of MSY	Funding Request
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee- Summer Slide Prevention/Kinder Academy/Graduation Plus	7.32	\$98,903
Marshfield Clinic- AmeriCorps Afterschool	30.00	\$414,900
Milwaukee Christian Center- YouthBuild	13.00	\$178,490
Teach for America Wisconsin	123.00	\$123,000
University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire ECLISPE	9.52	\$93,766
Western Dairyland EOC- Fresh Start	8.06	\$111,469
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction- Farm to School	16.00	\$204,694

Anthony Hallman motioned to add a waiver for the 80% performance scoring threshold requirement for Milwaukee Christian Center based on their corrective action plan and their report of improvements. Second by Jane Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

The motion to approve the PE&D Committee's 2017-2018 Formula Funding Recommendation was seconded by Angela Ahlgrim. Motion passed unanimously.

After funding these programs, Serve Wisconsin has an excess of \$1,494,634 that will not be requested from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Discussion followed on how the WNCSSB can change policies to reduce burdens on program applicants, why the organizations that submitted a RFP Notice of Intent did not choose to apply, and how to ensure the success of planning grant applicants moving forward.

Lunch Break: 12:45 pm- 1:12 pm

2017-2018 Planning Grants- Committee Recommendations

Anthony Hallman and Casey Sweeney gave an overview of the planning grant applicants listed in the Program Evaluation and Development Committee Recommendations 2017-2018 Program Year document.

Anthony Hallman moved to approve the PE&D Committee’s 2017-2018 Planning Grant Recommendation outlined as follows:

Applicant	Funding Request
ERAs Senior Network, Inc. (Second Year Planning Grant)	\$70,825
United Way of Fox Cities	\$74,688
United Way of Wisconsin	\$74,901
University of Wisconsin- Whitewater, College of Education and Professional Studies	\$73,649

The motion to approve the PE&D Committee’s 2017-2018 Planning Grant Funding Recommendation was seconded by Christine Beatty. Motion passed unanimously.

After funding these planning grants, Serve Wisconsin has an excess of \$1,200,571 that will not be requested from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Committee Recommendations- Formula Funding Policies

Anthony Hallman made a motion to *revise RFP policy to include an option allowing current Formula funded grantees who do not meet the 20 member threshold for Competitive funding to apply for up to two additional years of Continuation Formula funding, for a maximum of three consecutive years of Formula funding (beginning with those programs receiving Formula funding for 2017-2018), and being required to apply for Competitive funding for the year following the third year of Formula funding. Formula funded grantees would not be required to apply for second and third year Continuation Formula funding and could choose to apply for Competitive funding instead of applying for a second or third year of Continuation Formula funding.*

Discussion followed on how this revision would benefit current and new programs.

Angela Ahlgrim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Hallman made a motion to *revise RFP policy to state that an organization can apply for and receive no more than two Formula funded Planning Grants over a period of two program years (maximum of one grant per year) to plan for AmeriCorps programming that would address the same need with the same program design.*

Discussion followed on what constituted same need and same program design along with who would be responsible for determining eligibility.

Angela Ahlgrim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Retreat & Future Meetings

October 12, 2017
December 14, 2017

Adjourn

Anthony Hallman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 p.m. Second by Jane Moore. Motion passed unanimously.