



## Wisconsin National & Community Service Board Meeting December 15, 2022

<i>Board Members Present:</i>	Christine Beatty (chair), Yolanda Shelton-Morris (vice-chair), Theresa Clark, Anthony Hallman, Paula Horning, Leah Moore, Margaret (Jane) Moore, Karen Pritchard, Adam Riley, Jana Steinmetz, Patricia Takamine, David Moldavsky, Yekaterina (Katia) Tovmenko,
<i>Board Members Not Present:</i>	Susan Schwartz, Tamara Mouw, Jen Rombalski
<i>Staff Present:</i>	Jeanne Duffy, Kyle Clower, Élyse Chay, Amy Fink, Steven Yule, Olivia Rassmussen, Stephanie Jewell
<i>Program Staff and Guests Present:</i>	Shelly Kaiser, Brian Blahnik, Diane Robinson, Emily Greene, Megan Heier, Steve Frodl, Bonnie Erickson, Karl Johnson, Aisha Coursen, Amanda Ross, Meagan Barnett, Anna Korb

### Call to Order

Christine Beatty called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### Approve Minutes from the October 6, 2022, Board Meeting

**ACTION ITEM** – *Jane Moore moved to approve minutes as corrected to include attendance of Karen Pritchard. Second by Tony Hallman. The motion was unanimously approved.*

### Committee Reports

#### *Executive Committee*

No report

#### *Public Policy & Outreach Committee*

Kyle Clower said he would work with committee members to schedule a meeting to discuss AmeriCorps Day at the Capitol in the coming weeks.

#### *Program Evaluation & Development (PE&D) Committee*

Tony Hallman informed that the committee met on December 6 and that the Board would be voting on programs that the committee recommended for funding today.



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## **Overview of Competitive AmeriCorps Program Application Process**

Steven Yule gave an overview of the competitive applications process for 2023-24 AmeriCorps funding. He also informed the Board about additional notifications to apply for Formula funding received.

## **Waiving of 80% Performance Scoring Threshold Requirement for 2023-2024 Competitive Applications**

Tony Hallman explained that several programs did not meet 80% performance scoring threshold, primarily due to recruitment, which is a national issue. Steven Yule described that these scores were also impacted by retention and ability to do in-person service due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

***ACTION ITEM – Tony Hallman made a motion to waive the 80% Performance Scoring requirement for 2023-2024 Competitive applications. Second by Pat Takamine. The motion was unanimously approved.***

## **2023-2024 AmeriCorps Competitive Cost-Reimbursement Applications**

- 1 – Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee - ClubCorps
- 2 – Easter Seals Wisconsin
- 3 – Marquette University
- 4 – Renewal Unlimited, Inc.
- 6 – Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council
- 7 – Wisconsin Association for Runaway Services
- 8 – College Possible
- 9 – Dane County Human Services
- 10 – Milwaukee Christian Center
- 11 – Milwaukee Public Library Foundation
- 12 – Public Allies, Inc.
- 13 – Racine Zoological Society
- 14 – United Way of Dane County – Schools of Hope

***ACTION ITEM – Tony Hallman made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 AmeriCorps Competitive Cost-Reimbursement Applications 1-4 and 6-14 for submission to CNCS/AmeriCorps. Second by Adam Riley. The motion was unanimously approved with abstention by David Moldavsky for Wisconsin Association for Runaway Services.***

## **2023-2024 AmeriCorps Competitive Cost-Reimbursement Application with Special Conditions**

- 5 – United Way of Dane County – Achievement Connections

Steven Yule gave historical background on issues with Achievement Connections regarding enrollment rate, funding issues, and service hours. He described that the previous program director resigned in the summer of 2022 and a new program director is on Board.

Jeanne Duffy added that Serve Wisconsin and Achievement Connections agreed to a corrective action plan in 2019, but the COVID-19 pandemic hit, altering conditions for all programs.

***ACTION ITEM – Tony Hallman made a motion to approve 2023-2024 AmeriCorps Competitive Cost-Reimbursement Application 5 for submission to CNCS/AmeriCorps, with an additional requirement that Achievement Connections submit quarterly reports and Serve Wisconsin staff share copies of those quarterly reports with members of the PE & D Committee. Second by Jane Moore. The motion was unanimously approved.***

## **2023-2024 Public Health AmeriCorps Continuation Applications**

- 15 – Marshfield Clinic – Community Corps
- 16 – Marshfield Clinic – Recovery Corps
- 17 – Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers
- 18 – United Way of Fox Cities
- 19 – Wisconsin Association for Free & Charitable Clinics

***ACTION ITEM – Tony Hallman made a motion to approve 2023-2024 Public Health AmeriCorps Applications 15-19 for submission to CNCS/AmeriCorps. Second by Pat Takamine. The motion was unanimously approved.***

## **Ranking of Competitive Applications**

Steven Yule explained that AmeriCorps requires the ranking and programs were ranked this year solely by performance scoring.

***ACTION ITEM – Tony Hallman made a motion to approve the ranking 1-7 as listed in the ranking chart on the Performance Scoring spreadsheet for submission to CNCS/AmeriCorps. Second by Karen Pritchard. The motion was unanimously approved.***

## **Release of the 2023-2024 Formula Request for Proposals in February 2023**

Élysée Chay stated that Serve Wisconsin expects to release the Formula RFP for AmeriCorps programs and planning grants in February.

***ACTION ITEM – Jane Moore moved to approve the release of the 2023-2024 Formula Request for Proposals by Serve Wisconsin staff. Second by Tony Hallman. The motion was unanimously approved.***

## **Review edits to Bylaws**

Christine Beatty gave an overview of the edits that DOA legal officials suggested regarding the By-Laws change made at the October meeting.

***ACTION ITEM – Tony Hallman moved to approve the suggested edits to the by-laws changes made at the October WNCBSB meeting. Second by Paula Horning. The motion was unanimously approved.***

## **Committee Assignments**

Jeanne Duffy explained that committee assignments needed to be updated and a Nominating Committee formed before the March Board Officer elections. Paula Horning recommended having Jeanne serve as a staff member on the committee. The following people expressed interest in serving on committees:

- Nominating Committee: Tony Hallman, Pat Takamine, Karen Pritchard
- Program Evaluation & Development (PE&D) Committee: Yolanda Shelton-Morris, David Moldavsky

***ACTION ITEM – Yolanda Shelton-Morris moved to create the Nominating Committee with Tony Hallman, Pat Takamine, and Karen Pritchard as its members. Second by Theresa Clark. The motion was unanimously approved.***

***ACTION ITEM – Tony Hallman moved to add Yolanda Shelton-Morris and David Moldavsky to the Program Evaluation & Development (PE&D) Committee. Second by Theresa Clark. The motion was unanimously approved.***



## **Board Member Terms**

Jeanne Duffy stated the only person whose term is expiring is Theresa Clark, who indicated an interest in applying again.

## **Board Vacancies**

Jeanne Duffy reviewed the vacancies and will follow up with the Governor's Office about potential candidates in the pipeline.

## **Public Records Training**

Jeanne Duffy reminded people about taking their Public Records training and checked about IT issues some board members have reported. Tony Hallman described having issues and Jane Moore said she had similar issue. A possible theory is that the problem is caused by members having already taken the course during the year.

## **Proposed 2023 Meeting Dates**

- WNCSSB – Thursday, March 16, 10:00 AM
- PE & D Committee – Tuesday, April 25, 10:00 AM
- ASC Regional Training in New Orleans – May 2-4
- WNCSSB & Governor's Service Awards – Thursday, May 25, 10:00 AM (Formula Applications due to AmeriCorps early June)
- WNCSSB – Thursday, October 12, 10:00 AM
- PE & D Committee – Tuesday, December 5, 10:00 AM
- WNCSSB – Thursday, December 14, 10:00 AM

David Moldavsky asked if staff could send out calendar appointments for all of the dates once they are finalized.

## **2022 Year in Review**

Jeanne Duffy & Kyle Clower gave a presentation regarding program impacts, new initiatives, and staff achievements during 2022.

## **Updates**

### ***Program Director Association***

No Report

### ***AmeriCorps Seniors Program Association***

No Report

### ***AmeriCorps Regional Office***

Katia Tovmenko described that AmeriCorps will be releasing an AmeriCorps Seniors native nations grant, which lacks the match requirement and has a potential six month planning grant. She described another funding opportunity, the AmeriCorps Seniors Workforce Development opportunity.

### ***Commission Members***

Tony Hallman thanked staff and appreciated support for the 2022 Highlight report. He asked about what happens to the money if programs do not recruit fully. Jeanne explained that it is returned to the federal AmeriCorps office to award to others if possible, and if not, the funds go back to the Treasury or to the Trust that funds Education Awards.

Paula Horning shared an idea for approaching colleges that are over-enrolling freshmen for recruitment.

## **Adjournment**

***ACTION ITEM - Tony Hallman made a motion to adjourn. Second by Thersa Clark. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.***