

CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE
Record of Meeting – October 27, 2015
1st Floor Conference Room
61 Woodland Street,
Hartford, CT

Members Present: E. Adams, S. Becker, I. Black, J. Ciarleglio, W. Dyson, M. Farley, K. Halkyard, T. Higgins, M. McCreedy, S. Mykins, A. Ostberg, C. Poindexter, A. Ruwet, L. Sandiaes, S. Santy, K. Singh, N. Snow, T. Strong, G. Wintjen

Members Absent: D. Briggs, S. Egan, M. Gagnon, P. Tarasovic

Others: M. Georges, J. Johnson, K. Scheuritzel

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. L. Negro read the roll call and a quorum was confirmed.

Welcome, Announcements, Agenda Adjustments

J. Johnson introduced new Commission members.

Business Reports

N. Snow moved to accept the April 14 and June 23, 2015 minutes; S. Santy seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

J. Johnson distributed the Conflict of Interest forms. The Commission may have a minimum of 15 voting members, with a total of 25 allowed – the Commission currently has 22 voting members and one ex-officio.

J. Johnson noted that an orientation session for new Commission members would follow the meeting. She stated that the Commission By-laws will be updated and distributed to the members when completed.

After a brief discussion regarding the meeting dates for 2016, it was determined that the dates and times would remain as proposed in the handout.

A. Ostberg introduced herself to the new members and reviewed the handouts which were previously distributed – 1) AmeriCorps VISTA/Senior Corps 2015-2016 Calendar of Events; 2) Mayors Day of Recognition – April 5, 2016; and 3) Connecticut AmeriCorps VISTA Projects 2015-2016 and the Connecticut Senior Corps Projects 2015-2016.

K. Scheuritzel provided an update on the AmeriCorps 2015-16 portfolio noting that they are in the middle of the reporting cycle. There are 10 programs in the portfolio, 6 are

formula with the remaining 4 being competitive. There are 8 returning programs while 2 of the programs are new. A 3-day orientation program was held for all of these programs.

J. Johnson discussed the state service plan which would focus on vision, service, collaboration and recognition in the state. Connecticut's state service plan is outdated, so the staff and A. Ostberg met to begin discussions about the plan and how to move forward. The tentative schedule is to complete the plan in the spring 2016 and to submit the plan in the fall. The plan would cover 1/1/17 – 12/31/19.

A brief discussion ensued regarding advocacy and education, and how more Commissioners might want to get more involved in legislation and public policy

Planning and Future Initiatives

The annual Community Service Awards will take place in April 2016. The Association of State Service Commission will hold its leadership summit in Washington, DC in February 2016; the summit will focus on Commissioners and Executive Directors.

Business Wrap-Up

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Johnson, Executive Director