

CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

Record of Meeting – April 12, 2016

Members Present

E. Adams, S. Becker, I. Black, T. Higgins, M. McCreedy, S. Mykins, A. Ostberg, C. Poindexter, A. Ruwet, L. Sandiaes, K. Singh, T. Strong, P. Tarasovic

Members Absent

D. Briggs, W. Dyson, L. Egan, M. Farley, M. Gagnon, K. Halkyard, S. Santy, N. Snow, G. Wintjen

Others

M. Georges, J. Johnson, K. Scheuritzel

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order 9:03am

Welcome, Announcements, Agenda Adjustments

J. Johnson welcomed all participants on the call.

Business Reports

Minutes of February 9, 2016 Meeting

T. Higgins motions to adopt minutes. A. Ostberg made a correction to minutes. I. Black seconded motion to adopt corrected minutes.

State Service Plan Update

J. Johnson explained what the state service plan is and update plan. K. Halyard will no longer be working on the State Service plan due to a new job opportunity. Update given on focus group discussions at ECSU and future focus group.

CNCS field office (report attached)

A. Ostberg gave an update on Mayors Day, about 3000+ mayors participated, 29 in CT. Both AmeriCorps and Senior Corps attended the event. A. Ostberg also announced a new Senior Corps project launched called Veterans Coffee House; Senator Blumenthal Staff looking to expand project. Please contact Anne with other locations that may be available to host this project.

North Hartford Promise zone will be launching soon.

CT Senior Corps Association will be launched soon headed by Theresa Strong.

A. Ostberg has been interviewing to fill a Program Officer position in her office. A decision on final applicants is forthcoming.

Reminder about the Atlantic Regional conference - May 2-4 in Springfield. Registration closes on April 15, 2016.

CCCS Staff

AmeriCorps 2015-2016 portfolio status

K. Scheuritzel gave update of 3rd quarter of service year. Reporting data for October through December was e-mailed to all commissioners prior to April 12th meeting. January through March data will be available for the next Commission meeting in June.

Site visits and program update: RYASAP (MYO) will be closing early this year due to systemic issues (members have not serve enough hours to complete their term of service.) Grant funding for this program will close out June 1, 2016. MYO will be allowed to apply for a planning grant in the future.

AmeriCorps 2016-2017 RFP status

K. Scheuritzel gave an update in the competitive application process. Teach for America, FoodCorps, and Green Crew applied and will hear about funding from CNCS in May. March 31, 2016 was the deadline for the formula application process, 9 applications were accepted for the formula process with 4 being new applicants.

Solicitation for peer reviewers is upcoming. A peer reviewer training (conference) is scheduled for May 19th at 10am.

Planning and Future Initiatives

Annual Meeting – June 14, 2016: In- person meeting at 61 Woodland St. Hartford, CT.

S. Becker had a question about current committees and possible new committee creation. J. Johnson is open to recommendations on current by-laws. E-mail J. Johnson with any questions about by-law update. Feedback for by-laws will be needed before the annual meeting.

Community Service Awards 2016

J. Johnson gave an update on the awards which will now be combined with Campus Compact Conference in the fall in an effort to leverage support between two groups.

Announcements of Events from Commission Members

S. Mykins- June 12th (tentative date) AmeriCorps alums get together

K. Singh- Sunday April 17th Indian fest, Southington

Business Wrap-Up

Adjourned at 9:41am.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Georges, Commission staff