



ServeNebraska Commission

Board Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2013

NOTE TAKER: Janet Schmidt	LOCATION: AAA Headquarters Office Omaha, NE	DATE: 01/31/13	TIME: 1:45 pm – 3:03 p.m.	DURATION: 1 HR 18 MINS
PURPOSE: <i>Quarterly Commission Meeting</i>	ATTENDEES Commissioners Present: Nancy Faber, Sally Ganem, Tanya Hansen, Jamie Moore, Julie Nash, Donlynn Rice, Carol Speicher, Rose White and Sara Wood. Commissioners Present via Teleconference: Jan Fitts, Lorinda Krance and Kevin Warneke Staff Present: Jerry Sellentin, Greg Donovan, Kim Hall, Cathy Plager and Janet Schmidt.			

BUSINESS MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Chair Jamie Moore.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS – Jamie Moore, Commission Chair

AmeriCorps members: Sue Trisler of MCC Corps (Metropolitan Community College), Jenny Wysocky of College Possible Omaha AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps Alum: Heather Millard of the RISE program who is coordinating the Stand for the Silent anti-bullying efforts.

Nebraska Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) State Office: Laurel Shoaff-Tranick.

Manager of AAA Headquarters Office: Christopher Woodward.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Jamie Moore, Commission Chair

1. *Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2012 Commission Meeting (Previously sent minutes not correct. Provided correct minutes at beginning of meeting.)*
2. *Approval of Agenda – January 31, 2013 Commission Meeting*
3. *Approval of Report – Commission Financial Reports (Quarterly Operation & Subgrant Expenditures and Administrative Match Reports ending December 31, 2012)*

Motion #1: Commissioner Tanya Hansen moved that the items on the consent agenda be approved.

Second: Commissioner Carol Speicher.

Vote: 11 -Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstentions. Motion was carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. 2013-2014 AmeriCorps Competitive Applications – Jan Fitts, Vice-Chair

The AmeriCorps and National Service Committee recommended to the Commission that the four AmeriCorps Competitive Applications received be submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service in the following ranking:

- 1) College Possible Omaha AmeriCorps
- 2) University of Nebraska Medical Center – MMI AmeriCorps
- 3) City of Lincoln Youth on the Move AmeriCorps and
- 4) Lutheran Family Services – Nebraska Economic Opportunity Corps.

Second: Commissioner Rose White.

Vote: 10 -Yes; 1 - No; 0 – Abstentions. Motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. *Executive Director Temp and Hiring Process – Jamie Moore, Chair of Commission*

Jamie has sent commissioners updates regularly. Eighteen applications were received for the SOS Interim Executive Director position and screened down to three finalists. A candidate was selected by the Executive Committee and Jamie met with DHHS to get the selected individual's paperwork processed and to meet personally with the selected individual, Jerry Sellentin. The SOS position is authorized for the time period of January 22 through April 22, 2013.

At the October 2012 Commission Meeting Ron Sedlacek, Gerry Osborn, Julie Nash, Tami Bailey, Nancy Faber and Jamie Moore volunteered to be a part of the Search Committee to oversee the process of selecting strong candidates and hiring an Executive Director. The position was posted in December 2012 and applications closed on January 31, 2013. Total applications received were 242. A screening tool was developed and DHHS Human Resources used the tool to screen these applications down into a more manageable number. The initial meeting of the Search Committee will be in person on February 21, 2013. Tentatively, interviews may be held in mid-March 2013. The full commission will approve the new Executive Director's hiring. Jamie said that the Executive Director position may be filled by sometime in May or at the beginning of June. She would like to see the Search Committee make a decision and recommend three strong candidates for the Commission's consideration by the end of March. She plans to have each candidate meet with the full commission at the March 27th Commission meeting. This would not be a structured interview. This would allow time for the commissioners to get to meet candidates and ask clarifying questions before casting their vote for the new Executive Director.

Chair, Jamie Moore, received consensus of the full Commission to change the Annual Meeting date to March 27, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Donlynn Rice will host the meeting at Department of Education on 6th floor of the State Office Building.

2. *2013 Global Youth Service Day Projects/Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Cathy Plager, Staff*

Cathy shared that for 2013, an effort is underway to increase the impact of service on the youth involved. A concern in past years has been that a single day of service may not significantly increase community awareness and the involvement of young participants. As a result, the 2013 Global Youth Service Day granting process was begun earlier this year. Funded projects will provide a Semester of Service, with service learning activities beginning on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 21st) and culminating on Global Youth Service Day (April 26-28). Grant funding for Global Youth Service Day from Youth Service America is supplemented by \$5,000 in support from State Farm.

3. *2013 Serve Midlands Inclusion Conference Update – Cathy Plager*

Cathy shared that the free Serve Midlands Inclusion Conference will be held on March 6th in the Thompson Alumni Center on the campus of the University of Nebraska Omaha. The Conference is being co-sponsored by ServeNebraska and its peer organization in Iowa, Volunteer Iowa. Volunteer Iowa has collaboratively sponsored an inclusion conference in the past with the state service commission in Illinois. Dr. Joseph Evans, Professor of Psychology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the Program Director of MMI AmeriCorps, will give the keynote address. A slate of sessions will inform attendees about issues relating to national service, post-traumatic stress syndrome (PSTD) and veterans, adaptive technology for the disabled and additional topics.

4. *2013 First Lady's Awards Ceremony Update April 12, 2013 – Kim Hall, Staff*

Kim and Cathy have met with Modern Woodmen to sponsor both First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards and the Governor's Points of Light awards. Food, awards and photography costs are part of the First Lady Awards Luncheon. The First Lady's Awards Luncheon will be held at the Kearney Country Club. Nominations are still needed as there are categories that do not have even one nomination. Currently Kim has received 10 nominations. Nominations for other than Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer Group of the Year categories are needed.

5. *Nebraska Volunteer Foundation Fund Update – Jamie Moore*

Lois has reported that she has contacted Joe Sullivan (US Bank) and Ann Hastings (Methodist Foundation) about becoming members of the Foundation Advisory Committee. She is planning a Foundation Advisory Committee conference call within the next two weeks and the Committee will make final decisions on how to best to bring the two individuals onto the Foundation Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Stand for the Silent – Heather Millard, RISE AmeriCorps Program Alum*

Last year about 60,000 persons made a personal pledge against bullying through the first year of Nebraska Stand for the Silent. The goal is to exceed this number in 2013. Glo sticks instead of balloons will be used this year. Heather has a new website for Nebraska Stand for the Silent: nebraskasfts.com. Husker Vision has agreed to do a public service announcement. She asked the commissioners to ask their mayor to do proclamations for their communities. A rally will be held on the steps of the State Capitol April 5 at 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. to launch this event. Mike Smith will speak at this rally. Through the ServeNebraska InterCorps Council, a group of AmeriCorps members will help Heather get the glo sticks and pledges out to all who request them. Heather invited commissioners to contact her if they have any ideas or questions they would like to share with her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Jamie Moore, Commission Chair

1. Additional Financial Information -- \$440,958.49 was the total match for 2012. The Commission has exceeded the match requirements for 2012. One hundred thousand (\$100,000) of the \$200,000 Administration budget has been received to operate on under a Continuing Resolution until the Federal budget has been passed by Congress. Administration grant match for 2013 will be easily met because our match for October to November from the Nebraska Broadcasters Association and the DHHS match, Global Youth Service Day projects and the Stand for the Silent campaign.
2. March 6, 2013 – Serve Midlands Inclusion Conference – Omaha at the Thompson Center on the University of Nebraska Omaha campus.
3. Next Commission Meeting: March 27, 2013 – Dept. of Education, Nebraska State Office Building, 6th Floor hosted by Donlynn Rice.
4. Commission Meeting Hosts: Please arrange for conference call option
5. Reminder to submit mileage on In-Kind Donation Forms at each Commission meeting.
6. Sally Ganem will receive National Service State Leadership Friends for National Service Award from Voices for National Service at a reception in Washington, DC on February 11, 2013. She was nominated by ServeNebraska in recognition for her strong support of the Commission, AmeriCorps in Nebraska and her other community service leadership roles.

ADJOURN – Jamie Moore, Commission Chair

Motion #3: Commissioner Rose White moved that the Commission business meeting be adjourned.

Second: Commissioner Nancy Faber seconded.

Vote: 11 -Yes; 0 -No; 0 -Abstentions. Motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. The Voting Record is attached to these minutes.

Submitted by, _____
Janet L. Schmidt, Fiscal/Operations Officer

Approved by, _____
Jamie Moore, Chair

ServeNebraska Commission Meeting
VOTE RECORD
Date: 01-31-2013

NAME	Attendance	Motion 1	Motion 2	Motion 3	Motion 5	Motion 6	Motion 7
Commissioner Name	P = Present NP = Not Present NV = Non-Voting AB = Abstain	Move to Approve Consent Agenda	Move to approve and submit to CNCS 2013-14 competitive applications as recommended by the AmeriCorps & National Service Committee	Move to adjourn the Business Meeting			
Bailey, Tami	NP						
Chapman, Keelan	NP						
Faber, Nancy	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Fitts, Jan	Y-By Phone	Y	Y	Y			
Ganem, Sally	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Hansen, Tanya	Y	Y	N	Y			
Kelly, April	NP						
Kollath, Denise	NP						
Krance, Lorinda	NP						
Moore, Jamie	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Osborn, Gerry	NP						
Rice, Donlynn	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Sedlacek, Ron	NP						
Speicher, Carol	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Warneke, Kevin	Y-By Phone	Y	Y	Y			
White, Rose	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Wine, Lois	NP						
Woods, Sara	Y	Y	Y	Y			
TOTAL	11	11	11	16	16	11	11
Nash, Julie *	Y						
Volovich, Angela *	Y						

*Ex-Officio Non-voting

- Rep of Corporation for National & Community Service,
- Rep for Service Learning in Higher Education (vacant), and
- Rep of Senior Corps National Service Program

Commissioners:

QUORUM REQUIRED by BYLAWS: **10**
NUMBER PRESENT in Person: **13 including non-voting**
NUMBER PRESENT by Teleconference: **2**