

## **Serve Idaho Program Committee Meeting**

**November 1, 2023**

**2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (MT)**

**In attendance:** April Durrant (Chair), Mat Erpelding, Rebecca Wood, ~~Amanda Gardner, Susan Potucek,~~ Char Kremer, Chelsea Weeks, Eric Anderson, Mike Wilkinson, Destinie Hart, Renee Bade, Micaela De Loyola-Carkin, Heather Uhi, Kim Empey, Amy Busch

Meeting called to order at 2:32 pm by April Durrant.

### **Motion to Approve the July 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

- Motion: Char Kremer
- Second: Rebecca Wood
- Motion carries.

### **VISTA Host Site Update & Discussion**

- Many cuts from VISTA have happened due to rescindment of ARPA funds.
- AmeriCorps is planning forward with the projected budget cuts. This affects Serve Idaho in the following ways:
  - o Now will have 3 standard slots at Serve Idaho (2 currently serving, 1 member re-enrolling in November)
  - o Will have 1 more VISTA slot available in August 2024
- Serve Idaho started with 9 VISTA slots, ran competitions to find host sites and have members at the following locations:
  - o Salvation Army-Caldwell
  - o Idaho Policy Institute
  - o Coeur d'Alene Economic Development Corps
- Serve Idaho will be notifying VISTA host sites that applied for a member earlier this year that they will not be getting their VISTA member in January 2024 as originally anticipated due to funding cuts.
- Three different options for Serve Idaho:
  - o 1. Continue to support current VISTA members until their service ends & then close grant and stop being a VISTA intermediary in August 2024.
  - o 2. Right now say that we won't be an intermediary and find organizations to absorb the current VISTA members and be done with the grant immediately.
  - o 3. Still operate VISTA and be an intermediary knowing that funding could drastically be reduced.
- Committee members agreed that the least disruptive option seems to go through August 2024 for the sake of member stability and staff resources since there is currently funding for Micaela to support VISTA members.

- Renee will let the following organizations know that they will not be receiving a VISTA member due to the budget cuts:
  - o White Clouds Preserve
  - o St. Vincent de Paul
  - o Family Promise of the Palouse
  - o Veterans Chamber of Commerce

**Motion to continue supporting existing VISTA members through the end of the term of their service.**

- Motion: Mat Erpelding
- Second: Rebecca Wood
- Motion carries.

**Motion to send the Multi-Year Grant Funding Consideration Policy to the full commission .**

- Motion: Rebecca Wood
- Second: Mat Erpelding
- Motion carries.
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**SOP Updates**

- Renee will send over SOP for Program Committee as a Google Doc for committee members to review and suggest any edits.
- Committee will review and approve the SOP.

**Competitive & PHA GARP Updates**

- Grant applications will be available on Basecamp on November 2. Kim will send an email.
- Grant Reviewer Training will be on Wednesday, November 8. It will be recorded.
- Grant Application Review meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15 at 11:30am MT.
- Please review and score rubrics before the GARP meeting on November 15.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kim Empey.

Minutes approved by Program Committee on 12/19/2023.