

Serve Idaho Commission Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2022
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (MT)
TownePlace Suites by Marriott – Boise Downtown
1455 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83706

Staff Present: Renee Bade, Micaela de Loyola-Carkin, Kim Empey, Heather Uhi

Meeting called to order at 9:11 a.m. by Kimber Russell

In attendance:

- ~~—Alina Rahim~~
- Amy Little
- April Durrant
- Bill Langer (last year on commission)
- Charlette Kremer
- Dan Cabrera (representative for IDOL)
- Dirk Marsden
- Donald Lovejoy
- Farhana Hibbert
- Kayeloni Scott (October will probably be her last meeting)
- Elaine Zabriskie (presenter)
- ~~—Katie Mathias~~
- Kevin Bailey
- Kimber Russell
- Kristyn Carr (for Jani Revier)
- Kristi Keeler
- ~~—Mat Erpelding~~
- ~~—Susan Potucek~~
- ~~—Rebecca Wood~~
- Jordan Woods

Review and approve agenda with a change to Tim Carroll presentation. He was unable to attend.

- Motion to approve agenda: Farhana Hibbert
- Second to approve agenda: Amy Little
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Review and approve previous meeting minutes from May 25, 2022

- Motion to approve meeting minutes: Kristi Keeler
- Second to approve meeting minute: Bill Langer
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

AmeriCorps member moment given by Elaine Zabriskie. Mentor training program, good solutions come in good time. Carry our world from what we have, to what we want.

Standing Committee Report Outs were given after breakout sessions

Farhana Hibbert reported from the outreach committee. Examples of AmeriCorps members to share membership moments. Add these items to commissioner quarterly reporting for - Talked to local government representatives for each commissioner. - Distribute flyers on the importance of volunteerism 55 and older. Outreach committee would like time in the October meeting to review Serve Idaho online materials as a group. -Please share annual report with local elected officials. Respond to action alerts from Char and would like half of commissioners to sign up for this.

Amy Little spoke regarding the current term limits and how they may need revising. The recommendation was to go to three-three year terms with an additional fourth term available for those in leadership roles. ASC caveat. Lose historical context with commissioners that have served for numerous years. Honor a best practice and have a little more flexibility. Recommendation to commission then add to agenda 30 days or more prior to meeting. Then change in by-laws. Renee will look into the number of ex-officio members allowed to serve on commission, if their travel expenses can be reimbursed, etc. Revisit this decision again to ensure it is working, does it need adjusted, etc.? We are currently at 15 commissioners. We are looking for more...hoping for 20-22 members. If you know of someone, please reach out to Amy or Renee. As commissioners are making their presentations in their communities, maybe add that we are currently looking for more commissioners.

Kristyn Carr gave an update for the IDOL. She mentioned Idaho Launch. It has career training funding for idaholaunch.com. Guides through process. Next Steps one time benefit up to \$7500 for those economically can benefit a lot of people in different ways. Job Corps project in 3rd year funded through Sept. 2023. 4 community colleges. Job Corps students 16-24 y.o. life skills assistance getting GED, diploma, job training, remove barriers they may have in order to succeed in the workplace. Health and wellness focus. Trying to find and retain staff. Katie Solace is the contact for professional development opportunities.

Donald Lovejoy spoke on the volunteer generation fund. American rescue grant funds has been opened up beyond commissions only. Sept. 13th deadline priorities is on education. DIVERSITY chief and inclusion officer. Amy Busch has stepped into new position. Recruiting for a VISTA recruiter position. Associate portfolio positions open. Site visits being planned and trying to plan virtual visits as well. VISTA transferability of education award to eligible child, grandchild, etc. has been extended NCCC. VISTA living allowance on average is \$2k additional. Housing average divided in half as well as the poverty rates for guidelines. Updated every year. \$17,600 on average. 7% increase across the board. Living allowances can be manageable as long as transportation is provided. Partnerships with their public transit can help with this.

Renee Bade spoke to the planning grant opportunity. 5 may be awarded. Stepping stone for AmeriCorps programs allows them a year to apply for a planning grant of up to \$75k. Look at other models throughout the country to decide if AmeriCorps is a good fit for their organization. Build that infrastructure, to then apply for a planning grant. August 5th. 5 \$375k. A lot of outreach has been happening. Amy, Kimber, and April volunteered to review grants for this. ISU increase in funding CDC for behavioral health \$1.2 million plus .2 million for up to \$3.9 million 363 members serving currently. Significant increase in Bringing on additional staff member to help with managing VISTA portfolio. Telework option. VISTA continuation grant - intermediary AmeriCorps members capacity building. 6 members working in economic development area. Struggling with recruitment for VISTA. No-cost share, no cost in absorbing this fee currently Is there a skill-share possibility to help members quantify their knowledge gained? Micro-credentialling? Michaela is working on that. New website live next week. Renee will send a message when it has launched.

Understanding Streams of Service – AmeriCorps VISTA Presentation Dylan Davids, Rio O’Neal, and Donald Lovejoy former VISTA alum. Mountain Region – Team North (Idaho & Montana) anti-poverty, capacity building, full-time one year service, living allowance + education award or end-of-service stipend single site applicant, partner with other agencies, then possibly upgrade to VISTA intermediary.

AmeriCorps Program Presentations

- Student Conservation Association Tim Carroll was not able to present due to wildfire.
- University of Idaho 4-H AmeriCorps, Natasha Tienhaara talent is everywhere but opportunity is not 33 host sites, 48 members, hybrid member training online self-paced training with Canvas focusing on youth mental health and first aid certification. Home school stem program -wizarding world in Kootenai chemistry and engineering. Two days marshmallow wars engineering, math, knock over others. Rangeland Ecology. Bonners Fairy light parade. Design your own super hero where Ollie Crooms challenged children with Jennifer Sells. Washington County. Idaho at Play. State Teen Association Convention let communities know that they are here that they want to be involved extension offices struggle to get funding through county commissions. Community service project support. Maybe make a presentation with the local school boards to make connections. ESER funds may be available and can be used as a cash match.
- Teach for America with Marisa Wong 33 members all members are full-time employees of their school/district, and they earn a teacher's salary. Two-year commitment. Working across 14 districts and schools estimated to have reached 9,000 students across southwest Idaho. Whiley Powers new manager of operations. She was a program participant. They started out with 36 members, 33 completed, retention rate of 91.7%. Challenges are health and safety concerns, fluctuating policies on hybrid vs. in-person and major learning loss. Target was 9,500 served EDSA target was 7,125. Develop the leadership skills of our teachers. Suggestion to add an AmeriCorps logo to presentation. Teach For America is considered a professional Corps vs. AmeriCorps. Education award only.
- Courtney Warner PCEI Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute has 23 members active. Their primary means of outreach is education. Amanda Minor is the new placement coordinator. MOSS What can commissioners do to help? Provide professional development training for their members and offer help or advice in housing, living stipend amount and recruitment. Attend an event in-person. Contact Courtney for events nearby. PCEI AmeriCorps Instagram page.
- Elisha Horrocks gave presentation on Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity AmeriCorps challenges with the current market, living allowance and housing. Positions offered to 2 individuals, both declined.
- Jana Bodily-Roan, Laurie Brenchley and Nohely Reyes gave a presentation on Idaho Health Corps AmeriCorps. 23 stipend members, 71 EOA members. These members have served over 47k hours this year. Serve Idaho conference training utilized the most from their members to meet training requirements. Grow, learn, share program. They are also using the 5210-education program 5 servings of fruits and veggies, 2 hours or less of screen time, 1 or more hours of physical activity and 0 sweetened beverages. Gem State Public Health AmeriCorps began June 1, 2022. To create a healthier, stronger, and more resilient future through service. ASIST -certified trainers as suicide interventionists. QPR questions, persuade and refer people to provide assistance for people with thoughts of suicide. 9=8=8 Char asked what each program is doing to keep AmeriCorps alum connected after their service. Go to basecamp and click on auto alert.

A motion to conclude meeting made by: Fahrana Hibbert

- Motion seconded by: Kristi Keeler
- Approved by a unanimous vote.
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Meeting dismissed by Chair Kimber Russell at 4:02 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristi Keeler.

Commission minutes approved on October 12, 2022.