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Missouri Community Service Commission
Quarterly Commission Meeting
Virtual Meeting
9:00am – 11:00am, December 8, 2021

Recorder of Minutes.....Christine Gardner

1. Call to Order John Albright

- a. Albright called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

2. Roll CallScott McFarland

Attendance: John Albright, Gary Budoor, Jamie Crispin, Christine Gardner Jennifer Ingraham, Frank Logan, Deborah Mann, Scott McFarland, Renae Neill, Kristen Schaben, Amy Rogers, Skip Stephens, Russ Unger

3. Approval of October 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes John Albright

- a. Ingraham made a motion to approve the minutes.
b. Motion was seconded by Budoor.
c. Approved via voice vote

4. Commission Chair Report..... John Albright

- a. Will discuss progress updates at May 2022 meeting as new commissioners are anticipated to be on-boarded.
b. Legislative Education Committee (LEC) - purpose of this committee is being discussed and reviewed to determine next steps.
c. Fundraising Committee- members are awaiting a response from KC Commerce Bank for their response on agreeing to partner with MCSC. Committee will also be seeking a partnership with Arvest. Kaufmann Foundation declined the offer.
d. AmeriCorps Committee- MCSC staff has not met with the Chair to date.
e. Volunteerism Committee- application template for the service and volunteerism awards is completed, and nominations are being collected.

5. DED Report.....Scott McFarland

- a. Business and Community Solutions is searching to fill the Deputy Director position.
b. Civilian Climate Corps was a topic of discussion at a electrical cooperative breakfast meeting that is held annually.

6. Federal Agency Report.....Jamie Crispin

- a. Senate pushed forward with confirming AmeriCorps's CEO, Michael Smith.
b. AmeriCorps's current focus is on provided resources to refugees; specifically the Afghan Resettlement. Looking at how AmeriCorps can help with this process and get systems in place to serve them.
c. North Central Office is adding two staff to support smaller teams.
d. Still making efforts to get the ARP dollars into the field.

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- e. Currently reviewing applications submitted for Public Health AmeriCorps.
- f. MCSC is possibly applying to administer an AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program in Missouri.

7. Executive Director’s Report.....Scott McFarland

a. Federal Update

- i. **Reconciliation-** at this point, waiting to see how Senator Joe Manchin (West Virginia) and Senator Kyrsten Sinema (Arizona) move forward. This bill would give CNCS 15 times the annual amount of investment they typically get in funding spread out over the next ten years. It would include increased stipends, education awards, and the new Civilian Climate Corps.

b. AmeriCorps

- i. **State MOUs-** To date, 5 of the 8 border states have signed MOU that would allow AmeriCorps Members from one state to serve within 40 miles of the neighboring state’s border. They are Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.
- ii. **VISTA Project-** The Commission’s proposal was approved and final application is being submitted by December 1st. Currently have 13 requests to place VISTA in their offices.
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- iii. **AmeriCorps State-** An update of the 2022-2023 AmeriCorps State applications was provided. A total of 28 applications were received which is an increase from the previous application cycles. CLAIM will not reapply for the next application cycle.

c. Volunteerism

- i. **Volunteer Portal-** There has been 6,688 page views since it launched on October 1st, 198 partner agencies, 13,324 slots available, and 1,757 volunteer responses. There appears to be more opportunities available than people who are seeking volunteer opportunities. The Commission will continue to market the search portal in order to get boost active users.
- ii. **Bicentennial Challenge-** MCSC partnered with the Missouri Bicentennial Commission to challenge Missouri citizens to volunteer 200 hours during 2021. To date, we have logged 22,141 hours served.

d. Commission Updates

- i. MCSC Staffing Updates-
 - MCSC has reopened the search to hire an AmeriCorps Program Development Manager.
 - 2022 budget includes positions for another AC Program Officer and a Volunteer Programs Officer.
- ii. Bid for a temporary social media contractor has been submitted.
- iii. ARP update- these funds (formula) have not been utilized yet due to MCSC not having the appropriate spending authority. Seeking approval to increase spending authority during the legislative session in February.

8. Old Business

- a. **Governor’s Office Appointment Discussion/Expectations-** McFarland continues to communicate with the Governor’s Office to bring on the second cohort of candidates. At this time, no expected due date has been provided.

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9. New Business

a. AmeriCorps Competitive Submission for 2022-2023

i. McFarland outlined the staff recommendation to submit 14 applications to the federal national competition. Those programs are:

1. AmeriCorps St. Louis (Partnership for Youth)
2. City Year Kansas City
3. Jumpstart
4. Missouri College Advising Corps (UM)
5. The Literacy Lab
6. St. Louis Area Foodbank
7. Kansas City Teacher Residency
8. Poplar Bluff School District
9. Child Abuse Prevention Network (CAPA)
10. PAVE (Eldon School District)
11. College Bound (A Million Stars, Inc.)
12. Healing Action Network
13. Mission St. Louis
14. Waynesville AmeriCorps

- ii. Unger motioned to approve the list as recommended by the staff
- iii. Ingraham seconded
- iv. Approved via voice vote

b. 2022 Commission Calendar

- i. McFarland presented a 2022 calendar which included proposed meeting dates, event dates, and days of service.
- ii. Ingraham motioned to approved the 2022 calendar
- iii. Budoor seconded
- iv. Approved via voice vote

10. Public Comment

- a. No comments were offered.

11. Meeting Summary

- a. Key decisions, tasks, and responsibilities
 - i. The following outlines the summary as the components are noted above-

Plan of Action	Responsible Individual(s)
Move forward with submitting applications for Competitive funding.	McFarland
Move forward with scheduling and developing an agenda for the staff/commissioner retreat.	McFarland, Gardner
Budoor will provide feedback to Chris to get the nomination forms for service and volunteerism out to the public	Budoor
Executive Committee meeting to schedule calendar events for the year.	McFarland

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12. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be March 31 following the Commission retreat.

13. Adjournment

- a. Stephens motioned to adjourn
- b. Unger seconded
- c. Approved via voice vote
- d. Albright adjourned the meeting at 10:39am

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