

Commission Members: Michael Jensen, Patricia Eriksen, Carrie Reese, Kristen Tracy, Doug Brown, Henry Henscheid, William Langer, Charlette Kremer, Clint Blackwood, Kara Braschia, Georgia Dimick, Randy'L Teton, Bryan Wewers, Donald Heuer, Jesse Maldonado, R. Dirk Marsden, Camille McCashland, Colleen Schowalter

Attendees: Michael Jensen, Patricia Eriksen, Carrie Reese, Kristen Tracy, Doug Brown, Henry Henscheid, William Langer, Charlette Kremer, Clint Blackwood, Kara Braschia, Georgia Dimick, Randy'L Teton, Bryan Wewers, Donald Heuer, Jesse Maldonado, R. Dirk Marsden, Camille McCashland, Colleen Schowalter, April Durrant, Ben Quintana, Sue Simmons, Renee Bade, Heather Luff, Patricia Fitzpatrick, Lachelle Smith

Welcome – coffee and conversation

Call to order @ 9:00 a.m.

Discussion

Pat Eriksen, Commission Chair

Review and approve agenda

Discussion:

Review of Agenda

Welcome to Lachelle Smith

United Way Nora Wells

Kathryn Hampton - SWIDOVs

Motion to: Bill Langer

Seconded: Don Heuer

Motion **Approved** / Denied

Review and approve previous meeting minutes

Discussion:

Review minutes

Minutes approved as read

Motion to: Henry Henscheid

Seconded Clint Blackwood

Motion **Approved** / Denied

Chairman's report

Pat Eriksen

Welcome Bryan Wewers

Works at Idaho Power – Community Relations Ada, Boise, Gem County,

Works with volunteers

Presentation of Certificate to Mike Jensen at the Serve Idaho Conference

Brightest Star Award

Special thank you to the Serve Idaho staff

Michelle Edmunds on channel 9 news about 30 second spot

Explained how special all of the people were who were nominated

VISTA/Senior Corps update

April Durrant

Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS)
Idaho Field Office Update- January 2016
Serve Idaho State Service Commission

CNCS Update:

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

On December 18, 2015, President Obama signed H.R. 2029, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016." This legislation provides \$1,094,916,000 for the Corporation for National and Community Service and its programs, a \$39.9 million increase over last year.

Employers of National Service

This initiative recognizes the valuable skills gained by the 900,000 Americans who have participated in AmeriCorps since 1994 and the 215,000 who have participated in the Peace Corps. To become an Employer of National Service, organizations will demonstrate policies and practices that emphasize the skills that national service alumni bring to the workplace. Learn more at <http://www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/employers-national-service>.

Mayors Day 2016

The nation's mayors and county executives are increasingly turning to national service as a cost-effective strategy to address local challenges. By unleashing the power of citizens, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs have a positive and lasting impact – making our cities and counties better places to live. To spotlight the impact of national service and thank those who serve, mayors across the country will participate in the third-annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on **April 5, 2016**. We'll be counting on grantees, commissioners, and community partners to help us engage Mayors in this opportunity to recognize national service. Please submit your tan outreach sign-up sheets to Lachelle Smith or have the mayor or county representative register online.

CEO Visit

Wendy Spencer will attend day two of the Serve Idaho conference. We are excited to have her visit the great state of Idaho!

CNCS/Other Funding Announcements/NOFAs

MORE INFORMATION ON ALL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.NATIONALSERVICE.GOV.

2016 RSVP NOFO: Applications are currently under review. All programs are currently in continuation with no renewals this year.

AmeriCorps VISTA: The Fiscal Year 2016 concept paper/application is now available. Spread the word! We are looking for organizations who are able to support one or more cost share VISTA members (\$11,676 per member, per year) Interested organizations should contact ID@cns.gov for more information on becoming a sponsor.

Report – budget passed and an increase

Headquarters is moving buildings

Ex officio commissioner to Nevada for a year

New Executive Director for Nevada has been hired

Senior Corps just renewals

Erwin left

VISTA is releasing new pre-service orientation model called PSO blend – electronic allows less travel costs – starts Feb 22, 2016. Prepare VISTA's faster for positions.

New Partnerships with Life's Kitchen and Giraffe Laugh

- 18 cost share VISTA positions available
- 15 standards VISTA positions – these are now full

Mayor's Day Update

Lachelle Smith

CNCS state office

Recognition of volunteers within all communities

National day of recognition for national service

Sign up on website

- Activities can include: proclamation signing, service event

Refer to attached lists

Sample proclamation

Questionnaire

Who has already registered?

CNCS Program lists for counties and/or city (Lachelle)

Organization directory (Serve Idaho has)

Information can be found on the CNCS about Mayors Day and will have all of the attachments per Renee on bi-weekly commissioner corner.

Commissioners should contact local commissioners, mayors, etc... Better from a local representative than from the federal office.

Call Tuesday for commissions for Mayor's Day 11am Mountain or 10am Pacific January 26, 2016

Henry Report Bingham county projected value of hours and \$ it equated to millions of dollars and a testimonial during the 90 minute event

Event started 3 years ago

Henry – recommended that we continue to push volunteerism and not strict AmeriCorps

Idaho Department of Labor updates

Sue Simmons

Sue Simmons not in attendance. Roy Valdez reported on her behalf.

DOL is funding agency

WIA – 14 million funding and employment services grant

- Currently has both a discretionary grant and disability funding grant

Program with youth last reported above average.

Projected work force gap by 2020 will be short in Idaho 60 some thousand workers in state of Idaho.

High demand areas include health care, advanced manufacturing, and energy.

State of State by Governor – a lot about education PTE – push and career advising in schools

Career awareness in the high schools continues to be a focus

ITD – to solicit funds to recruit and train on heavy equipment for veterans

2016 – challenges – economy doing great – fastest growing state – labor force increasing

Job seekers market in Idaho

DOL has less money in good economy

Sue retires on May 22, 2016

Attrition is happening in the DOL – they like to be partnered with us

Roy will come to our meetings for Sue in future.

Administrator's report

Renee Bade

- Funding approved and commission approved and increased 39 million increase
- Increase in training funding – non matching funds
- #2 for volunteerism .4 advantage over Wisconsin
- #8 Boise ranked nationally
- Intern Nick submits press releases
- MLK day on Monday – National Day of Service in the following locations
 - Lewiston
 - Pocatello
 - Idaho Falls
 - Boise

- ***Idaho Food Bank needs other service projects and other non-profits in national days of service
- Veterans pinning ceremony will occur at conference
- State service plan updated and approved – develop work plans for the commission later in the meeting
- Handouts provided:
 - Ad hoc committee assignments
 - National Service Directory
 - List of Commission Meetings
 - Updated roster of all commissioners

Events:

- Career Fair at Lowell Scott Middle School
- Treefort music festival
- Partnership with United Way of Treasure Valley on website
 - Kootenai county and Lewiston, Twin Falls, Pocatello Volunteer match software for Idaho

Financial report

- Attachment
- Struggle for match

Program report

Heather Luff

- Commissioners interested in attending site visits should contact Heather.
- Proposed Site Visit dates for the year are:
 - March 17th Veterans Serving Veterans in Boise
 - April 26th Blackfoot Community Center
 - April 27th Idaho Healthcare for Children and Families in Pocatello
 - May 18th Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute in Moscow
 - July 29th Student Conservation Association in the Salmon Challis Wilderness

The majority of our programs are low risk programs. However, we have one program, BCC, that is a high risk program. Because of their high risk ranking, we will be conducting two site visit/monitoring visits this program year.

Site visits indicated multiple issues with background check compliance.

BCC compliance is still a concern. Ranked as a high risk. Missed the December 21 deadline to complete compliance items. Deadline has been extended to February 5.

Program High Lights

Student Conservation Association highlights from the 2014-2015 year:

Completed 2 public service events with community members and AmeriCorps members: National Trails Day in Challis and September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance in Mackay. A total of 25 community members participated with the AmeriCorps members in these service events.

SCA's members provided an additional 500 hours of service (outside of their AmeriCorps hours, during their free time) in the surrounding communities including: volunteering at CSA Farms, the Farmers' Market, Little League Baseball, and at the 4th of July events in the community.

Idaho Healthcare for Children and Families:

Was successful with their MLK day events and even received some news coverage where AmeriCorps was mentioned (Program Director was unable to find the link to share).

Veterans Serving Veterans Highlights for the 2014-2015 program year:

During the past year, the AmeriCorps Member assigned to the Kootenai County Local Office provided intensive job search assistance to 5 recently released felons. Incarceration times for the Veteran ex-offenders ranged from 18 months to 20 years, and each required an extensive amount of time to become job ready.

Criminal History Check Disallowance

Update on Idaho Health Care for Children and Families: the Corporation for National and Community Service indicated they should have a disallowance letter drafted and sent to Serve Idaho by mid-January. The letter has not yet been received, but we are hoping that it will come soon so we can resolve this issue and move forward. (Provide background context for new commissioners).

During our first of two site visits to the Blackfoot Community Center AmeriCorps Program, we discovered that all new staff and members were missing their State Criminal History Background Checks. Because of this, Blackfoot Community Center will also be assessed a fee through the Criminal History Check Disallowance and be required to pay back money to the Corporation for National and Community Service. We are currently working to determine how much that fee will be, but are waiting on BCC to provide us with the documents needed to calculate the disallowance. It will be significantly smaller than the ISU disallowance as there were only 4-5 instances of disallowance.

Renee Cox: this typically addresses funding, training, member updates etc.

Break 10-minute break

Standing Committee Report Outs

- **Marketing** **April Durrant/Renee Bade**
Nick Intern another semester – Volunteer to Career Campaign – working with Universities and they are putting together to do AmeriCorps campaigns
Meeting with Sheriff's department February 2 – discuss Idaho's Promise License Plates
Volunteer to Career radio spots are complete. Will be dispersed this spring.

College age and high school meetings
Serve Idaho logo updated by IDOL communications department
Website – DOL updating – will be a work in Process in April Meeting

- **Membership** **Kristen Tracey**
Kristen has a meeting today after the commission meeting
5 commissioners up for re-appointment
Update list to include what commissioners do and area they are from
- **Program** **Doug Brown**
Doug Brown explained this committee as a sub-committee of the program committee
Grant review committee
Grant Committee – non-commissioners and commissioners
CNCS receives \$600,000 for different programing
Received 3 continuation grants
Student conservation – Challis Area – Attachment for this
Motion: Bill Langer
Seconded: Dirk Marsden
Move to **Approve**
Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute – see attachment
Motion: Camille McCashland
Seconded: Don Heuer
Move to **Approve**
Idaho Healthcare for Children and families – see attachment
Motion: Bill Langer
Seconded: Henry Henscheid
Move to **Approve**

The recommendation for all of these proposals will be sent to CNCS to be awarded.
Strategies for new applicants. Increasing volunteerism in Idaho

Ad Hoc Committee Report Outs

- **Serve Idaho Conference** **Char Kremer** **Leading Change Volunteering the 21st Century**
March 1 and 2 at Red Lion this week –
Sponsors include: Idaho Power; State Farm; Avista, St. Lukes
Reduced Registration Fees for 2016
See attachment
Sponsor funds go to scholarships – students & VISTA's \$20.00
Volunteers who assist with event get in free
Vendors – Outreach for vendors (from Commissioners)
Sponsors – Outreach from commissioners
Commissioners – can donate toward scholarship – challenge by other commissioners
March 2 – Wendy will be here – Veterans pinning – volunteer to career panel member – introduce the closing speaker also Gov. Andrus...
Daniel Barutta – will speak at welcome event
- **Idaho's Brightest Stars** **Pat Erikson/Renee Bade**
232 confirmed attendees

Photo's went really well – great best practice
Lt. Governor's office was great to work with
Dirk sponsor from AFL-CIO 500.00
Great State wide project
All food was donated by Kindness
Photographer was donated and pictures can be downloaded free
Pam McGarry provided the plaques
Press release sent out on January 22 with winners
Senator Schmidt attended
Approximately \$4000.00 in matching funds
Debrief in two weeks to see if it can be incorporated into Serve Idaho Conference

- **By-Laws**

Henry Henscheid

Lynn worked on by-laws committee
More detailed report next time

- **Disaster**

Clint Blackwood

National response as a career – AmeriCorps has state and federal response teams
Volunteer reception center command center – submitted and reviewed
– not looking into this as a need – so not much response – could Serve Idaho
Assist in this issue with a command center – locally they have gone into LEPC for the
Volunteer meetings – Clint meeting with LEPC to continue with the plan
No longer have the 211 system
Every county and region has to have exercises for EMS. Coordinator has to have each county
Be available
VOAB meeting
Serve Idaho Commissioners can't run the volunteer reception command center we need to help
organize the center

Lunch – Team Building Activity

Pat Eriksen

Team activity – see attachment

Volunteer United Presentation

Robynn Brown

Nora Carpenter CEO United Way of Treasure Valley
United Way goal to make volunteering easier for people
Volunteer United is a volunteer gathering tool
7 united ways within the state of Idaho
Add list of locations
United Ways are disconnected
SEE THE POWER POINT and attachment
Even the United Way's within Idaho are all different
We need to use technology that is available
The 7 United Ways are already moving forward with the efforts to move forward
Statewide website
VolunterUnited.org is the name of the site
Connects to Twitter and Facebook
User Friendly
Easy to load for those who want to load opportunities

Avenue for deeper relationship building
Complete tool – events, needs, volunteers
Free for users and volunteer agencies
Training available
Personalize your area
Link to websites
Unique volunteer opportunities

This is a project that they are behind all of the way so they are putting their reputation on the line
They are dedicated to this volunteer website program.
Is there ways to link any of these different volunteer sites together?
Don't know right now.

Site launches January 25, 2016
United Way needs other to help with the marketing of this product
Asking for \$5000.00 to sponsor them
Get Serve Idaho and DOL as co-branding on this project
Volunteers can track their hours
Need to have the approval as soon as possible
One stop volunteering shop

Southwest Directors of Volunteer Services (SWIDOVS) discussion

Kathryn Hampton & Shirley Conger

Kathryn Hampton – Director of SWIDOVS
Based in the Treasure Valley
All organizations that manage volunteer programs
The members are all associated with recruiting volunteers
Meet the third Thursday of every month
They review all areas of volunteering when it comes to managing volunteers
International Volunteers Days every year – Celebrated with DOVE awards
Interested in developing other SWIDOVS in other areas
Have commissioners take this information to their local area volunteer directors

2015 in Review

Renee Bade

#2 in Nation for Volunteerism
7 new commissioners
Membership always a busy area
Staff has been here 1 year
(Power Point attached)
Commission Service Projects
140 cards at Ronald McDonald House
50 lbs of rash
105 literacy bags
Very successful 189 participants
20 presenters
25 sessions
Mayors days of service
Pocatello/Chubbuck clean up a park event – National coverage
8 marketing plans – implemented
5 commissioners served with Boise State Students

New marketing intern
2 new radio spots completed
Working on New Logo
5 Community meetings throughout the state
8 successful Idaho@Play Events
Also MLK day as a national and state event
CNCS social media swearing in event a success
Video or picture very creative this was a competition
Completed the Serve Idaho State Service Plan
192 people responded to the survey
Commissioners all participated
The Governor provided feedback
Successful AmeriCorps Programs
Add numbers from slide
Cross Collaboration
Hosted NCCC Teams
VISTA 50th Anniversary
Foster Grandparent Program 50th Anniversary

VolunteerUnited.org

Review the budget to see if we can sponsor the united way website
\$5000.00
Past dollars was used for PSA and Radio Spots
Ad hoc committee to decide this
Something in the middle to put these back together
By Feb 16 will have a commission meeting via phone no longer than an hour
Phone meeting with Robyn and ad hoc committee
A sign-up sheet will be sent around for those interested
Motion: Colleen Schowalter
Second: Jesse Maldonado
Motion **approved**

Break

Renee Bade

State Service Plan Action Planning

Renee Bade

Discussion:
Break out notes will be sent out to the commission

Wrap up and closing comments

Pat Eriksen

Ad hoc committee for the volunteerunited.org
If they come up with answers prior to February 16 date then they will do a vote via phone.

Bryan Wewers
Jesse Maldonado
Dirk Marsden
Kristen Tracy

Camille McCashland
Colleen Schowalter

Conference March 1 and 2
Email was sent out to the commissioners that are involved
Volunteer list of what they will be doing
Two sponsorships and vendors per commissioner
Refugee donations
Laundry and cleaning projects
Membership meeting after adjournment
Next Meeting Thursday April 14 2016

Adjourn @ 4:25 p.m.

Motion to: Clint Blackwood
Seconded : Bryan Wewers
Motion **Approved** / Denied