

Serve Idaho Commission Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2021

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM (MDT)

Via Zoom Conference Call & In-Person at 317 W. Main St. Boise, ID 83735

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

Guests Present:

Meeting called to order at 9:04am

Roll Call:

- Amy Busch Y
- ~~— Amy Little~~
- Bill Langer Y
- Brady Fuller Y
- ~~— Carrie Reese~~
- Charlette Kremer Y
- Colleen Clark Y
- Dirk Marsden Y
- Dan Cabrera Y
- Farhana Hibbert Y
- Hillary Blackstone Y
- Kayeloni Scott Y
- Katie Mathias Y
- Kimber Russell Y
- ~~— Kristyn Carr~~
- Kristen Tracy Y
- Kristi Keeler Y
- Lisa Sánchez Y
- Mat Erpelding Y
- ~~— Skyler Jensen~~
- Susan Potucek Y

Motion to move Legislative Update agenda item to 9:45am:

- Motion to approve agenda: Hillary Blackstone
- Second to approve agenda: Kristi Keeler
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to add Discuss Leadership agenda item at 10:50am:

- Motion to approve agenda: Hillary Blackstone
- Second to approve agenda: Kristen Tracy
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to approve revised and updated agenda:

- Motion to approve agenda: Hillary Blackstone
- Second to approve agenda: Colleen Clark
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Review and approve previous meeting minutes from January 21, 2021:

- Motion to approve meeting minutes: Hillary Blackstone
- Second to approve meeting minute: Dirk Marsden
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to revise mission statement with corrections.

- Motion made by: Charlette Kremer
- Seconded by: Kristi Keeler
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Operational Dashboard: Executive Team updated the dashboard at executive team meeting, and Kimber went through and discussed all of those updates. There will be a follow-up survey after our commission meeting to discuss action items that we want to see at the next commission meeting.

GARP Committee Recommendations: Kristen Tracy went over the grant recommendations. This year we had the one planning grant for Habitat for Humanity and 5 others grants that have been in the portfolio for cost reimbursement and fixed amounts. Habitat for Humanity requested \$110,842 for 10 members, ISU was put up for competitive and was not selected (risk assessment low), Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute requested \$293,400 for 18 members (risk assessment low), University of Idaho \$318,846 for 38 members (risk assessment medium due to newness), Student Conservation Association requested \$145,800 for 19 members (risk assessment low), and Teach for America-Idaho requested \$39,000 for 39 members.

Kristen recommended that if ISU is not funded competitively, we can either fund them at last year's level or reduce subgrantee funding to make up the difference in funding. Renee mentioned that we have not received the relief funding yet, so Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity would be on a waitlist until we receive that funding from the federal level.

Committee Recommendation:

- Extend BVVHFH's Planning Grant through October 2021
- Have BVVHFH's operational grant begin November 2021
 - Use funds from American Rescue Plan (ARP)
 - BVVHFH has indicated starting late will not impact their program
- Give U of I \$8,086 less than requested for 21-22 program year
 - This will only decrease them by .5 MSY
 - They have 8 unfilled slots for program year

Motion to approve formula funding 2021-2022 recommendation:

- Motion made by: Kristen Tracy
- Seconded by: Kristi Keeler
- Vote:

- Bill Langer Y
 - Brady Fuller Y
 - ~~Carrie Reese~~
 - Charlette Kremer Y
 - Colleen Clark Y
 - Dirk Marsden Y
 - ~~Farhana Hibbert~~
 - Hillary Blackstone Y
 - Kayeloni Scott Y
 - Katie Mathias Y
 - Kimber Russell Abstain
 - Kristen Tracy Y
 - Kristi Keeler Y
 - Lisa Sánchez Y
 - Mat Erpelding Y
 - ~~Skyler Jensen~~
 - Susan Potucek Y
- Approved by 13 yes votes.

Federal Updates: Charlette Kremer gave us an update on federal funding and the discussions currently happening in Congress. A link was sent through BaseCamp where all commissioners can send a note to federal leadership encouraging them to move these bills forward. The American Rescue Plan also included funding for a Climate Corps, and ASK is working to see what that would look like with National Service. ASK is also working with other national organizations to see how national service can collaborate with the workforce development programs. On the Public Policy Committee, Char said they are discussing how they can collaborate more with labor unions to avoid Americorps members and programs from taking jobs from labor workers. Dan Cabrera said they want to enroll more participants with job opportunities to get people into paid training programs, which will ideally lead to more people in the trade sector.

Survey: Colleen shared the survey and the importance of getting back as many responses as possible. Share with your networks!

Staff Updates: Staff went over the strategic goals and the ways they hope to achieve those goals. Renee said the goals would be posted on BaseCamp for all commissioners to review. They want to expand and diversify the grant portfolio, find more ways to expand the overall Americorps Program in the state of Idaho, and streamline the formula grantmaking process to make it easier for both applicants and reviewers. Staff and the Outreach Team are also focused on building more connections and relationships with local community members across the state.

Leadership: The commission needs a new Vice Chair and Secretary. Role descriptions will be sent out and a further discussion/decision will be made at the next commission meeting in July. In July, we will hopefully have heard back from the Governor's Office on reappointments. If a commission is interested, they can reach out to staff or Kimber for more information.

AmeriCorps: Amanda Cochran, with Americorps NCCC Pacific Region, and Amy Busch, with AmeriCorps VISTA Mountain Region, discussed the agencies and how the process works. If you have any other questions, feel free to reach out to Amy at abusch@cns.gov.

Outreach: Outreach Chair Kayeloni Scott went over social media and the ways that commissioners can better connect with community members. The Outreach Team really wants to focus on building a larger base of viewership, whether that be Facebook, email, a blog, etc. Kayeloni showed us how to favorite the Serve Idaho page, which will always put our posts at the top of your feed. The best way to spread the word to a wider audience is to give a reaction on the post and then share it. Lisa Sanchez mentioned getting Serve Idaho on Tik Tok, now we just need a young person who can help us do it!

July Commission Meeting: In-person will be an option for our next commission meeting in July, where we will be meeting at the Idaho State Office on Chinden (Zoom will also be an option for this meeting).

Complete the form in our consent agenda by May 31st!

A motion to conclude meeting made by: Dirk Marsden

- Motion seconded by: Kristi Keeler
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting dismissed by Chair Kimber Russell at 12:16pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brady Fuller