

Serve Idaho Commission Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2021
9:00 AM – 4:15 PM (MDT)
Via Zoom Conference Call &
In-Person at 11351 W. Chinden Blvd. Boise, ID 83714 Building 6

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

Guests Present: Alex Milles

Meeting called to order at 9:06am by Chair Kimber Russell

Roll Call:

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

Present: 16, Not Present: 5

Review and approve agenda:

- Motion to approve agenda: Farhana Hibbert
- Second to approve agenda: Hillary Blackstone
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Review and approve previous meeting minutes from May 24, 2021:

- Motion to approve meeting minutes: Farhana Hibbert
- Second to approve meeting minute: Kristi Keeler

- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Commission Report Outs:

- Char sent the link for the Support the Corps Act in Basecamp, so we can all add our contact information and send it to Congress.
- Renee said they will be meeting with the White Clouds soon, and that grantees will not have to match the difference in adjusted living for this year.
- Dan clarified the apprentice grant for \$4.25 million will provide services to folks already being served, as well as expand outreach to businesses and sectors.

Motion to revise bylaws with recommended corrections:

- Motion made by: Dirk Marsden
- Seconded by: Katie Mathias

Roll Call:

- Amy Little - Abstain
- Bill Langer - No
- Brady Fuller - Yes
- Carrie Reese - NR
- Charlette Kremer - Yes
- Colleen Clark - Yes
- Dirk Marsden - Yes
- Farhana Hibbert - Yes
- Hillary Blackstone - Yes
- Katie Mathias - Yes
- Kimber Russell - Yes
- Kristen Tracy - Yes
- Kristi Keeler - Yes
- Susan Potucek - Yes

Yes: 11, No: 1, Abstain: 1, No Response: 1

Staff Updates:

- Renee went through all of the staff roles and responsibilities to update the commissioners.

Strategic Planning Updates:

- Staff cannot advocate, but they can educate. Commissioners can do both!
- Going forward, Serve Idaho wants to put more energy toward supporting the AmeriCorps programs.
- Goal #1: AmeriCorps - financial workforce development, member impact
- Goal #2: Advocating on behalf of AmeriCorps
- Goal #3: Expand understanding of AmeriCorps
- Goal #4: Engaging seniors (55+) in volunteerism

AmeriCorps Member Housing Examples:

- North Carolina: Built member network to find housing opportunities
- Iowa: Programs purchase/lease house together

- SCA Idaho: shared community housing
- Colorado TFA: local homeowners to host TFA volunteers
- Working with Airbnb to discounted rates, renting from colleges/universities, off-season tourist housing, rent reimbursement, member bonuses
- Currently exploring: identify housing venues, shared housing, job corps site
- Living allowance: \$16,000-30,000
- NCCC finds housing but all the rest are responsible to find their own housing

Suggestions for AmeriCorps Housing:

- Partner with Idaho Nonprofit Center, Idaho Community Foundation, churches
- Share housing with Jesuit Volunteers who have a house in Boise
- Partner with Habitat for Humanity to see if there are housing options
- Take advantage of the Alumni Network, 1 million alumni and only 75,000 volunteers per year
- Approach the Association Foundation to make them aware of need and possibly get a SI staff member to serve on their board, Boise Realtors Association providing financial support

<https://www.boirealtors.com/realtors-announce-250000-gift-to-leap-housing-trust/>

- Reach out to organizations board members to find housing
- Reach out to Together Treasure Valley, Murdock Trust, state armories, UI extension offices, state parks
- Check for bank-owned properties, on foreclosures for months/years to maintain property
- Connect with college housing, especially during summer off-season
- Check with local hotel/motels with long-term rooms to sponsor members for a year
- Check with Idaho Community Foundation to see if they could start a grant program to provide housing to our members
- Habitat for Humanity building ADU's to provide tax incentive/space for members
- Convert old hotels in member housing
- Work with senior care facilities to have shared housing
- Rent RV's
- Partner with CBH/big name developers to house members in model homes
- Work with Main Street to know of existing spaces to turn into housing

A motion to conclude meeting made by: Charlette Kremer

- Motion seconded by: Dirk Marsden
- Approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting dismissed by Chair Kimber Russell at 4:06pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brady Fuller