



**Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism  
Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2015  
East Valley Institute of Technology  
Mesa, Arizona**

A regular meeting of the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism was convened on April 17, 2015, in the Culinary Building #2 at the campus of the East Valley Institute of Technology, in Mesa, Arizona. Present and absent were the following members of the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism.

Present	Absent	Other
Larry Clausen Roxanne Dewyer Alex Gabaldon Kate Gallego Gerri Goldtooth Betsy Green Dan Gregory Janell Johnson Jennifer Lane Emily Litchfield Donna Martin Terrie Minnick Sarah Pacheco Lorenzo Sierra Kimberly Will Thomas Winkel	Donna Davis Pat Lewis Kelle Maslyn Luis Sanchez	<b>Staff</b> Deborrah Miller Debbie Moak Erica Schwartzmann Bob Shogren  <b>Guests</b> Elle Gemma Gruver, AmeriCorps VISTA, Arizona Department of Education Michele Schmidt, LeCroy and Milligan Associates, Inc.

**A. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Alex Gabaldon called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**B. Welcome and Introductions**

Vice-Chair Gabaldon, provided a welcome and asked all attendees to introduce themselves. Quorum present.

**C. Approval of Minutes for the February 18, 2015, Commission Meeting**

Commissioner Dan Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015, Regular Commission meeting. Commissioner Thomas Winkel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **(2.1.15)**

#### **D. Presentation – AmeriCorps State Evaluation**

Michele Cranwell Schmidt, MPA, Senior Evaluation Associate with LeCroy and Milligan Associates, Inc., provided a presentation on the pilot evaluation framework and results for the AmeriCorps State programs that can be implemented annually and on an ongoing basis. Evaluation and consultation took place from February 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014. The evaluation is designed to:

- Identify and describe the impacts of the services provided by individual AmeriCorps State members (on service recipients, program capacities, and community impact).
- Identify and describe the extent to which each funded AmeriCorps State program effectively addressed a critical need in its target community.
- Assess AmeriCorps State members' development of leadership abilities, employment skills, and commitment to future community service.
- Assess the extent that individual service in AmeriCorps State programs impacts members' career paths and obtainment of future employment.
- Build the internal capacity of AmeriCorps State staff to collect and manage program evaluation data through collaborative training and technical assistance.

#### **E. Arizona National Service Partner Update**

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) State Office Director Kimberly Will provided her update that included a discussion of CNCS Chief Operating Officer Wendy Spencer's visits to the Phoenix area. Director Will expressed her thanks and gratitude for the support of Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service, with over 48 elected officials in Arizona supporting the event.

Director Bob Shogren provided a brief update on releasing of the AmeriCorps State Request for Grant Application.

#### **F. State Volunteerism and Service Plan Update**

Director Shogren provided a brief update on activities related to the State Plan for Service and Volunteerism. Updates included plans for the 2015 Summit, possibly to be held in November, progress with Education and Career Action Plans, provided a presentation at the Arizona School Counselors Association Conference, continued outreach to 35 potential, new applicants aligned with the newly identified priorities.

#### **G. AmeriCorps State Program Update Programmatic**

AmeriCorps State Program Administrator Erica Schwartzmann provided a report on the Arizona AmeriCorps State Update covering September 2014 through February 2015, including data on the first two quarters of the program year. To date, of the 581 AmeriCorps member slots awarded, 458 have been enrolled, and 15 members exited early without education awards. There is 97% member retention across all programs. Additionally, programs have reported a total of 3,294 volunteers, serving a total of 33,326 hours of service.

## **Financial**

No presentation provided.

## **H. Business**

### **AmeriCorps State RFGA Update**

Program Administrator Schwartzmann and Director Shogren provided an update on the situation with the AmeriCorps State Request for Grant Application, the release date was April 1, 2015 with a due date of May 14, 2015. April 14, 2015, a Pre-application conference was held and was attended by approximately 25 individuals representing organizations interested in applying for AmeriCorps funding.

### **Commission Grantee Progress Report**

Director Shogren provided a brief update on the Grantee Progress Report recently submitted to the CNCS. The Performance Measure results: Number of Organizations that received capacity building services, (Target was 150), Actual; 818 participants and 421 organizations reached through three primary types of training activities (Reimagining Service workshop/AmeriCorps outreach, Summit, and AmeriCorps NCCC outreach).

### **Operation AmeriCorps - City of Tucson**

Director Bob Shogren provided an overview of a new program within the City of Tucson. The City of Tucson Mayor's Office and Arizona Serve, a project of Prescott College, will support 24 half time AmeriCorps State members who will help develop a Community Schools initiative in Tucson, AZ. The program will target eight high schools in low income neighborhoods within three school districts: Tucson Unified (TUSD), Sunnyside, and Flowing Wells. At the end of the project period, AmeriCorps State members will be responsible for connecting all graduating seniors with one of the five identified postgraduate opportunities, and increasing graduation rates at each school. This program will focus on an identified Priority 1 project that works to ensure that every high school senior has access to career and/or educational opportunities upon high school graduation.

## **I. Other Updates**

### **Program Relations Committee**

Commissioner Daniel Gregory encouraged all Commissioners to check the Commission Ambassador Program schedule for upcoming Program Impact visits. Additionally, Commissioner Gregory reminded all Commissioners to complete the Post visit survey.

Program Administrator Erica Schwartzman reminded the Commissioners that a copy of the Arizona Commission Ambassador Program Schedule is included in their packet.

### **Summit on Volunteerism and Service Learning**

Director Shogren provided a brief update on the 2015 Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service Learning Steering Committee. He pointed out that there are new members, different and varied partners for the 2015 Summit. Director Shogren also discussed the Education and Career Action Plan (ECAP) program for student tracking and the volunteerism tool kits being developed for use by School Districts for ECAP students. Director Shogren introduced Elle Gemma Gruver with the Department of Education who is helping to build internal capacity with the ECAP program.

**J. Next Commission Meeting**

- The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2015, TBD.
- Agenda Ideas: None presented.

**K. Call to the Public**

Commission Vice-Chair Gabaldon made a call to the public. No members of the public responded.

**L. Adjournment**

Commissioner Donna Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dan Gregory seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.m.

Dated this 17th Day of April, 2015

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family