



AmeriCorps National Service Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 19, 2024

10:00 am

ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

- Commissioners: Anastazia Bauer Scheer (Chair), Sydney Kobza
- Staff: Cathleen Plager, Kathy McKillip, Russell Koos

Strategic Goal: Build and support quality, effective programs by implementing monitoring/tracking processes

AmeriCorps State and National Program

1. Monitoring/Tracking

A. FY 23-24 AmeriCorps Program Closeout Update

- AmeriCorps programs recently completed their year. Members have been exited, and final progress reports are due in the next few weeks.
- Monitoring visits and review of member files are in process.

B. FY 24-25 AmeriCorps Program Member File Monitoring

- Seven programs are underway.
- Staff are conducting monitoring visits for all programs.

C. Planning Grant Update

- One program is in the portfolio (Partnership 4 Kids).

2. AmeriCorps 30th Anniversary Update (Russell Koos)

- In this quarter, three “Life After AmeriCorps” presentations were provided.

Strategic Goal: Identify and implement a hallmark program in an unrepresented program area for implementation statewide

No activity in this area.



Strategic Goal: Build on ways to sustain and increase alumni engagement (activities, programs, events)

VISTA Program

- **Fall Funding Application for Q3 of 2024**
 - Was released in August and will close Sept. 20. An application Information Session through zoom was provided with more than 12 organizations joined.
- With a possible approval of an application will take place at the Commission Meeting Oct 4.
- Celebrated the service completion year of the first VISTA member placed by ServeNebraska from the Omaha Zoo.

Current Vista Programs

1. The Foundry - Lincoln – Recruited and placed 2 NEW VISTA members. Currently have 4 total.
 2. Willow Rising – Grand Island – Recruited and placed 1 VISTA member, currently recruiting a second VISTA member.
 3. Omaha Equestrian Foundation - Omaha- currently recruiting.
 4. United Way of Kearney – Kearney – currently recruiting
- As of July 1, 2024, the Education Award increased to \$7395 or the opt out stipend of \$1,800.
 - VISTA host site cost currently is responsible for paying \$6,890.50 as a cost share with \$500 of this for member expenses related to training, travel and AmeriCorps required gear and \$150 to pay for the member management system.
 - A presentation will be provided at the NACO conference Oct 3rd, by both Kathy and Russell.

Additional Information

1. AmeriCorps NCCC

- NCCC Team served with Habitat for Humanity of Omaha. While the members where in Nebraska September 5, two members accompanied Cathy to visit with Senator Ricketts.
- This was the third team we have had in Nebraska this year.

2. AmeriCorps Member Leader Council

- A plan is in place to renew the AmeriCorps Leader Council. It will provide a forum for select members to network, interact and learn about other programs.



It also allows members to take leadership roles in member professional development and national days of service.

- Each program will select 1-2 members to serve on the council.
- See the attached handout for criteria, timeline, and duties of the council.
- Members will also be invited to sit in on a Commission Meeting in 2025.
 - Commission Discussion: Anastazia asked if Commissioners could sit in on new program meetings and opportunities to learn more about programs and offered the Boystown Leadership Development Box as a resource and Sydney offered the Career Readiness Resource Kit by the Department of Education.

3. AmeriCorps Alumni Update

- Development of the AmeriCorps Alum Steering Committee with 19 committee members to date, hosted 11 interested Alum with the beginning of organizational structure and by-laws for the group.

Next Meeting

February 6, 2025 @ 10:00 am CST Virtual

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