

## Ohio Community Service Council

### Meeting Minutes: June 17, 2010

In Attendance: Susan Rogers, Margaret Wildi, Sande Johnson, Charlotte Jones-Ward, Nina Keller, Chelsea Merriman, Johnmark Oudersluys, William Russell, Chuck White. Ex Officio: Tina Dunphy, Greg Hargett. Staff/Counsel: Bill Hall, Mark Holtzapple, Walter McNamara.

Absent: Willie Peterson, Gary Cates, Maureen Drummond, Jeff King, Clifford Smith, Jay Smith, Brian Williams.

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Meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Rogers at 10:05 AM.

Minutes from the 04-15-2010 had been distributed in advance. There were no additions or corrections from the floor. Moved by Keller, seconded by Johnson, approved as submitted. Hargett abstained as new member.

Old Business: None

#### Committee Meetings

Committees did not meet due to the volume of New Business to be discussed.

#### New Business: AmeriCorps Formula Funds Sub-Grant Review and Approval

- Director of Programs Ryan Schmiesing gave a presentation outlining the context of sub-grant funding decisions: national AmeriCorps priorities, updated program directions for OCSC, and documented impact of funded projects.
- Schmiesing then discussed the application review process that includes both peer and staff input, and presented recommendations for funding as determined by that process. Council acted separately on each recommended program, as follows:

Funded Agency	Funding	MSY #	Move	Second	Abstain
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality	\$285,997	22	Johnson	Wildi	-
American Red Cross of Greater Columbus	\$351,000	27	Wildi	Jones-Ward	-
AMVETS Career Center	\$259,979	20	Keller	Jones-Ward	-
Columbus Housing Partnerships	\$169,246	14	Hargett	Johnson	-
Council on Rural Services	\$ 50,000	Plan	Wildi	Merriman	-
Family & Community Services	\$162,413	12.5	Wildi	Johnson	-
First Grace Church of Christ	\$194,061	15	Hargett	Jones-Ward	-
Literacy Cooperative	\$259,928	20	Johnson	Merriman	Jones-Ward
Mercy Health Partners	\$240,702	20	Wildi	Johnson	-
Montgomery County ESC	\$ 50,000	Plan	Keller	White	-
National Church Residences	\$129,999	10	Hargett	Russell	White
Ohio Board of Regents	\$ 49,733	Plan	Johnson	Merriman	Russell

Funded Agency	Funding	MSY #	Move	Second	Abstain
Ohio College Access Network	\$779,998	60	Keller	Merriman	Russell
Ohio Historical Society	\$259,996	20	White	Johnson	Keller
Ohio State University-Financial Literacy	\$ 45,918	Plan	Keller	Wildi	Russell
Ohio University	\$221,001	17	Merriman	Hargett	Russell
Rural Action, Inc.	\$103,985	8	Hargett	Jones-Ward	Keller
Unified Health Solutions	\$217,603	18	Keller	Merriman	-
United Way of Greater Toledo	\$390,000	30	Wildi	Johnson	-
Urban Appalachian Council	\$258,260	20	White	Oudersluys	-
YWCA Columbus Family Center	\$227,500	17.5	Wildi	Merriman	-

*\*MSY = Member Service Year (FTE)*

**Total Awards: 21      Total Funding: \$4,707,319      Total MSY: 351**

Council recessed at 12:05 p.m. for lunch. Reconvened at 12:40 PM.

#### Executive Director's Report

##### Sunset Review Update.

Recommendations of the Sunset Review Committee reflect continuation of OCSC, with designation as a Commission instead of a Council. [A Council generally is an advisory group to a larger entity, which is does not reflect our operation.] In final legislation implementing Sunset recommendations our name will be changed to Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism.

##### Volunteer Generation Fund.

This new initiative was created in the Serve America Act but was funded on a very limited basis in 2010. We researched the possibility of a partnership with community colleges to apply for funding, but did not pursue based on the time and energy required from all partners in a very limited application window and for a very small amount of funding. In future years CNCS will distribute a larger pool of funds on a formula basis. [Related note: CNCS has released the 2010 edition of "Volunteering in America", the most comprehensive collection of information on volunteering in the U.S. Ohio ranks in middle of most parameters, as in last report. Full report is available online at [www.VolunteeringinAmerica.gov](http://www.VolunteeringinAmerica.gov).]

##### Governor's Service Awards.

As was announced at Forging New Links, OCSC will be coordinating a new statewide recognition effort annually on behalf of the Governor and First Lady. Awardees will be announced at the Ohio Conference on Service & Volunteerism in the spring. Corporate sponsors are being recruited to support the awards, underwrite the conference and provide grants for national days of service projects.

### Forging New Links.

FNL has been renamed as the Ohio Conference on Service & Volunteerism. Format will change from two full days to “half-full-half” day format. Tentative dates; March 16-18, 2011.

### Funding Loss.

OCSC and the Department of Health were unable to come to terms on services and fees for management of the ODH Medical Reserve Corps data base and related activities. All services provided under the existing contract will terminate as of June 30th except for database management during a short transition period. (Health will provide minimum funding to cover costs of the transition activities.) The deciding factor in the negotiations was new contract language inserted by ODH prohibiting use of contract funds for match against federal grants. This is exactly how we have used the funds—to supplement state General Revenue Fund appropriations so as to meet the dollar-for-dollar match on our federal administrative grant. The negative impact of the lost funding cannot be understated. Resources will be reallocated as necessary to ensure the preservation of AmeriCorps programming.

Mark Holtzapple provided additional details about impacts of the funding loss on OCSC and steps necessary to respond to it. Solvency of the Council is not in jeopardy; federal funds remain available to the extent that we can match them. Existing cash reserves plus state funding, combined with the federal dollars generated thereby, will fund Council operations **at a significantly reduced level** through June 2011. During that period additional funding, both cash and in-kind, will be aggressively pursued; increased state GRF appropriations during the upcoming 2012-13 budget cycle are critical despite the state’s financial limitations. Emergency “match forgiveness” from the Corporation for National Service will be requested. Cost-cutting actions are already commencing, including relocation of Council offices to smaller state-owned space.

### Executive Session

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Merriman, to enter Executive Session to discuss potential restructuring of staff in result of the fiscal emergency. Approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

Moved by Keller, seconded by Johnson, to end Executive Session with no business having been conducted.

### Continuation of Public Meeting

It was moved by Wildi, seconded by Johnson to: (1) support the decision to allow the Department of Health contract to expire and enter into a limited transition agreement; and (2) concur with executive intent to protect the core AmeriCorps functions with which we are obligated under federal statute, including any necessary elimination of staff positions.

Finance 101

Holtzapple began presentation on core fiscal operations of the Council, as requested by members at last meeting. However, due to constraints of time, presentation could not be completed. Holtzapple suggested that, given the impending budgetary reallocations, a revised presentation at the September meeting would be more helpful. Council agreed. The presentation will be included in the agenda for September.

Adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Prepared and submitted by Mark Holtzapple.