

Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2012

Meeting Location: Grange Insurance Company, Columbus, OH

In Attendance: Susan Rogers, Willie Peterson, Margaret Wildi; Charlotte Jones-Ward, Nina Keller, Jeff King, Anne Marie Mann, Johnmark Oudersluys (by phone), William Russell, Chuck White. Ex Officio: Kim Hettel. Staff/Counsel: Bill Hall, Mark Holtzapple, Nadine Wise, Mary Cannon, Walter McNamara.

Absent: Maureen Drummond, Peggy Lehner, Clifford Smith, Gerald Stebelton, Sande Theis. Ex Officio: Tina Dunphy.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Rogers at 10:07 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from November 18, 2011 meeting

It was moved by King, seconded by Keller to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report (See Attachment #1)

Bill Hall discussed the latest information regarding the loss of approximately \$8,000 in federal administrative funds and the elimination of 2012 PDAT funding in the amount of \$129,600 per the omnibus appropriations bill passed by Congress in December. The administrative funds will be made up through strategic cuts and substitution of matching funds. It is likely that there will be some level of PDAT restoration through other line items, hopefully by the end of the month. In the meantime, existing PDAT carryover funds have been authorized for use, which will fund PDAT staffing through April.

Hall also distributed a new Table of Organization showing all six staff positions now filled, and welcomed Mary Cannon as Program Development & Evaluation Officer. He also distributed a 2011 Stewards of Service report highlighting the first year of that programming effort. We are presently in the process of seeking corporate support for another year of Stewards of Service programming.

Other topics included in the report included the recent move of the Commission office to Rhodes State Office Tower; withdrawal of an AmeriCorps formula funds planning grant that had been awarded to the City of Warren; highlights from the recent Grantee Progress Report submitted to the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS); 2012 AmeriCorps Week; a new Justice Talking curriculum developed by OCSV in partnership with the Project on Civic Reflection; and PY 2010-11 Inclusion Survey Results. Finally, Commissioners were reminded that Financial Disclosure Forms are due to the Ohio Ethics Commission by April 16th; they should be sent to Mark Holtzapple by April 1st and we will do a group submission as in years past.

Bylaws Amendments (See Attachment #2)

Margaret Wildi presented the work of a committee (Wildi, Theis, Holtzapple) that had completed a review of the Bylaws. They proposed 10 amendments as detailed in the attached report. Wildi stepped the group through each proposed change with opportunity for questions/comments/discussion. Two of the items generated significant discussion:

- Item 5 regarding member attendance—Intent was to synchronize the Bylaws with ORC 3.17 based on a recent reminder letter from the Governor’s office. The concerns were to determine if there is any allowance for “approved” absences due to health issues, etc. and a way to advise Commissioners if they are getting close to the attendance cutoff.
- Item 8 regarding budget exceptions—Proposal eliminated the requirement for Commission approval of any expenditure of \$5,000 not already approved in the budget and codified the current practice of an annual budget and quarterly budget reports. The consensus was that some sort of approval mechanism needed to remain, perhaps at a higher level or on a percentage basis. A question was raised also as to how this item should be interpreted vis-a-vis reallocations among existing budget lines versus additional new spending.

Keller moved to table the Bylaws amendments and instruct the committee to present alternative language at the next meeting to address the concerns raised by the discussion; Mann seconded. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee

Jeff King presented the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee (King, Wildi, Theis) to be voted upon at the next meeting. The slate consists of Bill Russell for Chair; Nina Keller for Vice-Chair; and Johnmark Oudersluys for Secretary. All have agreed to serve if elected. Terms of office start July 1.

In related administrative matters, Rogers:

- Appointed Wildi to chair the Outreach & Education Committee, replacing Oudersluys who resigned as committee chair.
- Appointed Peterson to chair the Commissioner Development Committee, replacing Drummond who resigned as committee chair.
- Moved Theis from Outreach & Education Committee to Commissioner Development Committee, to balance committee membership.

Lunch

Meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m. for lunch. Reconvened at 12:10 p.m.

AmeriCorps Competitive Funding Recommendations (See Attachment 3)

Bill Hall presented the staff recommendations for programs to be submitted to CNCS for competitive funding consideration. Four programs are continuation submissions (year 2 or 3 of the three-year funding cycle) and are automatically included; no vote is necessary on these programs. Two programs are recompeting for the start of a new three-year cycle. Three programs are new to competitive funding. Funding decisions for competitive grants are made at the federal level on the basis of peer and staff reviews of submissions from all state commissions. Ohio programs not selected for competitive funding may be funded through the state formula allocation in June. The recommendations were approved by the Commission as summarized below:

Applicant	Funding	MSY#	Moved By	Second	Nay	Abstain
AMVETS Career Center (C)	\$259,979	20				
Childrens Hunger Alliance (C)	\$272,999	21.12				
Second Harvest (C)	374,467	30				
Ohio College Access Network (C)	779,826	60				
City Year Cleveland (R)	875,000	70	Peterson	Wildi		Mann
OSU Kid Corps (R)	197,717	19.26	Wildi	Peterson		Mann, King
City Year Columbus (R)	468,000	36	White	King		Mann
Teach for America Ohio (N)	152,000	80	Peterson	King	Jones-Ward	Mann, Russell
United Way Toledo	380,708	30	King	White		Mann
TOTALS	\$3,760,696	366				

(C) = Continuation

(N) = New

(R) = Recompete

Committee Meetings

Meeting recessed at 1:00 p.m. for committee meetings. Reconvened at 2:10 p.m. for committee reports.

Committee Reports

- Planning & Development (King):* Existing Strategic Plan ends in June of this year; primary goal of the committee for this year will be development of a new strategic plan. The completed plan will also serve as the State Service Plan for CNCS. Committee laid out the timeline for the planning process. (1) Bill Hall will draft an outline for consideration by the committee at the March meeting. (2) Following committee input/revisions, a revised draft will be sent out to constituent groups for feedback. (3) The Commissioner retreat will be moved to September for the purpose of formalizing organization priorities for the next three years on the basis of all

input. In addition to the strategic plan, the committee plans to review the present funding priorities to see if any changes are needed.

- *Outreach & Education (Wildi):* Committee reviewed social media usage data and discussed continuation/expansion/increase of social media in conjunction with new web site. Will plan a legislative outreach plan to increase ServeOhio awareness of Ohio's legislators. Committee will review draft of ServeOhio AmeriCorps Impact report and may include additional volunteer information. Discussed development of ServeOhio brand identity guidelines and training for Commissioners on legislative/corporate contacts. Discussed possibility of a one day conference in the fall.
- *Commissioner Development (Peterson):* Discussion centered around need for appointments by Governor; presently 6 seats are vacant and five additional appointments expire on 4/20/2012. Two applications are presently in process; three reappointment requests need to be submitted as soon as possible (Oudersluys, Theis, White). Agreed that representatives of veterans, AmeriCorps alumni, and persons with disabilities would be good additions to Commission; youth (16-25) and local labor representatives are needed to meet federal requirements. Holtzapple was asked to develop a diversity snapshot of existing membership, including geographic distribution, to assist in identifying gaps. Holtzapple also to prepare a summary of attendance status of all present members for past two years and develop system for ongoing review of attendance patterns in keeping with ORC and Bylaws requirements.

Moved by Keller, second by King, to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 8th, 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance.

Executive Committee Meeting

Committee convened at 3:07 p.m. with Rogers, Peterson, Wildi, King, Hall, Holtzapple in attendance. Discussed potential options depending on final outcome of federal PDAT funding loss. Carryover through April provides adequate time to plan and react once final funding is known. Committee adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Mark Holtzapple.

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Meeting Minutes: ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Executive Director's Report

Includes new Table of Organization, Stewards of Service Report

Attachment 2: Bylaws Committee Proposed Amendments

Attachment 3: Competitive Funding Recommendations



January 2012

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Federal Appropriations

The omnibus appropriations bill passed by Congress in late December included significant, unexpected reductions in training and technical assistance funding and state commission administrative grants. CNCS has rescinded all of the partial FY2012 PDAT grants that have been awarded; commissions are permitted to utilize unexpended funds from the previous grant cycle. Commission Administrative and Disability FY2012 grants have not been rescinded. CNCS will make adjustments to commission administrative grants to reflect the 2012 decrease in an amended grant award; disability funding will continue with funding from another source.

The immediate concern is for partial restoration of the PDAT funds. ASC (America's Service Commissions) is working closely with CNCS to review alternatives. OCSV is participating in this dialogue while developing potential contingency plans to deal with the ramifications of the loss of this revenue.

OCSV Table of Organization/New Staff

Enclosed

Move and Website Updates

The Commission officially moved as of December 16th to our new offices in the Rhodes State Office Tower. Only our address has changed (see above) – all phone numbers remain the same. Progress is being made in the launch of our website – we expect to be “live” within the next ten days.

Stewards of Service

Enclosed

City of Warren Planning Grant

OCSV rescinded the AmeriCorps planning grant awarded to the City of Warren for PY2011. It was determined that the City of Warren had chosen to contract the planning grant activity to an outside vendor which the commission believed would not provide the city with any institutional knowledge for the development of AmeriCorps systems and we determined that the vendor was not an eligible recipient of AmeriCorps funding. The city was informed of their ability to apply for future funds once they can meet the required staffing parameters.

Grantee Progress Report

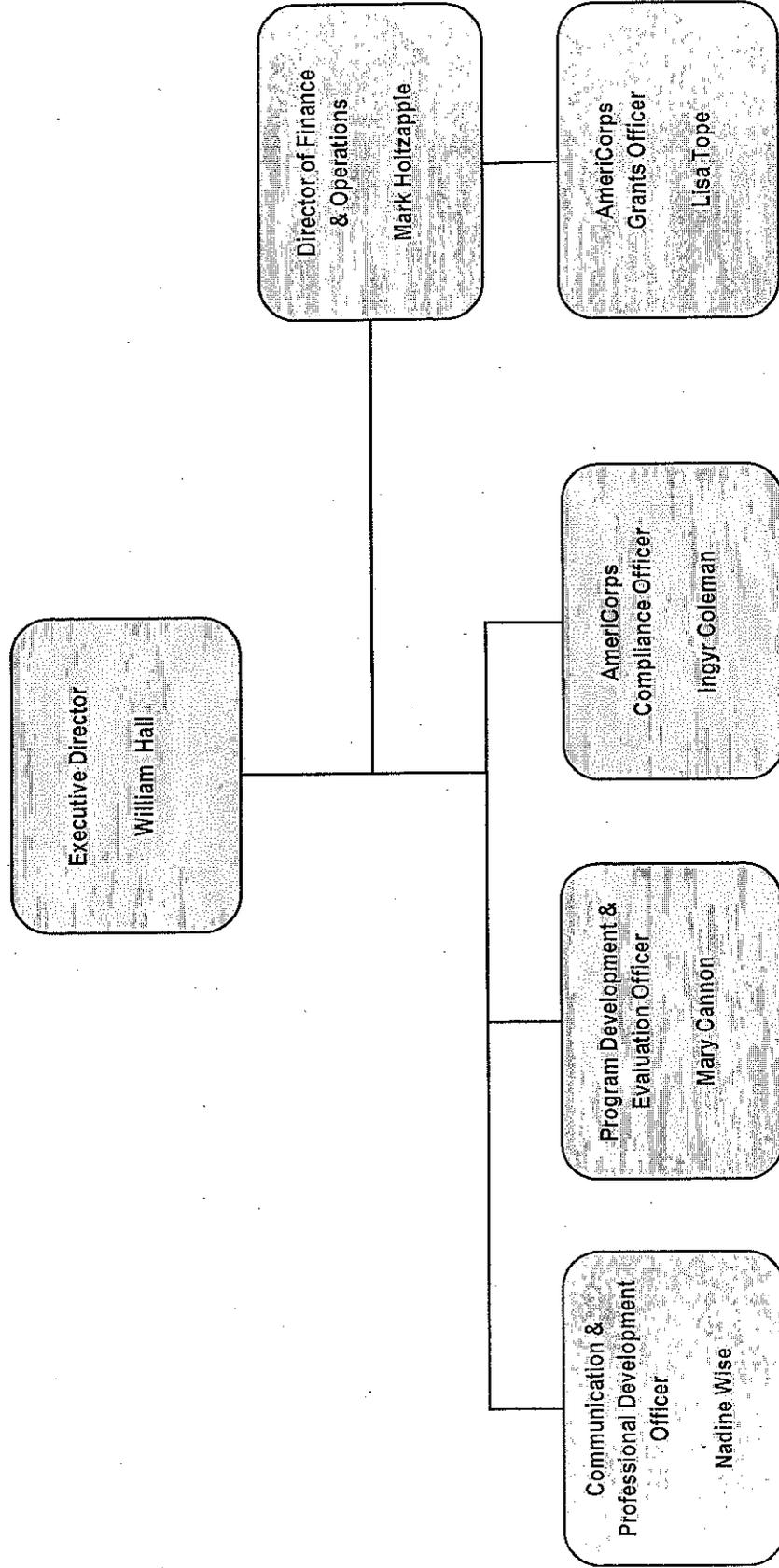
Grantee data from PY2010-2011 was submitted to CNCS in January outlining Ohio AmeriCorps performance. A few items to note: 4,598 individuals applied to be AmeriCorps members in Ohio for the 655 positions available; Ohio AmeriCorps members leveraged 27,982 volunteers; and Ohio AmeriCorps members served 46,834 disadvantaged youth and children.



SERVE OHIO

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Table of Organization





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December 2011

2011-12 STEWARDS OF SERVICE

Corporate partners AEP Ohio and Honda support ServeOhio as Stewards of Service for initiatives such as National Days of Service projects and the Conference on Service and Volunteerism.



2011-12 STEWARDS OF SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

Stewards of Service, a ServeOhio program created by the generous support from AEP Ohio and Honda, enables thousands of Ohio volunteers to engage in service. Specifically, ServeOhio and the Stewards of Service supported over 1,200 volunteers during two National Days of Service across nine local communities. The 2011 ServeOhio Awards recognized six outstanding leaders in service and volunteerism. The 2011 Conference on Service and Volunteerism brought 350 volunteer administrators, national service programs and service learning leaders together to enhance skills and advance service. While the true value of the Stewards of Service is immeasurable, this report outlines specific uses and outcomes of the program.

ServeOhio Mission: To strengthen Ohio communities through service and volunteerism.

2011 Conference on Service and Volunteerism - March 16-18, 2011

The purpose of the 2011 Conference on Service and Volunteerism was to build 21st century skills sets and create opportunities for connection that support the continued evolution of Ohio's service and volunteerism professions. Stewards of Service supported 20 participants to attend the conference on scholarship – participants from non-profits who would otherwise be unable to attend. At the end of the conference, participants reported outcomes such as learning of contemporary ideas, gaining of skills that enhance professional development and expansion of professional networks. Scholarships totaled \$5,000.

2011 ServeOhio Awards – March 17, 2011

Stewards of Service provided award trophies and cash awards to six outstanding nonprofits or leaders in the service community. The trophies, designed by an Ohio artist, enhanced the cash award in a special way. Each recipient donated their cash award of \$2,500 back to their nominating organization.



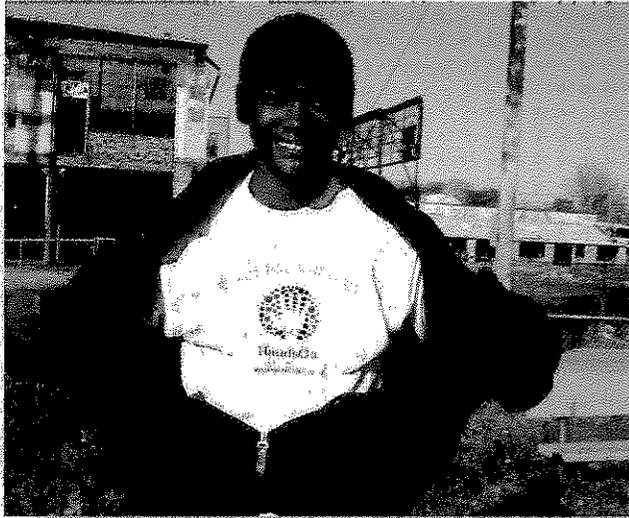
ServeOhio and Stewards of Service presented awards in areas such as Outstanding Volunteer Group, Outstanding National Days of Service Project, Outstanding National Service Program, Lifetime Achievement Award and Outstanding Adult Volunteer.

Make a Difference Day – October 22, 2011

"I think if you teach them [children] at a young age to give back, you're going to mold them to be better people when they're older." Monica, mother of a 3 and 13 year-old who volunteered at the "Kids Helping Kids" Groveport Madison Make a Difference Day event.

Four mini-grants supported Make a Difference Day (MDD) projects that created or improved community assets or infrastructure, such as parks, schools, senior centers and community gardens. The various projects involved a broad spectrum of community participants of all ages and included collaborative partnerships amongst businesses and non-profits.

Stewards of Service projects sponsored events in Ashtabula, Columbus, Groveport and Sciotoville, where organizations reported that nearly 550 people volunteered directly in their communities. Each mini-grant totaled \$1,000.



HandsOn Central Ohio sponsored the biggest Stewards of Service MDD project - 200 volunteers served at six service sites for a community clean-up project in the University District. Specific service included litter clean-up, inventory of surrounding alley conditions and the planting of fall perennials.

MLK Day of Service - January 16, 2012

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service mini-grants support five projects that create or improve community assets or infrastructure. In addition to a service element, projects include an educational component that embraces Dr. King's legacy and empowers citizens to become agents of change and improve economic opportunities. Each mini-grant totals \$500 or \$1,000.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The various projects involve a broad spectrum of community participants, include collaborative partnerships amongst businesses and non-profits, and benefit entire communities. Stewards of Service support events in Bowling Green, Cleveland, Columbus and Findlay. The largest service event is Bowling Green State University's "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Challenge," which commits teams of 500 volunteers to complete work at 40 sites. Volunteers will paint buildings, work with residents of care facilities and gather food donations for the National MLK, Jr. Food Drive.

Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism
2011-12 Stewards of Service Program
 Financial Report as of January 2012

DATE	TRANSACTION#	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
REVENUE				
10/19/2010	OCSC101810-1	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	DEPOSIT-CK#3000064655	\$ 15,000.00
3/30/2011	OCSC032911-1	HONDA OF AMERICA MFG.	DEPOSIT-CK#0001480449	\$ 15,000.00
			TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 30,000.00
EXPENSE				
4/6/2011	AGE01-00011583	BLUE HELL STUDIO	2011 SERVE OHIO AWARD TROPHIES	\$ 1,200.00
5/20/2011	AGE01-00011927	MEIGS COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING	2011 SERVE OHIO CASH AWARD	\$ 2,500.00
5/20/2011	AGE01-00011928	OHIO ASSOC. OF SECOND HARVEST FOODBANKS	2011 SERVE OHIO CASH AWARD	\$ 2,500.00
5/20/2011	AGE01-00011929	GREATER CLEVELAND VOLUNTEERS	2011 SERVE OHIO CASH AWARD	\$ 2,500.00
5/20/2011	AGE01-00011930	GIVE BACK CINCINNATI	2011 SERVE OHIO CASH AWARD	\$ 2,500.00
5/20/2011	AGE01-00011931	SOTENI INTERNATIONAL	2011 SERVE OHIO CASH AWARD	\$ 2,500.00
6/3/2011	AGE01-00012040	OHIO STATE UNIV. CONFERENCES & INSTITUTES	2011 STATE CONFERENCE SUPPORT	\$ 5,000.00
6/7/2011	AGE01-00012086	AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH	2011 SERVE OHIO CASH AWARD	\$ 2,500.00
8/16/2011	CSV01-00000031	STATE PRINT SHOP	2011 SERVE OHIO AWARD PROGRAMS	\$ 120.00
11/23/2011	CSV01-00000158	POTTERS HOUSE MINISTRIES INC	MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY MINIGRANT	\$ 873.82
12/1/2011	CSV01-00000177	AFTER SCHOOL DISCOVERY	MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY MINIGRANT	\$ 910.00
12/5/2011	CSV01-00000184	GROVEPORT MADISON SCHOOLS	MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY MINIGRANT	\$ 748.21
12/5/2011	CSV01-00000185	HANDSON CENTRAL OHIO	MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY MINIGRANT	\$ 1,000.00
		BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIV., OFFICE OF SERVICE LEARNING*	MLK DAY MINIGRANT	\$ 1,000.00
		UNITED WAY OF HANCOCK COUNTY*	MLK DAY MINIGRANT	\$ 500.00
		HANDSON CENTRAL OHIO*	MLK DAY MINIGRANT	\$ 1,000.00
		CLEVELAND NAACP YOUTH COUNCIL*	MLK DAY MINIGRANT	\$ 1,000.00
		OSU EXTENSION - CUYAHOGA COUNTY*	MLK DAY MINIGRANT	\$ 1,000.00
			TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 29,352.03
BALANCE AVAILABLE AFTER 2012 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY MINIGRANTS*				\$ 647.97

*MLK mini-grants are paid after January 16, 2012

**Due to grant award timing, MLK Day mini-grants are funded from prior year awards

Prepared and Certified by Mark W. Holtzapfle, Director of Finance & Operations

AMENDMENTS TO
OHIO COMMISSION ON SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM BYLAWS
January 12, 2012

Following are the proposed changes to the Ohio Commission on Service & Volunteerism Bylaws:

1. All references to "Council" be amended to "Commission" and all references to "Ohio Community Service Council" be amended to "Ohio Commission on Service & Volunteerism".

2. All references to By-laws or By-Laws be corrected to Bylaws

3. **3.01 under ARTICLE I, SECTION 3, Duties**

Current – Develop/implement a comprehensive strategy to encourage and expand community service programs throughout the state..

Proposed – Develop/implement a comprehensive strategy to encourage and expand community service programs throughout Ohio.

Reason – To clarify what state we're referring to.

4. **1.01 under ARTICLE II, SECTION 1. Composition**

Current – The Commission consists of 21.....The Director of the State Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service and any immediate past Chair, whose regular membership term has lapsed and has not otherwise been reappointed, shall serve on the Council in an *ex officio* capacity.

Proposed – The Commission consists of 21.....The Director of the State Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Director of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives shall serve on the Commission in an *ex officio* capacity.

Reason – To correct what positions automatically serve on the Commission.

5. **1.05 under ARTICLE II, SECTION 1. Composition**

Current – An appointed member or a member serving as a representative of a state agency/elected official designated in ORC 121.40 who fails to attend at least three-fifths (3) of the regular and special meetings of the Council during any two-year period may forfeit his/her position on the Council.

The Chair will notify the Governor's Office when an appointed Council member has missed three (3) meetings and is close to forfeiting his/her position. The Chair will notify

8. 1.05 under ARTICLE III Staff

Current – All obligations and expenditures of funds shall be authorized by and be in compliance with the laws, rules, policies, and procedures of the Council and State of Ohio. The Executive Director and staff shall not obligate, dispense, or authorize the expenditure of funds that are not already approved in the Council budget in excess of \$5,000.00 except as authorized in writing by both the Executive Director and the Chair, and ratified at the next Council meeting.

Proposed – All obligations and expenditures of funds shall be authorized by and be in compliance with the laws, rules, policies, and procedures of the Commission and State of Ohio. The Executive Director shall present to the Commission for ratification an annual budget at the start of the fiscal year and shall report to the Commission at least quarterly on the status of agency finances relative to that budget.

Reason – To clarify when a budget is reported to the Commission and the frequency of updated reports.

9. Under ARTICLE IV

Current – Meeting

Proposed – Meetings

Reason – To correct the title of this section in that it refers to more than one meeting.

10. Under ARTICLE V, SECTION 2, Amendments

Current – There is no 2.03

Proposed – Add 2.03 – Corrections. Automatic changes in grammar and punctuation in these Bylaws thereto which in no way alter their intent, shall be effected by the Executive Director and Commission Chair.

Reason – To add a bylaw that allows grammatical and punctuation changes to be made without requiring approval by the entire Commission.

Submitted by,

Margaret Wildi
Mark Holtzapple
Sande Johnson

Competitive Funding Recommendations

Ohio AmeriCorps Programs

2012

AMVETS Career Center (\$259,979; 20 MSY; 24 Members) **CONTINUATION**

The AMVETS Career Center AmeriCorps program engages AmeriCorps members and volunteers to translate their technical skills and leadership abilities to gain employment; educate employers about the benefits of hiring veterans; and assisting veterans with career assessments, training opportunities, and developing tools such as resumes, cover letters, job search techniques, and interviewing skills. *Veterans/Military Families*

Children's Hunger Alliance (\$272,999; 21.12 MSY; 30 Members) **CONTINUATION**

The Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities (HKHC) AmeriCorps program addresses the needs of at-risk children in Ohio to improve their nutritional intake, decrease food insecurity, reduce obesity rates and increase health related education. Members teach nutrition education and physical activity programming to children attending afterschool programming in Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Dayton as well as assist with expanding access to nutritious foods through USDA Child Nutrition Programs. *Healthy Futures*

Ohio Association of Second Harvest Food Banks (\$374,467; 30 MSY; 30 Members) **CONTINUATION**

The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks grant supports the HarvestCorps program. HarvestCorps members fight "food insecurity" -- hunger -- by connecting Ohioans in need to critical support programs such as SNAP (Food Stamps) and the EITC, as well as increasing capacity at Ohio's Foodbanks to serve the ever-growing numbers of those in need. *Economic Opportunity*

Ohio College Access Network (\$779,826; 60 MSY; 60 Members) **CONTINUATION**

The Ohio College Access Network (OCAN) is comprised of local college access organizations operating in nearly every area of Ohio. The goal of the network is to position local organizations through funding, advocacy and support to provide economic opportunity through college completion for Ohio students. OCAN proposes to boost local member organizations' ability through AmeriCorps members serving as college access advisors to low-income, minority, and first-generation college students in Ohio. *Education*

City Year, Inc. Cleveland (\$875,000; 70 MSY; 70 Members) **RECOMPETE**

City Year Cleveland AmeriCorps members will provide in-school and afterschool tutoring and mentoring to 3rd – 9th grade students who are at risk to drop out in seven of Cleveland's highest need public schools. At the end of the three-year project period, at least 2,000 students will benefit from targeted services of which 600 will improve in attendance, behavior and/or coursework in English and math. *Education*

The Ohio State University (\$197,717; 19.26 MSY; 90 Members) **RECOMPETE**

OSU Kid Corps AmeriCorps members will be serving at-risk children in eight Columbus preschools. For one complete academic year, AmeriCorps members will assist in enhancing preschoolers' cognitive development for pre-literacy competence. At the completion of the school year the children served will have improved their language and literacy skills in order to begin kindergarten prepared to succeed. *Education*

City Year, Inc. Columbus (\$468,000; 36 MSY; 36 Members) **NEW**

City Year Columbus AmeriCorps members will provide in-school and afterschool tutoring and mentoring to 3rd – 9th grade students who are at risk to drop out in four Columbus public schools. By the end of the three-year project period, at least 1,050 students will receive targeted support in attendance, behavior and/or coursework in English and math and up to 6,000 students will benefit from whole school climate improvement. *Education*

Teach for America – Ohio (\$152,000; 80 MSY; 80 Members) **NEW**

Teach for America-Ohio will provide a critical source of well-trained teachers who are helping break the local cycle of educational inequity. AmeriCorps members teach for two years in low-income schools in Northeast and Southwest Ohio, going above and beyond traditional expectations to help their students achieve at high levels. At the end of the 2012-2013 academic year, these AmeriCorps will have significantly improved educational outcomes for over 3,000 students and set in motion their own individual careers that will have a long-term impact on expanding educational opportunity for low-income students. *Education*

United Way of Greater Toledo (\$378,663; 30 MSY; 46 Members) NEW

United Way AmeriCorps members serve as Graduation Coaches and are placed in high-need schools as identified by Toledo Public Schools. Members provide one-on-one support and interventions for kids who face risk factors for not graduating from high school. Specifically, the members will focus on students with poor attendance and provide the necessary supports to improve school attendance and academic success. Interventions will include the development of individualized graduation plans; coaching sessions; connections to community resources; and outreach to engage family units and promote a connection to the school. **Education**

Table 1: Recommended for Funding

Organization	Grant Request	Match Contribution
AMVETS Career Center	\$259,979	\$88,788
Children's Hunger Alliance	\$272,999	\$239,013
Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks	\$374,467	\$374,161
Ohio College Access Network	\$779,826	\$329,635
City Year Cleveland	\$875,000	\$875,000
Ohio State University Kid Corps	\$197,717	\$196,833
City Year Columbus	\$468,000	\$468,000
Teach for America Ohio	\$152,000	\$0
United Way of Greater Toledo	\$380,708	\$198,079
Total	\$3,760,696	\$2,769,509

Table 2: Additional Organizations Applying for Funding

Organization	Grant Request
Project REBUILD, Inc.	\$253,090
UGIVE.ORG	\$316,823
Total	\$569,913

Ohio AmeriCorps Grant Review Process Competitive Applications

In an effort to provide greater understanding of the peer and staff review process for Ohio AmeriCorps programs, the following is provided. Applicants should keep in mind that the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will be providing further clarification and information regarding the national review when the amendment to the notice of funding opportunity is released.

- Applicant submits a complete proposal, including budget and budget narrative by the stated deadline.
- Applications are reviewed by the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (OCSV) to ensure that they have met the minimum qualifications to move to the next stage in the process. Three primary areas reviewed: (1) minimum of 20 MSY's are proposed; (2) budget does not exceed the maximum cost per MSY; and (3) all narrative sections, budget, and budget narrative are completed.
- New and recomplete applications are grouped by general focus areas and assigned to a panel of peer reviewers. A panel generally consists of three to four individuals with expertise, experience, and/or knowledge in the field of the proposed focus area and/or service, volunteerism, community development, etc. Ongoing recruitment of peer reviewers is done through the OCSV website.
- All new, recomplete, and continuation applications are reviewed by staff of the OCSV including (at minimum) the Program Development and Evaluation Officer; AmeriCorps Compliance Officer; and AmeriCorps Grants Officer.
- Peer reviewers convene on a conference call at a designated time to discuss each applicant, in detail. Each call is facilitated by a staff member of the OCSV. The discussion is summarized and is included with the individual peer review feedback for each grant.
- OCSV staff convenes to discuss each application and provide strengths and weaknesses.
- Based upon all information collected, strengths and weaknesses are identified, applications are ranked, and a presentation is made to the Commission. The Commission has the opportunity to discuss each application and then vote to approve or not approve the recommendations presented.
- Important considerations: (1) scores on applications are one factor in the overall decision-making process, not the determining factor; (2) comments and written feedback, beyond the score, carry significant weight in the process; (3) AmeriCorps program non-compliance or administrative challenges by an applicant (continuation, recomplete, or new) is considered during the staff review process; and (4) clarification requests are made of applicants before final submission to CNCS.