Quarterly Commission Meeting
June 7, 2018
1:30 pm – 5 pm

Locations
Illinois Department of Public Health
422 S 5th St, 4th Floor
Springfield, IL

Illinois Department of Public Health
Director’s Office Conference Room
69 W. Washington Street, 35th Floor
Chicago, IL 60602

Call-in Option:
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Commissioners and Staff in Attendance

Chicago – Angelis, Jane; Davis, Laura; Hosteny, John; Silberman, Steve; Chavkin, Nisan; Dee, Merri; Furlett, Natalie; Healy, Shawn; Marton, Debra; Tubekis, Barbara; Turnbull, Jeff

Springfield – Mathis, Tiffany

Phone – Dietkus, Rachael; Benanti, Jennifer; Guinn, Amanda; Drumgoole, Rosie for Myers, Jenne; Rosales, Giraldo; Tapscott, Sarah for Wienheimer, Eric

Staff – McFarland, Scott; Hanneken, Michelle; Turley, Melissa; Esper, James; Street, Joshua

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Turnbull called meeting to order at 1:35 PM

2. Roll Call

McFarland took roll call. A quorum was met for this meeting.

3. Approval of the February 22, 2018 and April 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Turnbull indicated the need to approve meeting minutes for two previous months. The April 19, 2018 minutes needed corrections.

Benanti motioned to approve both February and April minutes as corrected.
Chavkin seconded motion.

Motion carried by voice vote.

4. Executive Director Report – McFarland
   a. Federal Budget Update
      McFarland discussed funding sources related to Serve Illinois Commission operations. He mentioned additions to the budget that were not there in the 2017 fiscal year. McFarland presented a timeline of how grants operate.
   b. Policy Update / States for Service
      McFarland discussed the current presidential administration’s desire to decrease funding for national service. He discussed the importance of having congress’s support to expand national service and the role that commissioners can play in this.
   c. AmeriCorps Report
      McFarland discussed applications of AmeriCorps programs and submission dates.
   d. Volunteerism Report
      McFarland discussed Governor Hometown Awards and its importance. Serve Illinois staff will send out constant contact.
   e. Communications Report
      McFarland did not give a communications report.

5. CNCS Report – Hosteny

   Hosteny discussed the National Commission on Military National and Community Service and its processes. The national commission will hold a listening session.

   Hosteny discussed listening sessions the national commission held. He also discussed different issues that the national commission wants to address.

   McFarland discussed the importance of representing AmeriCorps members.

   Turnbull and Hosteny discussed mandatory service and volunteer service differences.

   Hosteny reviewed new CNCS appointees. Hosteny also elaborated on the transformation and sustainability plan that CNCS is proposing. He addressed the points mentioned in a handout report.

   Commissioners discussed details of the transformation and sustainability plan of CNCS.
Hosteny discussed the desire of the current White House administration to have a more efficient and streamlined plan for volunteerism oversight.

Commissioners discussed concerns about the listening sessions for CNCS and the efficiencies streamline plan. McFarland discussed this issue with commissioners. He discussed Serve Illinois’ relationship with CNCS and its impact on structure.

Chavkin and Hosteny discussed a timeline for carrying out goals in the transformation and sustainability plan report given.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of holding another meeting to address concerns with the transformation and sustainability plan.

Turnbull discussed concerns with items in the CNCS report.

6. Commission Chair Report – Turnbull

a. Commissioner Survey Report

Turnbull discussed items in the survey report that he would like to take care of in this meeting.

Turnbull eventually decided that he would like to have items in this report addressed in the next meeting.

b. Committee Appointments

Several commissioners gave suggestions about the tasks delegated to committees.

Turnbull suggested that commissioners look at bi-laws and that individual committees discuss how they could address issues related to bi-laws.

McFarland and Turnbull discussed appointments for commissioners on committees.

Hosteny discussed SWIC in Belleville and the application process with AmeriCorps programs.

7. Old Business

*Improving Illinois communities by enhancing volunteerism and instilling an ethic of service throughout the State.*
Turnbull asked if commissioners had any old business.

Commissioners did not discuss any old business in this meeting.

8. New Business

a. AmeriCorps 2018-19 Formula Grants

McFarland discussed the process of selecting AmeriCorps programs and funding for them. He stated that commissioners needed to decide which programs to fund. Commissioners discussed concerns and ideas about funding various programs.

Guinn motioned that the commission remove TFA for formula funding and only provide education-award funding through the Competitive award.

Mathis seconded motion.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioners discussed funding for Cahokia.

Silberman and McFarland discussed funding for Leave No Veteran Behind.

Hosteny and McFarland discussed carryover funds from programs for previous years.

McFarland discussed staffing for Serve Illinois and the changes that occurred within the last few months.

Commissioners discussed funding strategies for multiple new programs and existing programs.

Turnbull asked about monitoring plan for Lessie Bates. McFarland addressed question.

Chavkin motioned that the commission adopt option 3a, given in a report by McFarland, for funding.

Marton seconded motion.

Motion carried by voice vote.
McFarland presented bar graph that showed funding for AmeriCorps programs throughout several years.

Commissioners discussed the Notice of Funding Opportunity for 2018.

Tubekis gave a farewell speech.

9. Adjourn

   Turnbull adjourned meeting at 4:08PM.