



Commission on Volunteerism  
and Community Service  
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### Quarterly Commission Meeting

April 19, 2018

9 am – 12 pm

#### Locations

Illinois Department of Public Health  
422 S 5<sup>th</sup> St, Fourth Floor  
Springfield, IL

Illinois Department of Public Health  
122 S. Michigan Ave, Seventh Floor Room 723  
Chicago, IL

#### Call-in Option:

Dial: 888-494-4032; Access Code: 4037150212#

#### Commissioners and Staff in Attendance

Springfield – Turnbull, Jeff; Benanti, Jennifer; Furlett, Natalie; Angelis, Jane; Hosteny, John

Chicago – Chavkin, Nisan; Silberman, Steve; Sims, Cynthia; Davis, Laura

By-Phone – Brown, Julian; Rosales, Giraldo; Guinn, Amanda; Healy, Shawn; Nelson, Katherine; Marton, Debra; Witzel, Jennifer; Tapscott, Sarah for Wienheimer, Eric; Drumgoole, Rosie for Myers, Jenne

Guests – Stapleton, Sara, CNCS

Staff – McFarland, Scott; Hanneken, Michelle; Turley, Melissa; Esper, Michael; Morrisey, Spenser; Stevens, Jamie; Street, Joshua

#### Agenda

1. Call to Order

Turnbull called meeting to order at 9:04 AM

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the February 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Quorum not met. Commissioners cannot approve February minutes at this time. Minutes will be approved at June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

4. Executive Director Report – McFarland

McFarland addressed survey for commissioner meetings.

a. Federal Budget Update

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McFarland discussed the omnibus bill and increase in funding for Serve Illinois operations. The packet given to commissioners mentioned the increases that cover max and min amounts a state can receive. McFarland also discussed Serve Illinois's association with ASC and the return on investment for it.

Turnbull opened meeting for discussion regarding McFarland's statements. Turnbull and McFarland discussed the increase in funding issue. Turnbull suggested commissioners consider how to spend more funding.

Turnbull asked for comments or questions.

Hosteny discussed carryovers of grant funds. McFarland discussed fiscal year 2018 programming.

Turnbull mentioned the need for a training event or symposium for commissioners. Furllett indicated that this would be a good idea.

Chavkin joined discussion. Chavkin suggested Serve Illinois submit a graphic to budget funds for next meeting in June.

b. Policy Update / States for Service

McFarland discussed omnibus bill signed by President Trump in 2018 and its effects on national service programs. The budget caps for these programs will increase for FY 2019.

McFarland also addressed the priorities and outreach goals of for FY 2019 concerning funding for national service programs. Ultimately, fully funding and expanding CNCS is a priority.

c. AmeriCorps Report

McFarland stated that review groups would review 18 programs that commissioners will vote for on June 7. Scores are due back by reviewers on April 30.

Turnbull discussed how the AmeriCorps committee could be involved in the scoring process.

McFarland asked for any more questions.

Sims asked who was on the AmeriCorps committee. Turnbull addressed question. He indicated that he would ask who wants to be on the committee.

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d. Volunteerism Report

McFarland discussed the Southern Illinois Volunteerism Conference.

Hanneken discussed registration for this event.

Central Illinois Volunteerism conference on June 27. Registration open soon. Conference is in Springfield.

Commissioners discussed conferences.

e. Communications Report

No commission member gave a report for communications.

5. Commission Chair Report - Turnbull

**Amendment: Turnbull directed meeting to CNCS Report presented by Hosteny.**

6. CNCS Report – Hosteny

Hosteny discussed National Recognition Day. Elected officials can recognize importance of national service through these events. FY 2019 may be a challenge. Barbara Stewart and other CNCS officials.

Hosteny mentioned Senior Corps conference's momentum. Hosteny indicated a push for Senior Corps at state and federal level.

Hosteny discussed Barbara Stewart's appearance at the national committee hearing and what took place there.

Hosteny also discussed National Commission on Military and Public Service.

McFarland and Hosteny discussed hearing of Sand Scott in Chicago.

Turnbull asked about effect of Sand Scott hearing on Serve Illinois and state commissions. Hosteny addressed questions.

Turnbull discussed Senator Duckworth and her relationship with volunteerism in Illinois.

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Davis mentioned a county resolution regarding an event that would honor national service on April 24. She suggested commissioners should go to this event. 118 North Clark Street room 567.

Rosales asked Hosteny about opioid crisis. Hosteny addressed question by mentioning the Safe Haven Foundation.

Turnbull mentioned opportunities for commission to help with opioid crisis and the possibility to use new funds.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of Senior Corps helping with this issue.

Turnbull asked for any questions for Hosteny.

**Turnbull gave the commissioner chair report at this time. The agenda disclosed this report earlier under “Commission Chair Report – Turnbull.”**

Turnbull discussed surveys from commissioners and synopsis of what recommendations are. Turnbull also discussed consent agendas and indicated it could possibly benefit commission meetings.

Chavkin explained the logistics of consent agendas.

Turnbull discussed his plan about an executive committee. He also discussed committee appointments. Commissioners could be on several committees.

Sims asked about the differences between committees. Chavkin addressed this question. Chicago commissioners discussed the functions of different committees.

Turnbull discussed several initiatives such as opioid and workforce development. He also discussed how AmeriCorps’ could address these initiatives.

Turnbull asked commissioners what their ideas were about devoting themselves to committees. Those in attendance discussed what committees they would like to occupy.

Chavkin asked about chairs for the committees. Turnbull addressed this question. Turnbull indicated that committees do not have to be a voting member to be a chair.

Turnbull and several commissioners discussed the committees.

McFarland read a list of those on committees.





Turnbull mentioned possible drafts for the list of committee members. Turnbull also discussed executive committee meeting and consent agenda.

## 7. Old Business

### a. Governor's Volunteer Service Awards Recap

Turnbull discussed recipients and those in attendance at Governor's Volunteer Service Awards (GVSA).

Commissioners discussed the flow of the event and its effect on them. Hanneken mentioned the challenges with this event and improvements that Serve Illinois could make. McFarland discussed press release for this event. Angelis indicated Serve Illinois could use event to advertise for AmeriCorps.

Brown asked about a press release for the GVSA. He indicated this could be used for AmeriCorps alumni news. McFarland along with several other commissioners joined the discussion on public relations for the GVSA.

McFarland discussed volunteers of the week. Serve Illinois highlights nonprofits and volunteers.

Commissioners discussed the process of keeping nominations for volunteers.

Sims asked if award recipients could see nominations. McFarland and Hanneken addressed this question.

McFarland discussed Governor's Volunteer Hometown awards. Nomination forms are live now. McFarland wants commissioners to push for Hometown Awards; these are community based.

## 8. New Business

### a. Foundation Event – June 7

Turnbull discussed Serve Illinois Foundation launch party. June 7, 2018. Commission meeting at 1pm this same day. Turnbull also mentioned the possibility of Barbara Stewart, CNCS CEO, coming to the event and commission meeting.

Marton discussed promotion for Serve Illinois Foundation launch party. McFarland joined this discussion and suggested ways that commissioners and Serve Illinois could promote this. Marton thanked the entire board for the Serve Illinois Foundation.

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McFarland discussed the commission meeting in Chicago on June 7. He mentioned that it is imperative that commissioners attend because the meeting must have a quorum to vote for AmeriCorps items.

Chavkin asked about voting and non-voting members. McFarland addressed this question by discussing how member can become voting.

Marton indicated she is looking to nominate members for the Serve Illinois Foundation board.

## 9. Adjourn

Turnbull adjourned meeting at 10:38 AM

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