



Quarterly Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024

3:00pm-5:00pm

Locations

Virtual Meeting Via WebEx

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Agenda

1. Call to Order – Natalie Furlett, Chair
 2. Roll Call
 - a. **Voting Commissioners Present:** Allison Angeloni, Benjamin Kagan, Natalie Furlett, Rosie Drumgoole, Scott Clarke, Dr. Jamarco Clark, Carolyn Roberts, Noureen Hashim, Ami Copeland, Shelley Long.
 - b. **Voting Commissioners Not Present:** Ashli Nelson (excused), Brooke Jones, Amy Rueff (excused), Dr. Tony Sanders (excused).
 - c. **Non-Voting Commissioners Present:** Catherine Leonis, John Gremer, Anne Schuman, Marci Johnson.
 - d. **Non-Voting Commissioners Not Present:** Howard Lathan, Tiffany Holmes, Jennifer North.
 - e. **Staff Present:** Allison Miller, Cory Blissett, Andres Fernandez, Kristen Bethke, Kimberley Doyle, Rachael Tuxhorn, Cecilia Maciel, Jacob Jenkins, Davida Fanniel.
 - f. **Guests Present:** N/A.
 3. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Marci Johnson motioned to approve the minutes.
 - b. Benjamin Kagan seconded the motion.
 4. Serve Illinois Executive Director Update - Andres Fernandez
 - a. VISTA Application
 - i. Regional office has encouraged Serve Illinois to apply.
 - ii. Davida Fanniel has worked with Andres to complete a preliminary submission to Lisa Tope.
 - iii. The VISTA concept paper focuses on supporting food banks throughout Illinois.
 1. The concept paper was approved.
 - iv. Now must go through the formal application process, which can take 4-12 months for approval and implementation.
 - b. IDHS Presentation to the Secretary re Strategic Framework
 - i. Andres is scheduled to present this information to the new secretary, Dulce Quintero.
 - c. April 12-15 AmeriCorps National Visit
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- i. Michael Smith will be visiting some sites in Chicago. As well as attending several community meetings.
 - ii. Andres will share once there is more information for Commissioners to potentially attend as well.
 - d. Commissioner Recruitment
 - i. Andres has been given referrals from commissioners and internally from the bureau.
 - ii. Noureen Hashim has been approved. She currently works with the City of Chicago.
 - iii. Gwendolyn Moss is currently waiting for approval by the Governor's Office but has been attending meetings.
 - e. A thank you for your dedication to the Serve Illinois Commission
 - f. Site visit from the CDC to Sinai on March 27th and April 9th
 - 5. IDHS/Serve Illinois Leadership Update
 - a. National Service Program – Davida Fanniel
 - i. Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF)
 - ii. AmeriCorps VISTA
 - iii. ***Save the Date***
 - 1. Good Deed Day of Service
 - b. Volunteer Program – Jacob Jenkins
 - i. GVSA: A total of 34 volunteers were selected as winners for the 2023 – 2024 class from across Illinois. The award ceremony will be on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the South Shore Cultural Center in Chicago. Thus far, over 80 people have RSVP'd
 - ii. Serve IL Day of Service: In celebration of National Volunteer Month, Serve Illinois is proud to support the fight against food insecurity by hosting the challenge to collect 100,000 pounds of food for residents across Illinois within 48 hours. Organizations are being encouraged to collect food for 48 hours from April 12 to April 13, 2024. We have also launched the Illinois Fights Food Insecurity Together Pledge
 - iii. GHTA: The recognition committee is currently reviewing the 2024 GHTA Application packet. More information to follow
 - iv. ICOVA: The executive committee has been working on logistics. The proposed event date is July 22nd and 23rd. More information to come regarding participation in individual committees
 - v. Regional Recognition Events: In March, we will be attending the Women Who Lead Gala by Women and Wealth in Rockford in honor of Women's History Month to recognize their volunteers. Various regional recognition events will be scheduled in April for National Volunteer Month
 - vi. National Service Summit: The proposed event date is Monday, May 20, 2024. Registration will be released in the coming weeks
 - vii. Disaster Relief- The team continues to meet with FEMA representatives and communities across Cook County forming long-term recovery groups. Over 80 volunteers have been recruited to assist with administrative needs



- c. AmeriCorps Program – Kristen Bethke
 - i. Formula Traditional and Formula Fixed grants have been posted and applications are due on 4/5/2024
 - ii. We are continuing to communicate with our AmeriCorps Portfolio Manager to work through issues that arise
 - iii. Tina Dunphy, our consultant, is working with us to make updates and corrections to current forms
 - iv. We held a Program Officer Training in Chicago on March 7th and spent the day reviewing important topics to ensure continued management of our AmeriCorps programs
 - v. America’s Service Commission hosted a National Service Criminal History Check on 3/11/2024. The training provided a high-level overview and was mandatory for all programs and AmeriCorps staff
 - vi. We are continuing to gather feedback and success stories related to the Community Service Funds provided to help our AmeriCorps members
 - 6. Calendar of Events (Cecilia Maciel and Jacob Jenkins)
 - a. March 11th-17th AmeriCorps Week
 - b. April is Global Volunteer Month
 - c. April 21st-27th National Volunteer Week
 - d. April 21st Volunteer Generation Fund Day (VGF Day)
 - e. April 25th Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards
 - f. April 26th-28th Global Youth Service Day
 - g. May is Older American’s Month
 - h. May 20th National Service Summit
 - i. May 27th Memorial Day of Service
 - j. June 12th-14th Points of Light (Houston, TX)
 - k. June 19th Juneteenth
 - l. June 28th Central Illinois Volunteerism Conference
 - 7. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance & Governance – Scott Clarke
 - i. Commissioner required trainings for 2024 are now available on One Net
 - 1. <https://onenet.illinois.gov/>
 - a. Ethics Training Program for State Employees and Appointees
 - b. Harassment & Discrimination Prevention Training
 - c. LGBTQIA+ Equity and Inclusion 2024
 - d. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Training 2024
 - e. Security Awareness 2024
 - ii. One-time training only:
 - 1. Through the Illinois Attorney General's Office at <https://foiapac.ilag.gov/>
 - 2. Open Meetings Act training
 - b. Recognition Committee –Amy Rueff
 - i. Governor's Hometown Awards
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1. The recognition committee is currently reviewing the 2024 GHTA Application packet
 2. Dates below are proposed and contingent upon committee approval:
 - a. Application Release: May 3, 2024
 - b. Application Deadline: June 7, 2024, by 5:00 PM
 - c. Governor's Hometown Awards:
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 - ii. Governor's Volunteer Service Awards
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 2. Thank you to the 14 commissioners who served as judges and reviewed over 90 applications
 3. The award ceremony will be on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the South Shore Cultural Center in Chicago
 4. The closing date to RSVP was March 18th, but we are extending it until Friday, March 22nd for commissioners
 5. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GVSARSVP2024>
 - c. Executive Committee – Natalie Furllett
 - i. Strategic Plan
 1. Asked for feedback and questions about the Strategic Plan PowerPoint that was emailed out to attendees the week prior.
 2. Consultants interviewed a variety of people to see how people feel about what Serve Illinois does to help them think about the next steps for the Strategic Plan.
 3. Committees:
 - a. Considering restructuring Committees.
 - b. Would require a by-law change.
 4. Want to ensure that everyone knows their roles including staff and Commissioners.
 - ii. Grant Processes
 1. Want to make sure our grant processes are implemented effectively.
 2. Want to evaluate without current grantees with whom we do not have relationships and how we can build those relationships.
 - iii. Mission and Vision
 1. Thinking about if we want to make updates to our mission and vision.
 8. Public Comment
 - a. N/A
 9. 2024 Meeting Dates
 - a. There were no objections to moving the next meeting from June 26th to June 20th.
 10. Adjourn
 - a. Allison Angeloni motioned to adjourn the meeting
 - b. John Gremer seconded the motion
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