

CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE
Record of Meeting – October 30, 2018 at 9:00 AM
450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford ~ Plaza North Hearing Room B

Members Present

Ianice Andersen, Carla Friedman, Margaret McCreedy, Anne Ostberg, Cherlyn Poindexter, Eli Sabin, Sandra Santy, Kanwaljit Singh, Theresa Strong, Max Tanguay (10)

Members Absent

Iona Black, William Dyson, Matt Farley, Trudy Higgins, Patricia Tarasovic

Others

K. Felix (staff), M. Georges (Staff), J. Johnson (staff), S. Seepersad (staff), K. Scheuritzel (staff), S. Williams (CNCS staff)

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am

Welcome, Announcements, Agenda Adjustments

J. Johnson welcomed all Commission members to the meeting. Janice Andersen, Carla Friedman, Eli Sabin and Max Tanguay were introduced as the newest appointed board members.

Business Reports

A. Motion to approve the April 4, 2018 meeting minutes as circulated was made by Max Tanguay; seconded by Sandy Santy. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion to adopt the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan as presented was made by Kanwaljit Singh; seconded by Janice Andersen. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Board Governance – Commission members discussed a meeting schedule for 2019 and determined a meeting date to hold elections. A motion to hold a meeting via teleconference on Wednesday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. for the sole purpose of electing new officers was made by Margaret McCreedy; seconded by Theresa Strong. Motion passed unanimously. Commission meeting dates for 2019 will be in-person meetings only. A call-in number will be provided as a backup due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. Margaret McCreedy made a motion to note the following dates for Commission meetings in 2019: Tuesday, February 26; Tuesday, April 23; Tuesday, June 25; Tuesday, August 27; Tuesday, October 29. The motion was seconded by Janice Andersen. All meetings will be in-person at the Hartford office and the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Nominations were opened for the following officer positions – Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Janice Andersen accepted the nomination to serve as Chair of the Commission.

Max Tanguay accepted the nomination to serve as Vice-Chair of the Commission.

Sandy Santy accepted the nomination to serve as Secretary of the Commission.

The bylaws state “The officers of the Commission shall consist of a Chair and a Vice-Chair.”

Therefore, a Secretary position will not be included in the immediate election process. The

position may be added upon the determination of the newly elected board leadership. If there is a member of the Commission interested in running for the position of Chair or Vice Chair, please make it known to Jacqueline Johnson, Executive Director by December 1, 2019. An election will be held on December 19, 2018 at 10: a.m. via teleconference.

D. CNCS field office (submitted by Anne Ostberg, State Office Director)

AMERICORPS VISTA UPDATES:

New Connecticut AmeriCorps VISTA projects for 2018-2019 are sponsored by:

- The Village for Children and Families
- YWCA of the Hartford Region
- Health360
- United Way of Greater New Haven
- Keep America Beautiful

Existing Connecticut AmeriCorps VISTA projects that will continue through the 2018-2019 program year are sponsored by:

- University of Connecticut Extension Service
- City of Hartford
- Goodwill of Western and Northern Connecticut
- United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut
- Grace Academy

SENIOR CORPS UPDATES:

During a trip to Connecticut to speak at an elder abuse conference, Senior Corps Director Debbie Cox Roush visited four Connecticut Senior Corps volunteer sites in early October, including the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, Catholic Charities, Betances STEM Magnet School, and the RSVP Veterans Coffeehouse in Norwich.

A new Foster Grandparent project grant was awarded in July 2018 to Career Resources, Inc., in Bridgeport. Three RSVP opportunities are listed in the current RSVP competition: central Connecticut, northwestern Connecticut, and northern New London County. These grants are currently awarded to Community Renewal Team, New Opportunities, and Thames Valley Council for Community Action. The competition closes November 7, 2018.

AGENCY-WIDE UPDATES:

Work continues on the CNCS transformation plan. Commissioners were invited to participate in a call or in one of the listening sessions held throughout the summer about the plan's six goals. The plan was posted on the federal register for public comments. Working groups delivered recommendations to CNCS CEO Barbara Stewart earlier this month. It is anticipated that CNCS staff will learn more about the plan's implementation in December. For more information about the transformation plan, visit the CNCS Web site, www.nationalservice.gov, click on About Us, then select Transformation and Sustainability Plan from the menu on the left.

I encourage you to subscribe to our agency email announcements - go to our Web site www.nationalservice.gov, click on three bars on top right of screen for the menu, select "Contact Us," then click on blue box labeled "Sign up for email updates."

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E. Connecticut Senior Corps Association (Theresa Strong, RSVP Manager - CRT)

Theresa Strong attended the Senior Corps Convening in Washington, DC in July. She had an opportunity to meet the new Senior Corps Director, Deborah Cox Roush. An updated annual report of the Connecticut Senior Corps Association is being worked on to reflect 2017-2018,

Business Wrap Up

Motion to Adjourn – K. Singh; Seconded by J. Andersen. Adjourn at 10:31 am

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