

# Michigan Community Service Commission

June 26, 2013

MCSC Board Meeting

Armory – Community Room, Lansing

## MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carolyn Bloodworth, Chair  
Breannah Alexander  
Diana Algra  
Julie Calley (phone)  
Tony Campbell  
Rob Collier  
Michael Hill  
Lori Jewell (phone)  
Bob Kolt  
Janet Lawson (phone)  
Fred Mester (phone)  
Donna Niester (phone)  
David Price  
Jerry Swartz  
Judy Watson-Olson (phone)  
Larry Williamson  
Paula Kaiser VanDam, Ex Officio  
Cathy Sharp, Ex Officio, CNCS

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Andrews  
Lloyd Jackson  
Megan Russell Johnson  
Michael Lavoie  
Larry Romanelli  
Marsha Smith  
John Truscott  
Ella Kate Wagner  
Miles Wilson

OTHERS: Jocelyn Davis, Michigan Community Service Commission  
Garry Gross, Michigan Community Service Commission  
Ben Gulker, Michigan Community Service Commission  
Janice Harvey, Michigan Community Service Commission  
Donna Murray-Brown, Michigan Nonprofit Association  
Carole Rush-Witt, Michigan Community Service Commission  
Megan Sargent, Michigan Community Service Commission  
Amber Troupe, Michigan Community Service Commission  
Jamie Wilson, Michigan Community Service Commission  
Jeanine Yard, Michigan Community Service Commission

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Bloodworth welcomed Commissioners at 10:00 am and asked Commissioners to introduce themselves. She then introduced Ginna Holmes, the new MCSC Executive Director. Ginna shared background on herself.
- II. Consent Agenda – Chair Bloodworth asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda and the minutes from the April 24, 2013 MCSC board meeting. **Commissioner Price motioned to approve the consent agenda and minutes; Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- III. Michigan Reading Corps – Ginna Holmes thanked Commissioner Campbell for his leadership with Michigan Reading Corps. The MCSC had submitted the program for supplemental funding for 75 members. The program was not funded by the CNCS for competitive funding. The MCSC staff is recommending funding the program with formula funds. The current budget includes \$444,622 from CNCS and \$370,646 for match funds. During this pilot year there will be 39 members with 30 members starting in the fall and an additional 9 members starting in January. Recruitment has begun and will continue over the next month. The school sites are being determined based on capacity issues with the following districts being considered: Detroit, Pontiac, Grand Rapids, Godwin Heights, Godfrey-Lee, Kalkaska, Muskegon, Jackson, and Lansing. The program originally was going to be funded through the Heart of West Michigan United Way but will be transitioned over and the Hope Network will serve as the fiduciary and will provide office space, equipment, and manage the financial aspects of the grant.
- IV. AmeriCorps Formula Funding – Ms. Holmes thanked MCSC staff for their work in finalizing the grants for formula funding. Ben Gulker presented the staff recommendations to Commissioners (see memo from Ginna Holmes dated June 26, 2013). The MCSC received \$2,957,099 in competitive funding. The CNCS has created a special grant for Governor/Mayor initiatives. The MCSC has worked with Harvey Hollins from the Governor’s Office and Wayne State University Urban Safety Program to replicate the program as a Governor initiative. The program was selected as one of eight Governor’s initiative programs and will expand the current program to three additional neighborhoods. The 2013-14 formula allocation for Michigan is \$3,185,940. Additionally \$133,000 in unobligated funds were available.

**Chair Bloodworth asked for a motion to approve the staff recommendations for the AmeriCorps formula funding. Commissioner Algra motioned to approve the staff recommendations; Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following Commissioners abstaining: David Price (Peckham, Goodwill, Hope Network, MNA), Breannah Alexander (MNA), Diana Algra, (MNA), Tony Campbell (Heart of West Michigan United Way), Rob Collier (Michigan Association of United Way and MNA), Carolyn Bloodworth (MNA).**

CNCS will make supplemental funding available later this summer. MCSC staff requests approval to request \$890,795 in supplemental funding. The funding will provide additional funds to formula applications whose requests were not funded in full, as well as funding two new programs (Detroit Parent Network and Playworks Education Energized).

**Chair Bloodworth asked for a motion to approve the staff recommendations for the AmeriCorps supplemental funding. Commissioner Swartz motioned to approve the staff recommendations; Commissioner Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- V. Governor's Service Awards – Ms. Holmes updated Commissioners on the 2013 event. The event will take place July 23 at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. Fundraising for the event is currently taking place with proceeds from the event to support the Mentor Michigan Coaches Challenge and Days of Service activities.
  
- X. Public Comment – Diana Algra shared that Renee Zientek has left Michigan Campus Compact and will be working at Michigan State University. Cathy Sharp shared that the RSVP competitive NOFA will go out soon and she requested assistance from Commissioners in sharing the information with their networks. Paula Kaiser VanDam explained that Volunteer Generation Fund is currently in the third year of a three-year grant. The MCSC is waiting for CNCS to publish guidelines for the FY14 grant which has to be awarded by September 30. The MCSC will submit an application once the guidelines have been released.

Adjourn: 11:14 am