

Serve New Mexico Commission Board Meeting March 5, 2021

Commissioners in Attendance

Erin Atkins Jorja Armijo Brasher Bernadine Dallago Chanelle Delgado **Dolores Gonzales Elaine Graff** Charles Humiston Jessica Harvey Nancy Hughes Laura Jagles Justin MacDonald Josefina Mata Alice Perez Ryan Steinmetz Drew Tulchin Phoebe Suina

Staff and AmeriCorps Representative

Zanquetta Gray, AmeriCorps Mountain Region Senior Portfolio Manager Bradley Knipper, Program Officer Logan Rice, Senior Program Officer Sam Sokolove, Executive Director, Serve NM Commission

Chair Montoya convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m., which was held on-line via Zoom due to state requirements on public gatherings during the COVID19 pandemic.

December 18, 2020 Minutes

Commissioner Graff moved to accept; Commissioner Dallago seconded. December 18, 2020 minutes were approved with no objections or abstentions.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Review of Parameters for RFA: #21-631-7004-00068 (Formula Pool)

Commissioner Graff moved to accept the parameters as presented. Commissioner Mata seconded. There were no abstentions or objections, and the parameters were approved for inclusion in the Formula 2021-2022 RFA.

Justice, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Process

The "JEDI" brochure prepared by Consultant Thenera Bailey from the input of the Commission JEDI Committee was presented for Board approval. While the comments regarding the text were favorable, the Board asked that the photographs be revised for a more "New Mexico" look. It was also understood that the document may undergo additional revisions following comments from the greater community.

Commissioner Atkins moved to approve; Commissioner Dallago seconded. The "JEDI" brochure and language was approved.

AmeriCorps Office of Regional Operations

Zanquetta Gray, Mountain Region Senior Portfolio Manager of the AmeriCorps as s Office of Regional Operation, began by thanking Commissioner Tulchin for his recent address to VISTA members.

Ms. Gray called the Board's attention to leadership changes at the national level, including the appointment of Sonali Nijhawa as Director, AmeriCorps State and National, as well as the appointment of Karen Dahl as Senior Advisor for COVID-19. She also discussed administrative matters, such as a change of how National Service Criminal History Checks (NSCHCs) are expected to be administered by Commission subgrantees effective May 1st. She then announced that VISTA concept papers are due March 15.

Next Commission Board Meeting: May 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

As Commissioner Suina noted the unlikelihood of an in-person meeting, per ongoing COVID-19 meeting restrictions, The May 28th meeting will be held virtually.

Good and Welfare

Sam Sokolove encouraged newer Commissioners to participate, of not as reviewers than as observers, in the 2021 Formula Competition. Commissioners Delgado, MacDonald, Gonzales, and Steinmetz asked to participate.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Commissioner Atkins moved to adjourn; Commissioner Dallago seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.