



NEW MEXICO COMMISSION FOR
**COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEERISM**



**New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2019**

Commissioners in Attendance

Elaine Graff
Alice Garza
Jessica Harvey
Bernadine Dallago
Nancy Hughes
Erin Atkins
Jorja Armijo-Brasher
Phoebe Suina
Richard Safford

Commissioners Absent

Rebekka Burt, PED Representative
Charles Humiston
Renee Lowden
Matthew Montoya
Alice Perez

Ex-Officio Commission Members in Attendance

Michael Garcia, New Mexico State Program Director, CNCS
Samuel Sokolove, Executive Director, NMCCV

Staff in Attendance

Yolanda Montoya Cordova, Deputy Secretary, New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions
Bradley Knipper, Program Officer
Lesley Mauricio, WIOA/NMCCV Intern
Logan Rice, Program Officer

Others

Carl Colonius, Colonius Consulting



Call to Order

Chair Graff called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Graff called roll. Commissioners Atkins, Armijo-Brasher, Dallago, Garza, Harvey, Hughes, Safford and Suina were in attendance.

Approval of October 4, 2018 Minutes

The October 4, 2018 minutes were sent out to the Commission prior to the meeting. Commissioner Hughes moved to adopt the minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Harvey. Chair Graff took a vote; none opposed. Commissioner Atkins abstained. The motion passed and the October 4, 2018 minutes were approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Review of Competitive 2019 NOFO

*****Please Note That for All Voting Purposes during This Meeting*******

The actual approval of purchase of the items or final action shall be made in an open meeting.

Commissioner Atkins moved to enter Executive Session; Commissioner Dallago seconded. Roll Call was taken; all voted for the move to Executive Session; none opposed, none abstained

Commissioner Atkins moved to accept the recommendations; Commissioner Armijo-Brasher seconded. Chair Graff took a vote; none opposed. The motion passed, and the funding recommendations were approved.



CNCS Update, Michael Garcia, New Mexico State Program Director

Program Director Michael Garcia called attention to the January 21 MLK Day of Service; AmeriCorps Week 2019 and Day of Recognition. Regarding the CNCS Transformation and Sustainability Plan, Mr. Garcia announced that the regionalization of State CNCS offices would lead to the closure of the New Mexico State Office, with a Mountain Region office to be established in Aurora, Colorado, effective this year. Commissioner Atkins expressed her concern that regionalization may negatively impact Commission operations. Chair Graff offered to deliver comments on behalf of Commissioners to CNCS management while participating in the Commission Chair training conference in February.

Commission Staff Announcements

Sam Sokolove announced that the resolution phase of the audit with CNCS had begun.

Executive Committee Report

Chair Graff called the Commission's attention to the written report.

State Service Planning Update and Discussion

In preparation for the 2019-2021 State Service Plan, consultant Carl Colonius presented a report on the outreach he has conducted to broaden awareness of AmeriCorps and National Service in New Mexico, with the ultimate goals to 1) diversify grantee portfolio and 2) utilize the Formula grant dollars completely through conversations in communities throughout New Mexico. According to Mr. Colonius, substantial progress on branding AmeriCorps programming was accomplished this last year, with grant opportunities receiving greater exposure in multiple communities. There was also good response to cultivating public/private relationships within communities. Given that AmeriCorps is under-branded in New Mexico, especially in outlying areas and rural communities, Mr. Colonius suggested that a communications strategy would be effective in addressing this lack of awareness. There also is an opportunity to create strategic alignments with foundations, which would also address perceived concern regarding match sources. Other New Mexico departments could pair resources with NMCCV, specifically Department of Health Behavioral Health Services Initiative, Children Youth and Family Department's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, Higher Education Department and matching AmeriCorps Education Awards, and Department of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Colonius intends to follow-up with communities to support program concept development and submission of proposals. Commissioner Atkins asked to see other state plans: Mr. Colonius suggested Massachusetts, Colorado and Washington State as plans to review.



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Adjournment

Commissioner Atkins moved to adjourn; Commissioner Dallago seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. Next commission meeting was scheduled for Friday, April 12th.