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## OregonServes Commission

Public Policy & Education Committee Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Conference Call: 503-446-4951 Access Code: 200 762 309#

[Video Call Link](#)

***Persons wishing to testify during the public comment should email [Brittany.E.Melzer@hecc.oregon.gov](mailto:Brittany.E.Melzer@hecc.oregon.gov) 12 hours prior to the meeting. Each individual/group will have a time limit of 3 minutes.***

*Agenda times are approximate. Order of the agenda may vary.*

**Members present via teleconference:** Chair Sierra Barnes, Director Carie Bauer, Daniel Altamirano Hernandez, Shenika Cumberbatch-Corpas, Jayesh Palshikar

**Members excused:** Nathan Rix

### Standing Business

#### 1.0 Preliminary and Committee Business

1.1 Opening Remarks, Quorum, Agenda Review. Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

**ACTION ITEM:** Chair Barnes called for a vote to approve the previous meeting minutes. Jayesh Palshikar made the motion. Shenika Cumberbatch-Corpas seconded, and the motion passed. The minutes were accepted as presented with a typo fix accepted.

#### 2.0 Public Comment

None.

### Standing Reports

#### 3.0 Reports & Legislative Updates

3.1 State & Federal Updates

**Federal Legislative Updates:**

Director Bauer shared that the Civilian Climate Corps legislation was signed by President Biden. The Department of Education proposed to increase the Pell Grant to \$13,000 which, if passed, would increase the amount of the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award. OregonServes submitted a Legislative Concept (LC) for a state match to the education award. Discussion followed regarding whether any edits to the LC should occur; decision was reached to leave the LC as submitted and to monitor any needs for updates based on federal activities.

### Strategic Implementation

#### 4.0 Strategy and Planning

#### 4.1 State Legislative Updates:

*Disaster Authority and Recovery Workgroup:* Director Bauer shared that she has been invited to serve on State Representative Paul Evans' Disaster Authority and Recovery Workgroup, a statewide group formed to implement HB2304, passed in the 2021 Oregon Legislative Session.

*WTDB Presentation:* Director Bauer shared updates on the OSC presentation to the Workforce Talent Development Board. WTDB members expressed much interest in the strategic plan overlaps, and in hearing additional information on the Schools of National Service and Employers of National Service initiatives – Director Bauer will schedule follow up.

*Stakeholder engagement:* OWI Interim Director, Julia Steinberger, will present at the OSC April 29<sup>th</sup> quarterly Commission meeting on the HECC Strategic Engagement Plan, and the priority Policy Option Packages (POPs) and Legislative Concepts (LCs) being prepared for the 2023 Oregon Legislative Session.

*Housing Resources Pilot Project:* Director Bauer provided an overview of the Silvernest website and provided updates on the Silvernest Pilot Project, sponsored by the national association, America's Service Commissions (ASC). Three states will be participating: Oregon, Colorado, and Washington. Silvernest will create a national service and commission-branded landing page for each commission, who will be the lead on marketing and outreach in their respective states. Each pilot project commission will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the housing platform at the end of the pilot. The committee discussed how members of the Commission could help promote the platform, including writing op-eds to raise awareness and increase sign-ups of homeowners.

*Day at the Capitol:* Committee members discussed planning for a Day at the Capitol event during the 2023 Oregon Legislative Session. Director Bauer shared updates on creating a resource kit for participants, and a potential workplan and timeline.

*Survey Outreach:* Committee members discussed using two surveys to identify state and legislative champions: a legislative members survey and a state employee/alumni survey. The data subcommittee will follow-up on finalizing the two survey drafts, to prepare for distribution. Director Bauer is contacting DAS to determine method to distribute the employee survey.

## **Closing Business**

### **5.0 Other Business**

**Adjourned at 3:00pm.**