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Public Policy & Education Committee Meeting Agenda

June 21st, 2022

2:00pm – 3:00pm

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

[Video Call Link](#)

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Standing Business

2:00	1.0	Preliminary and Committee Business	Sierra Barnes, Chair
	1.1	Opening Remarks, Quorum, Agenda Review	
	1.2	<u>ACTION ITEM:</u> Approve previous meeting minutes	
	2.0	Public Comment	

Standing Reports

2:10	3.0	Reports & Legislative Updates	Carie Bauer
	3.1	Federal Updates – Appropriation, public comment, CORPS Act	
	3.2	OSC Legislative Concepts: Updates	

Strategic Implementation

2:30	4.0	Strategy and Planning	Carie Bauer
	4.1	OSC Legislative Concepts Stakeholder Engagement	
	4.2	Outreach Discussion: Day at Capitol, Surveys	

Closing Business

2:55	5.0	Other Business and Next Steps	All
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Public Policy & Education Committee Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022

2:00pm – 3:00pm

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

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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 29th 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.

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Public Policy & Education Committee Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2022

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Conference Call: 503-446-4951 Access Code: 442 814 201#

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Members present via teleconference: Chair Sierra Barnes, Director Carie Bauer, Nathan Rix

Standing Business

1.0 Preliminary and Committee Business

1.1 Opening Remarks, Quorum, Agenda Review. Director Bauer stepped in as chair and opened the meeting at 1:05pm, to accommodate Chair Barnes' schedule. **ACTION ITEM:** As quorum was not met, the decision to move the meeting minutes approval to next meeting was reached.

2.0 Public Comment

None.

Standing Reports

3.0 Reports & Legislative Updates

3.1 Federal Updates:

FY23 Appropriations: Director Bauer shared an FY23 CNCS Appropriations Letter of Support that was sent in by America's Service Commission (ASC). The summary of it is: "in recent years, AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps Seniors, and agency operations have received increases in funding provided for by Congress. There is a large demand from nonprofit organizations and communities for more positions that exceeds available resources. OregonServes is committed to working towards an AmeriCorps living allowance that covers a participants' basic expenses during their service term. We encourage the subcommittee to build upon the FY 2022 increase and work to expand the program to 100,000 AmeriCorps members, as well as make further investments in member benefits. Should achieving these objectives not be possible this year, we ask that you take a meaningful step toward them by building on the President's budget request and providing an increase of \$300 million."

Match Requirements Public Comment Process: Public Comment for the AmeriCorps Match Requirements to the Federal Register are due Friday, June 10th, 2022.

AmeriCorps, the federal agency, has released a Request for Information seeking input on match requirements for AmeriCorps State and National, Commission Support, Volunteer Generation Fund, AmeriCorps Seniors, and Days of Service grants. Comments are due Friday, June 10, 2022. OregonServes plans to submit a public comment on match requirements, which we will also share with the portfolio. AmeriCorps programs are encouraged to submit a public comment on match requirements as well.

State Updates:

Legislative Concepts: HECC is deciding tomorrow what to move forward internally between OSC's two Legislative Concepts being merged into one, to be called:

Postsecondary Affordability for AmeriCorps. Director Bauer will develop draft legislative language for creating an education award match, and providing AmeriCorps volunteers with in-state tuition, as well as creating a better estimate of the cost of an education award match.

Strategic Implementation

4.0 Strategy and Planning

- 4.1 Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Discussion: Day at Capitol, Outreach, Surveys
Discussion was moved to June meeting, due to absences of Committee members.

Closing Business

- 5.0 Other Business.** No other discussion at this time.

Adjourned at 2:00pm.