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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#

[Video Call Link](#)

Persons wishing to testify during the public comment should email 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, 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.