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MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Co-chair Josh Todd, Co-chair Derenda Schubert, Jayesh Palshikar, Mary Greusel, Todd Jones, Shenika Cumberbatch, Nathan Rix, Sierra Barnes, Heidi Edwards, Amorée Lovell, Elias Villegas, Mike Fieldman

Staff Present: Director Carie Bauer, Director Karen Humelbaugh, Amy Holland, Stephanie Solomon, Brittany Melzer

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 9:03am.

Commission Business

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda: Commission approved minutes.

Agenda Review: No changes made.

Commission Member Announcements: Co-chair Josh Todd announced his son is in his entry training with NCCC. Bridge Meadows has a virtual opening gala next week. The link to join was sent to commissioners. No other member announcements.

Reports & Updates:

CNCS Report: Ex-officio Mary Greusel gave report out on CNCS' efforts to promote equitable grantmaking and ways in which grants are administered, and fostering an equitable workplace within processes and staff. CNCS is looking at recruiting and retaining diverse corps members. CNCS branding is trying to make them restructured and more visible and externally fit what they do better. Contracted with branding team experts in an attempt to streamline messaging. Virtual opening for the West Regional Office is next Wednesday.

OV Director Report:

Membership Update: Daniel Altamirano's appointment package was sent as well as the reappointment packages for Jorge Cruz, Adele McAfee, and Elias Villegas. The next round of appointments can be turned in right around the October meeting.

ORS Status Report: Name change styling is not allowed in the statute so it will be included in the bylaws.

Federal Legislative Status Report: Interest for National Service is still high with legislators but The CORPS Act is being pushed back as other focus areas come out. Not a lot to share right now. **State Service Plan Status Report:** The Coraggio Group was chosen to consult the state service plan.

OWI Director Report: Karen Humelbaugh, director of Office of Workforce Investments (OWI), updated that HECC is continuing to work virtually through the end of the year. OV Staff have continued providing support to the programs with their shift to virtual service.

State Budget Report: Legislative concepts were added to the Policy Option Packages (POPs). The Agency Request Budget (ARB) has been turned in with the budget as is with some additional POPs added on. The Governor's Requested Budget will come out around early December and we will know more what to expect then. No problems are anticipated with funding for the program. OWI will make sure that any contracting we do through the program will be with partners that align with our equity goals.

Program Officer Report: Program officer Stephanie Solomon shared that CNCS accepted all submitted recommended changes. IPERIA testing has been submitted. Remote desk monitoring has been going well since August. The program officers will give the programs a completed report by October. OV AmeriCorps Programs are creating a Racial Equity Learning Series. Going through the RFP proposals that were received. 911 day of service is next week. AmeriCorps gear was ordered and will be distributed as a welcome package in September which will include masks, lapel pins, signs, etc.

Program Spotlight: Amorè Lovell, program director with ETHOS, shared what ETHOS is doing in rural communities, particularly in Monument, Oregon with music through pictures and videos. They are using videos to keep up with the Covid-19 environment they now must teach through. ETHOS has a new director this year.

Advisory Workgroup Updates: Shenika Cumberbatch, chair of the Equity Advisory Workgroup gave update on the welcome letter that the group is drafting to give new members as they begin their service year. A draft of the letter will be ready for review at the next commission meeting. Mike Fieldman, Chair of the Expansion and Readiness Workgroup reported that the focus of their work so far has been defining which populations of people are most effected by the pandemic, and how to reach them for the recovery piece. Nathan Rix, chair of the Policy Workgroup shared that there will be an ASC Policy Webinar taking place next month that everyone is invited to attend.

ASC Presentation:

Elisa Gleeson of Membership and Training with America's Service Commissions (ASC) gave presentation on grantmaking best practices and answered questions from commission members.

Parking Lot Items: None.

Upcoming Dates & Meetings: Discussed timeline of upcoming meetings.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.