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Public Policy Committee Meeting MINUTES

June 8, 2021, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

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Members Present: Chair Nathan Rix, Mike Fieldman, OV Director Carie Bauer, Sierra Barnes, Jayesh Palshikar, Daniel Altamirano Hernandez, Brittany Melzer

Standing Business

1.0 Call to Order –

- Chair Nathan Rix called meeting to order at 2:05pm.
- 1.1 Opening: Introductions and Chair Opening Remarks.
- Representative Nathanson, the Chair of the House Committee on Revenue, wants to co-sponsor House Bill 2737.
 - Discussion of possible distribution of an Op Ed opinion piece that Chair Rix wrote to increase attention on and visibility of AmeriCorps members being in the communities where Oregonians live and work.
- 1.2 Public Comment – None.
- 1.3 Agenda reviewed and accepted.

Standing Reports

2.0 Reports & Updates

- 2.1 Legislative Report: State and Federal Updates
- The Climate Corps Act, sponsored by US Senator Chris Coons, authorized AmeriCorps to be a recipient of funds that will establish Public Health Job Corps under the AmeriCorps umbrella.
 - Senate Committee on Health is working on a reauthorization of WIOA and there is a push to name AmeriCorps and National Service as part of that work. Director Carie Bauer is a member of the national work group strategizing AmeriCorps and workforce alignment opportunities.
 - Penn Serve had a webinar about pre-apprenticeship opportunities. Looking at a co-enrollment model with pre-apprenticeship and AmeriCorps participation.



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- CDC is going to grant \$400 million of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Public Health AmeriCorps programming.
 - Appropriations: Currently, a \$90 million increase in AmeriCorps' budget request this year compared to last year.
 - We still don't know how the AmeriCorps ARPA infusion will come in. AmeriCorps is hung up with the restriction surrounding how to distribute the money. They plan to get a supplemental grant out soon to raise living allowance for the volunteers and cost per MSY for the programs. This change would affect members serving beginning in service year 2021 (this July).
- 2.2 Chair Report-
- SB 77 was signed by Governor Brown. This bill changes Oregon Volunteers name to OregonServes: AmeriCorps Service Commission.
 - An unveiling of the new name will be planned and we will begin using it to prepare for the statute change, which will take effect January 2022.
- 2.3 Data Collection Project Updates –
- Discussion of the draft survey overview and the collection method. Director Bauer sent out the final working draft and the next step will be to send out to internal staff to get basic feedback.
 - Chair Rix suggested separating housing and transportation out to their own sections.
- 2.4 Discussion & Member Updates-
- Director Bauer shared updates on promoting the Schools of National Service initiative through HECC school/staff listservs

Closing Business

- 3.1 Upcoming Dates & Meetings-
- Discussion of the upcoming policy subcommittee meeting. The time will be spent revising the Charter for the subcommittee and determining membership (such as ex-officio members, other stakeholders, etc.), planning the calendar, setting the policy agenda, and reviewing the survey results.
 - Director Bauer will also send another survey to the committee members with a few quick questions regarding what content is desired at the summer workgroup session.
- 3.2 Adjourned at 3:00pm.