

CAC AmeriCorps Advisory Committee

2019-10-07

Location: L.T. Ross Building – Multipurpose Room

3:00 - 4:40 pm

In Attendance: Advisory Committee Members - Alanna McKissack, Eden Slatter, Stephanie Carlson, Sheila Lindsey, RuthAnne Hanahan, Jim Gray, Joy Absher, Erin Rosolina. CAC AmeriCorps Staff and Members - Jason Scott, Christine Doka, C.J. Butcher, and Gordon Harless, Julie Elfin

Meeting Start: 3:00 Meeting Adjournment: 4:31

- 1) Introduction of Julie Elfin as the 2019-2020 service year AmeriCorps Member Representative
- 2) Approval of minutes for May 28, 2019
- 3) Environmental State/National Update (Jason Scott)
 - a. Unexpected barriers to acquiring numbers of environmental education interventions in the GSMNP because of permitting requirements
- 4) VISTA Update (Christine Doka)
 - a. Discussion of recent orientation at Tremont
 - i. Feedback was not to hold orientation exclusively at Tremont
 - ii. Seeking alternative locations
 - b. Plan to send out VISTA RFPs for new host sites
 - c. Will be more attentive to VISTA reporting and monitoring to ensure data efficacy
 - d. Will be restructuring VISTA requirements for partners
 - i. Three-year Vista Assignment Description (VAD)
 - ii. Project Sustainability Plan
- 5) Community Health Corps State/National Update (Jason Scott)
 - a. The Notice of Funding Opportunity was received and drafting of the grant application is underway with a submission deadline of October 21st for first draft
- 6) Independent Service Project Application Reviews
 - a. Two applications submitted for review
 - i. SFS Nutritional Reads Holiday Silent Auction
 - ii. Save Our Daughters – Sols Write House
 - b. Questions posed include the following:
 - i. Age limit question for save our daughters
 - ii. Any sort of time frame on both ISP's
 - iii. General goals and outcomes for both ISP's
 - iv. Does ISP count as service hours
 - v. Both ISP's need clearer time commitments expectations/outcomes and goals
 - c. Suggested that the Application be revised to better extract these details up front
- 7) CAC AmeriCorps Advisory Committee Bylaws
 - a. Form to be revised and submitted for review at next meeting
 - b. Shall remain composed of 9 members, but terms will be for three years, excepting that for the current cohort, from which 5 members will continue for three years and 4 members will continue for two years to create a staggering of new member entry
- 8) Open Discussion
 - a. Suggested that next meeting should include discussion of housing for AmeriCorps members and means of leveraging community members and close friends of the program to secure better housing options for members