

Advisory Committee Meeting

2021-05-18

3:00 – 4:30

In Attendance: Committee Members: Alanna McKissack, Erin Rosolina, Lizzie Gaver, Jenna Bailey, Connie Flachs; Office: Jason Scott, Christine Doka, Lauren Bird, Mark Carper, Leah Fontaine

1. Update of Programs:
 - a. Environmental: General discussion of funding raise request, American Rescue Plan and how that may affect member stipends, the respective performance measurements
 - b. VISTA: currently only at 50% recruitment and are pursuing more active recruiting measures
 - Summer Associates: Were awarded 10 slots but thus far only able to fill 7 (or 6) of them: 2 with CAC summer feeding, 2 with BBBS, 1 with Beardsley Farm, 1 with Nourish Knoxville (1 with Wesley House)
 - c. Community Action Fellows: We have 8 host organizations with 20-member slots requested. All the position descriptions have been finalized, and there are 15 people registered to receive applications. So, we're just waiting for funding notification and are ready to sprint with things if funding awarded.
2. Corps Meetings and Initiatives:
 - a. Opportunity Fair – Number of employers will be present, but we're also considering a different model, such as a personalized development program
 - b. Service Symposium – June 3rd at Botanical Gardens, reflecting on accomplishments of year and making space for people to get together.
3. Small Grants Program: Committee members would vote on proposal twice per year: February and August. Guidelines for evaluation will be provided: project alignment for service goals will be sent out in advance.
4. Mentorship program: Jenna – attendance from members has been a bit of a challenge (new program and late in the year start. The mentors have been pretty dedicated to activities. Collecting feedback from members and mentors. A planning meeting in June to assess feedback. Lizzie – can now take more a shift on engaging members where as it has been on mentors and alums. The program can be built into the orientation to help build rapport and familiarity. Connie – believes the next year will go more smoothly and will have better buy in from members who may be more smoothly brought into it. AmeriCorps Alums Initiative – provide connectivity and service for alums through the region and making connection to national community, perhaps sending alums to national activities.
5. Farewell to Connie – who is going to St. Louis for grad school, suggestions that the Member Representative can be a liaison for all members.
6. New Business – Mark is moving; Christine – looking for capacity building / socially oriented facilitators for orientation. Suggestions include Elle Benson and Kimberly Pettigrew (Nourish Knoxville)