

# **AmeriCorps NCCC Public Meeting**

**October 16, 2012  
1201 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20525**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Attendance:**

#### **NCCC Advisory Board**

Kate Becker, Chair  
Marsha Meeks-Kelly, Vice Chair  
Pete McRoberts  
Tiffany Zapico  
Dr. Danielle Varda  
Marty Rodgers  
Alex Amparo, Federal Agency Rep, Department of FEMA  
Dr. Janet Wall  
Antonio M. Pérez  
Joy Whitt

#### **NCCC Leadership Team**

Kate Raftery, Director for AmeriCorps NCCC  
Nick Zefran, Senior Advisor, Member Development  
Barbara Lane, Director of Projects and Partnerships  
LaQuine Roberson, Region Director, Perry Point, MD and 7 Team Leaders  
Tom Bryant, General Counsel Liaison  
Gina Cross, Director of Policy and Operations

#### **NCCC Staff:**

Katrina Mathis, Assistant Director for Recruitment and Partnerships  
Michelle Royall, Assistant Director for Projects and Partnerships  
Erma Hodge, Advisory Board Liaison  
Sarah Reynolds, Program Associate

### **The meeting was opened (by Kate Raftery, Director of NCCC)**

### **Welcome and Acknowledgement of new Board Member (by Kate Becker, Advisory Board Chair)**

Joy Whitt was welcomed as new board member.

### **Chairwoman Becker discussed the following:**

The newly started FEMA Corps;

The 2014 Twentieth Anniversary Celebration.

**Approval of the July 19, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes were approved.

**Highlights Since Last Meeting (by Kate Raftery, Director of NCCC)**

Relocation of the Atlantic Region campus;

Receipt of the 2012 CEO Award for Diversity

**Update on Major Activities:**

**Recruitment, Selection and Placement Update (by Katrina Mathis, Asst Director of Recruitment & Partnerships):**

On March 13, CNCS and FEMA announced their collaboration which resulted in FEMA Corps;

We continued striving to reach the 50 percent disadvantaged youth goals set forth in the Serve American Act back in 2009;

We successfully filled our FEMA Corps classes in Vicksburg, Mississippi and Vinton, Iowa.

**Projects and Partnerships (by Barbara Lane, Director of Projects and Partnerships)**

Our role is to foster a good partnership between NCCC and FEMA in our new NCCC FEMA Corps.

We have successfully deployed our Vicksburg campus with 21 teams;

We have helped with the two inductions;

Other connections and partnerships that we've had with federal agencies were with the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium;

Representation with NCCC and CNCS on a federal interagency team on volunteerism through the Department of Interior.

**Ms. Raftery discusses:**

The corporation has become part of the working group with the 21st Century Conservation Corps.

**Policy and Operations (by Gina Cross, Director of Policy and Operations)**

Since July we have completed a successful closeout of the fiscal year 2012 budget;

We are kicking off fiscal year 2013 with a 6-month continuing resolution;

We anticipate 1,200 NCCC traditional corps members for this fiscal year as well as 1,400 FEMA Corps members;

We are implementing a FEMA budget of \$38 million and another round of funding from FEMA in February of about \$54.5 million;

With FEMA we'll have approximately 40 new staff people coming onboard.

**Ms. Raftery discusses:**

In-progress reviews are viewed as a best practice;  
Commendation to deputies of operations.

**Member Training and Development (by Nick Zefran, Senior Advisory, Member Development)**

We have developed and delivered all training for our FEMA Corps members and team leaders;

We're looking at accessing higher education and developing job application skills and identifying different youth corps and social service agencies that would help support our members;

Another round of the performance measure data just came out;

An initial look at the data shows huge improvements in members' attitudes and responses to the surveys

**Ms. Raftery discusses:**

We are looking at sponsor satisfaction and the contribution that our teams make throughout the country.

**Chairwoman Beckman adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.**