

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Sedgwick County

**Applicant ID:** 13SR142862

**Project Name:** Sedgwick County RSVP Volunteer Program

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of the application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from only the external reviewer on the blended panel. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

### External Reviewer's Summary Comments:

#### Strengths:

The applicant provides a comprehensive description of the community needs and links the proposed project activities directly to those needs.

The applicant demonstrates an understanding of the National Performance Measures by describing project tasks in great detail and linking the volunteer tasks and activities to the Performance Measures.

The applicant describes a comprehensive plan to serve veterans and veteran families.

The applicant presents a comprehensive plan for recruiting, training and supporting volunteers that includes training and supervision with the volunteer stations.

The applicant describes a recognition plan that includes small recognition events such as birthday greetings and larger formal events such as a volunteer recognition luncheon.

The applicant describes existing work related to establishing the evidence basis for their Peer Support program and for the volunteer training and supervision to ensure that the project performance is achieved.

The applicant describes a track record of community relationships and their ability to leverage resources to support the RSVP project.

#### Weaknesses:

The applicant does not adequately describe their plans for graduating volunteer stations or volunteers. They do not provide any information about how volunteer reassignments will take place.

The applicant's Budget Narrative does not fully describe the specific budget line items related to volunteer costs

making it difficult to fully determine if the budget is adequate to support the project plan.

The applicant does not provide any description of budget expenditures related to volunteer recruitment.