

**AmeriCorps NCCC Public Meeting
July 16, 2013
1201 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20525**

Meeting Minutes

The Following Members of the Board Were Present:

NCCC Advisory Board Member

Kate Becker, Board Chair
Antonio Perez
Dr. Danielle Varda
Michael Gale, Federal Board Member, Department of Interior
Joy Whitt
Peter McRoberts
Dr. Janet Wall

NCCC Leadership Team

Kate Raftery, Director of NCCC
Charles Davenport, Director of Recruitment, Selection and Placement
Gina Cross, Director of Policy and Operations
Barbara Lane, Director of Projects and Partnerships

CNCS Staff

Erin Dahlin, Deputy Director of Program Coordination

NCCC Staff

Katrina Mathis
Erma Hodge, Advisory Board Liaison
Andrea Gewirtzman, Program Associate
Mary Jane Colyer, Medical Screening Nurse
Samantha Hawke, Selection and Placement Assistant
Tiffany Evans, Selection and Placement Assistant

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Public Meeting

(2:35 p.m.)

Ms. Becker began by thanking everyone for their attendance at the public board meeting. She introduced everyone present at the meeting. Chairperson Becker went on to speak about the celebration at the White House on 7/15/13 of the 5,000 points of light, and the special honor to President George Bush in recognition of his commitment to service.

There was also a call to action from President Obama asking federal agencies to consider ways to partner with other private sector entities and increase the number of volunteers. The partnership between NCCC and FEMA was highlighted by the President. She went to discuss the impact of FEMACorps NCCC, recognizing that its main interest is to be a world class youth corps program.

Ms. Becker then spoke of meeting with Wendy Spencer, CEO for CNCS and Marsha Meeks-Kelly who is now working on the 20th Anniversary celebration of AmeriCorps to be held September 12, 2014. She recognized Rex Linder for his years of service, and Tiffany Zapico, an alumni member of the board.

Approval of the October 16, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved, pending amendment to correct a typographical error on the last page of said minutes changing Chairperson Becker's name from Beckman to Becker.

Director's Update (by Kate Raftery, Director of NCCC)

Ms. Raftery first discussed the retreat earlier in the day, and went on to thank Principal Holland from Arizona for her letter in relation to a team she had hosted at Bisbee High School. In this letter, Principal Holland applauded AmeriCorps NCCC team Water 7, saying they are some of the finest young adults she has had the opportunity to know.

Ms. Raftery went on to discuss NCCC's recognition at the White House Champion of Change events. The hard work of all campus staff was recognized in relation to FEMACorps and the Recruitment Selection and Placement Units, noting that another 1,600 members have joined the family.

The 20th Anniversary celebration of NCCC was discussed. The participation of all campuses is necessary for this anniversary celebration. Currently, the team leaders for Class 20 at the Atlantic Campus are being welcomed, and that is the kick-off of the 20th Anniversary celebration for the entire year. Ms. Raftery spoke about the transition from the Perryville campus to the Baltimore campus, and the Super Bowl challenge between the mayors of Baltimore and San Francisco. The mayor of San Francisco came to Baltimore for a day of service as part of this challenge.

Next, Ms. Raftery discussed the death of member, Joseph Massenburg who was serving in New Orleans and was a member of the Vicksburg campus, and the subsequent celebration of his life in New Orleans which included the mayor and his office, religious and civic leaders of the community and the family of Joseph Massenburg.

NCCC is basically on track in terms of this year's budget, and is looking forward to receiving a budget that is flat lined for next year.

Lastly, Ms. Raftery spoke of the celebration of the work of Harris Wofford to CNCS and the national service world and his subsequent interview by the "Philadelphia Inquirer."

Public Comment (by Samantha Hawke, Team Leader, FEMA Corps, Vicksburg):

Ms. Hawke spoke about the inaugural class of FEMA Corps, Class 19 from Vicksburg. She spoke about her experience as a team leader and the work of her team, the Bayou Five, which began working in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and then moved to Breezy Point, New York to assist survivors of Super Storm Sandy. After their work in New York, the team moved to Atlanta, Georgia in FEMA's Region IV office and created a resource guide documenting all organizations and resources for use directly after a disaster. Ms. Hawke encouraged all young adults interested in national service to consider AmeriCorps NCCC, and thanked AmeriCorps NCCC, FEMA and the NCCC advisory board for their diligent work to create and sustain FEMA Corps.

Public Questions and Commentary (by Kate Becker, Advisory Board Chair)

Matthew Payne, member of the Vicksburg 4, acknowledged the initiative in West Virginia by 40,000 Boy Scouts in collaboration with the West Virginia Conservation Corps and NCCC for their service projects and commended efforts of the leaders of the Boy Scouts in Vicksburg and Perry Point for this tremendous initiative.

Chairwoman Becker adjourned the Public Meeting at 3:10 p.m.