



**Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2009
State Pharmacy Board Room
Executive Tower, Arizona State Capitol
Phoenix, Arizona**

A regular meeting of the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism was convened on October 15, 2009, at the State Pharmacy Board Room, Executive Tower, Arizona State Capitol, in Phoenix Arizona. Present and absent were the following members of the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism.

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff
Shruti Bala Ruth Britton Gerri Goldtooth Betsy Green Dan Gregory Terry Gunnell Chris Hogan Kelle Maslyn Terrie Minnick Mary Mitchell Lili Ortega Amy Rocker Judy Tripp Kate Widland Emily Verdugo Aldrich	Debe Campbell Julie Coleman Stephanie Hahn Ryan Johnson Lorenzo Sierra Derrick Stinson	Tammy Paz-Combs Patsy Kraeger Amanda Scott-Thomas Bob Shogren Tamara Turner <u>Others</u> Kurt Parks, ADE

A. Call to Order

Chair Ruth Britton called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m.

B. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Ruth Britton, provided a welcome and asked all attendees to introduce themselves utilizing pennies for the introductions.

C. Review of Packet and Agenda

Director Bob Shogren reviewed the Commission meeting packet and agenda.

D. Approval of Minutes for the July 2009 Meeting

Commissioner Emily Verdugo-Aldrich moved to approve the minutes of the July 2009 quarterly Commission meeting. Commissioner Amy Rocker seconded. Motion carried unanimously **(09.04.01)**.

E. Commission Restructuring Update

Tammy Paz-Combs, Director, Division for Community and Youth Development, provided an update regarding the restructuring of the Commission relative to the integration of the Youth Development Task Force and, for the moment, the integration project is still on hold. In terms of the restructuring, the leadership of the Youth Development Task Force is very supportive of the new developments. The work of the Education work group will be transitioned to the Governor's P-20 Council and the work of the Workforce Readiness work group will be transferred to the Workforce Investment Board. The Commission will assume the work of the Youth Engagement and Adult Engagement work groups.

It was recommended by Commission Director Bob Shogren that an ad hoc transition team should be assembled to move the restructuring work forward when the needed approvals have been given. Volunteers for the ad hoc committee included: Chair Ruth Britton, Vice-Chair Betsy Green, Commissioners Mary Mitchell, Lili Ortega, Amy Rocker, and Emily Verdugo-Aldrich.

F. Committee Updates

- 1) 9th Annual Volunteer Service Awards** – Commission Staff Amanda Scott-Thomas sought input on the nomination form: Input included: (a) Move the national service category to the front to add emphasis, (b) add a service-learning category as a separate category, (c) add alumni to national service category, (d) add an outstanding mentor category, and (e) Move service learning category more to the front to add emphasis. Commissioner Emily Verdugo-Aldrich moved to adopt the nomination form with additions noted. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Trip. Motion carried unanimously **(09.04.02)**.

Additional discussion as to the location for the 9th Annual Awards Reception ensued. It was determined that the feasibility of holding the reception in Tucson in April 2010 would be examined. Commission Vice-Chair Betsy Green and Commissioners Dan Gregory and Kelly Maslyn volunteered to investigate.

- 2) Mentoring Activities** – Commission Staff Amanda Scott-Thomas led a discussion of planned activities for January as mentoring month. To date, a series of three “Lunch and Learn” sessions for state employees have been scheduled. In addition, the feasibility of sponsoring an appreciation event for late January is being studied, with the Phoenix Children’s Museum as the venue.

Additional ideas regarding mentoring activity/celebrations included: 1) Take the “Lunch and Learns” beyond central Phoenix; 2) Plan a celebration in Tucson; 3) Partner with mentoring organizations to do something; 4) Do something in the east valley; 5) Incorporate an open mic opportunity for mentees to thank mentors; and 6) Find a way to include the Commission in regional activities.

G. New Business

- 1) **2010 State Service Plan Priorities** – Commission Director Bob Shogren presented the results and discussed the priorities as identified by the response to the Arizona for the 2010 State Service Plan Input. Commissioner Kelle Maslyn moved to adopt the results of the 2010 Arizona State Service Plan Input as the Commission’s national and state level priorities. The motion was seconded by Terrie Minnick. Motion passed unanimously **(09.04.03)**.

Relative to the identified priorities, ideas discussed included: 1) Making more of a concerted effort to conduct outreach; 2) Educate Commissioners to better explain the intricacies of AmeriCorps; 3) Engage all Commissioners in helping with doing outreach; 4) Revise and produce more of the Briefing Notebooks; and 5) Seek ways to connect with other organizations who are conducting funders forums and grantor workshops.

2) Program Updates –

a. 2009 Conference Evaluations

Commission Director Bob Shogren briefly discussed the results of the overall evaluations from the Governor’s 15th Annual National and Community Service Conference, which was quite positive.

b. AmeriCorps*State

AmeriCorps*State Program Administrator Patsy Kraeger and Financial Administrator Tamara Turner provided programmatic and financial brief snapshot reports for the Year 3, Quarter 3 (ending 6/30/09). It was noted that Commission staff is striving to better align programs to the federal fiscal calendar (October through September).

c. AmeriCorps Recovery

AmeriCorps*State Program Administrator Patsy Kraeger and Financial Administrator Tamara Turner provided a very brief programmatic and financial report for ARRA AmeriCorps*State subgrantees.

3) United We Serve Update

Commission Chair Ruth Britton asked the Commission how United We Serve is showing up in their communities and surveyed participation in 9/11 activities. Consensus appeared to be that the campaign was not really getting much air time in most communities. In addition 9/11 activities reported by everyone included the following: 1) A volunteer recruitment activity at the Mesa United Way; 2) Canned food drive and flag display in Flagstaff; 3) Collecting coupons for the military by the AZ PTA; 4) Making Cards for the Troops in partnership with Packages from Home (Commission led state employee engagement event); 5) Youth volunteering at the Mormon Cannery in Mesa; 6) Interfaith Memorial Service at the 9/11 Memorial (Commission co-sponsored event).

4) 2010 Commission Meeting Dates

Commission Chair Ruth Britton announced that the tentative dates for 2010 Commission meetings would be as follows: Winter – January 22; Spring – April 27 (w/Awards scheduled for April 28, or visa versa); and Summer – July 27 (Tuesday before the start of the Conference).

H. Other Reports

1) CNCS State Office

CNCS State Director Terry Gunnell distributed copies of a Senior Corps in Arizona Report for 2009 and highlighted the results of Senior Corps project throughout Arizona. Additionally, the contact list for AmeriCorps*VISTA members tied to the Arizona State Office was distributed. There was much conversation about the increase from 44 AmeriCorps*VISTA Member Service Years (MSY) last year to now 148 MSY this year. Additionally, for a number of reasons, there are now fewer VISTA slots and greater demand for VISTA resources.

2) Learn and Serve Arizona

The Commission welcomed Kurt Parks with ADE's Learn and Serve Arizona program, sitting in for Director Stephanie Hahn. Mr. Parks mentioned that they were successful securing a Learn and Serve Challenge Week Proclamation and Commission Director Shogren handed him the original. Additionally, he reported that: 1) The new Learn and Serve Arizona website is up and running; 2) Monthly webinars are being planned for subgrantees; 3) A focus for training this year will be use of technology with subgrantees; 4) A new focus for this year will also include building community partnerships; and 5) Activities planned thus far include the Learn and Serve Orientation Training Camp (next week), MLK Day, and a Teacher/Staff training in February.

3) National Service Inclusion Work Team

Commissioner Amy Rocker provided the following report 1) The July and September Inclusion Work Team meetings were especially productive due to participation of a number of conference attendees who contributed new ideas on recruitment in July and the focus on using more technology for work team activities in September; 2) Inclusion Team members assisted with the

Department of Education Transition Conference (September) eleven disability events (February, April, May, July, September, October), and the Disability Program Navigator Training (September) will serve as a model for additional overview and recruitment planning training for disability organizations (October-December); 3) The Inclusion Work Team facilitated participation of people with disabilities in the service projects; assisted at break-out sessions on disability inclusion and conducted a panel presentation entitled, "From the Experts-People with Disabilities Who Have Served."; and 4) Expect completion of a new cross-stream recruiting brochure by early November.

4) Governor's Youth Commission

No report given. Logistics for Governor's Youth Commission member attendance had not been worked out and consequently, no GCY members were able to attend the meeting.

I. Call to the Public

Commission Chair Ruth Britton made a call to the public. No members of the public responded.

J. Adjournment

Commission Chair Ruth Britton adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Dated this 20th Day of January 20, 2010

Respectfully Submitted By:

Bob Shogren

Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families