

**Governor's Advisory Commission on National Service and  
Volunteerism  
EngageAR-Arkansas Service Commission  
November 1, 2019**

**Arkansas 4H Center**

**In attendance:** Robert Coon, Chair Bruce Davis, Charlie Cain-Davis, Erin Franks, Amanda Richardson Nipper, Doyle Ray, Dr. Derek Slagle, Mayor Paul Wellenberger and Tina Winham.

**Staff present:** Shana Chaplin, Kim Reed,

**Ex Officio present:** Kevin Moye, VolunteerAR

**10:00 Call to Order & Roll Call:** Chair Bruce Davis called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

- Introduction of Guests: No Guests were present.
- Calendar Updates & Contact List with Committee Assignments were made available to each Commissioner.

**10:15 Consent Agenda:** Chair Bruce Davis presented the Consent Agenda. Amanda Nipper moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Doyle Ray seconded the motion. There being no questions or discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Finance Report
- Adoption of Staff & Sub-Committee Reports
  - Program Report
  - Director Report

**10:45 New Business**

- Adoption State Plan: Shana Chaplin, EngageAR Director presented the State Plan which has been in development for the past year. The plan has been reviewed three times by the Commission and was out for public comment, as well as reviewed by Secretary Key who presented to the Governor's office. Ms. Chaplin recommended the Commission adopt the final draft of the 2020-2023 State Plan for submission to CNCS. Doyle Ray moved to adopt the final draft. Tina Winham seconded the motion. There being no discussion the plan passed unanimously.
- Approval Commission Support Grant (CSG) and Commission Investment Fund (CIF) Grant Applications: Shana Chaplin presented the CSG and CIF applications for approval. These grant applications provide the administrative and training funds for the EngageAR office. CSG requires state match. Ms. Chaplin reminded the Commissioners that in the state transformation process, EngageAR lost approximately \$80,000 of state general revenue match. Fortunately, the office has been able to secure some in-kind match from Lamar and the AR Municipal League to cover the deficit. However, moving forward the Commission will need to be mindful of the need for match, which is best secured through state general revenue. Doyle Ray motioned to approve the CSG and CIF applications for submission to CNCS. Amanda Nipper seconded. Dr. Derek Slagle asked if there was a need for the Commission to advocate for additional resources. Ms. Amanda Nipper and Chair Bruce Davis agreed this would be worthwhile for the Commission to consider. Ms. Chaplin reminded the Commissioners

that Amanda Nipper, as Chair of the Public Affairs Committee would review this and could bring a recommendation to the Commission. There being no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- Approval AmeriCorps Competitive Sub-Recipient Awards: *CNCS reviews and makes the final decision*

The following Competitive sub-grant applications were reviewed and presented to the Commission to approve for funding, pending the approval of CNCS.

1. Our House: \$227, 172.00
2. SEARK-Future Teachers: \$12,000.00
3. SEARK Smart Start: \$280,450.00

Ms. Charlie Cain-Davis moved to approve the funding applications. Amanda Nipper seconded the motion. There being no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

**11:15 Pfeifer Kiwanis Alternative Classroom Experience AmeriCorps Program representatives Jamikhan Wilson and Troy Wilkerson presented the program spotlight.**

**Community of the Year Selections:** Available Commissioners reviewed nominations for Community of the Year, which will be held February 13, 2020 in Little Rock.

**12:00** There being no further business Mr. Doyle Ray moved to adjourn, seconded by Robert Coon.

**Lunch with AmeriCorps Members: AmeriCorps Members.**

**\*Remember each Commissioner is expected to make at least one courtesy visit to an EngageAR AmeriCorps program. Please use the Program report provided to contact the Program Officer to schedule a courtesy visit.**

**Next meeting date: February 7, 2020**

St. Joseph's Center