Members in Attendance: David Battey, Deb Tucker, Amy Pinger, Joe Marlow, Barbara Hickert, Dee McKee, Stephanie Kupper and Carolyn Wims-Campbell

Members Not in Attendance: Chuck Knapp, Ken Willard, Peggy Mast and Michelle Carlstedt

Ex Officio Members in Attendance: Jessica Noble, Maggie Garvey, Matt Lindsey, Nancy Klostermeyer and Mark Stump

Ex Officio Members Not in Attendance: Mischel Miller

Staff in Attendance: Ashley Christiansen, Jamie Crispin, Amanda Noll, Destinee Parker and Paula Branizor

Welcome
Chair, Deb Tucker, welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Commissioners recited the AmeriCorps Pledge.

Committee Report Out
Public Policy Committee – Jessica Noble reported out.

- The committee had a discussion about legislative day and how successful it was. It was noted that Commissioner presence was low. It was recommended by Stephanie Kupper that moving forward, Commissioners should be required to participate in legislative day at least once every two years. The committee recognized that some Commissioners will be unable to participate in the one-on-one conversations with legislators. The next legislative day will be March 5, 2019. The March Commission meeting will be incorporated into legislative day so that commission business can also get done.
- The committee talked about the Governor’s Community Service Award for high school students. The Commission promoted the award via KVC and KSDE email lists and housed the nomination link on the KVC home page. The press release that went out from the Governor’s office stated that the award was in partnership with the KVC. Staff believed that this was good publicity for the Commission.
- The committee discussed reaching out to the candidates running for governor, after the primaries are completed. KVC staff will help put packets of information together for Commissioners to give to the candidates. This will help the KVC to have name recognition as soon as the Governor takes office. Matt Lindsey reminded the committee to include independent candidates as well.
- The committee reviewed a proposal submitted by Joe Marlow titled “A proposal to create strategic partnerships with foundations, universities and businesses.” There were some barriers to implementing the proposal as submitted, namely that the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) will not allow the KVC to bring in large sums of money without an intended project to spend it on. So in lieu of the proposal, the committee recommends we find private donors when we have special projects that need funding. For example, the partnership that KVC had with Volunteer Kansas to award background checks to mentoring organizations.

Volunteer Engagement Committee – Amy Pinger reported out.

- The committee discussed all the volunteer engagement initiatives that the KVC is currently involved in. Commissioners were concerned about staff capacity to complete all of these initiatives, and indicated there is a need for support from Commissioners. Jamie will be
reaching out to Commissioners with ways they can help. This will alleviate some of burden from staff. The following are the volunteer engagement initiatives that staff are currently involved in:

- Kansas Association of Volunteer Engagers (KAVE) – this is a statewide association for volunteer managers. This is partnership between Volunteer Kansas and Kansas Volunteer Commission. The mission is to inspire, support and encourage Kansans who recruit and utilize volunteers. Volunteer Kansas has paid for Basecamp for the first year, which is an online platform resource library, calendar, chat rooms and an email list!

- Service Enterprise Initiative (SEI) - a quick overview of this was given but more details will be giving later on in the meeting to the whole group. We will be the first hub in Kansas! Commission staff is asking for Commissioners to help recruit organizations for our first cohort! In regards to a time line, although this is tentative, we will be advertising this during the months of June & July. Then will be accepting applications in through September and announcing in October.

- Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) grantees – This is a grant for volunteer centers, it is an 18 month grant with a potential of an additional of 12 months’ worth of funding. We have four subgrantees funded at $20,000 each. The subgrantees include: Barton County Community College RSVP, Flint Hills Volunteer Center, One Heart and United Way of Franklin County. They will participate in community calls, in-person trainings & a pre & post organizational capacity assessment.

- Volunteer Manager Groups – The KVC is trying to help our volunteer manager groups in Kansas. We have a volunteer manager group page on our webpage which posts when the meetings are and who to contact for that group. We also share on our Facebook page and we also mention their meetings in our monthly newsletter that goes out.

- Volunteer Manager Support Mini-Grant – This is a new mini-grant that we are going to offer. It will help fund volunteer trainings or provide funds for professional development for volunteer managers. We have a total of $10,000 to award out.

- Volunteer Manager Training Series (VMTS) – This is a training series that we will purchase from Points of Light. It contains seven modules that are 90 minutes each. This training series will cost organizations $100. One way Commissioners can help is to facilitate a module. We plan to roll this out in the fall.

The committee reviewed a proposal submitted by Joe Marlow titled “Partner with the Heroic Imagination Project”. The committee felt that this should be reviewed when we update the next state service plan. The committee was concerned about the time it would take staff, who are already stretched thin.

*Grant Program Committee* – Paula Branizor reported out.

- The committee reviewed the 2018-2019 AmeriCorps portfolio. The proposed portfolio would award $1,609,207 to eight AmeriCorps programs:
  - Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence: $356,375
  - Harvesters: $74,660
  - Kansas City Kansas Public Schools: $145,771
  - Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism: $443,421
  - Rosedale Development Association: $75,040
  - USD 260 Derby: $209,048
  - USD 382 Pratt: $103,442
  - United Way of Douglas County: $201,450

The committee was in agreement to fund all programs at the levels stated in the proposal.
The committee reviewed a proposal submitted by Joe Marlow titled “A proposal to increase our AmeriCorps Kansas Portfolio”. The committee believed that the Commission already did most of the items listed in the proposal. It was suggested to add military families to our list of funding priorities. One way for Commissioners to help grow the portfolio is to help get the word out about our AmeriCorps funding opportunities.

Presentation by Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism AmeriCorps Members
Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism AmeriCorps members, Tristan LaRocque and Elizabeth (Liz) Heath, shared about their year of service. The members serve at Tuttle Creek State Park and participate in all aspects of park programming from youth sports to shelter building to park clean up. Members stayed and ate lunch with Commissioners, giving them an opportunity to hear more about their AmeriCorps service.

States for Service
Joe Marlow and Deb Tucker have been participating in the States for Service Coalition. Joe Marlow shared a handout that showed that Kansas only had two advocates who contacted elected officials during the most recent advocacy event, with one being a Commissioner. Joe requested that Commissioners make a better effort to be an advocate for the Commission. He stated it is not time consuming and will only help us in the end. Being an advocate is key to the Commission having a better future. He also noted that the President signed a $1.3 trillion fiscal year 2018 omnibus bill into law, which included expanded funding for national service. As a result, CNCS will receive a total of $1.063 billion in funding which is an increase of $33.6 million from fiscal year 2017.

Update on Service Enterprise Initiative (SEI)
Jamie Crispin and Destinee Parker discussed the Service Enterprise Initiative (SEI), which is funded by the Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) grant. SEI is a national change management program, led by Points of Light, that helps organizations better meet their missions through the power of volunteers. Through a comprehensive assessment, training, coaching and certification model, nonprofits are equipped to engage and manage volunteers more effectively to meet community needs. The KVC is in the process of pursuing its SEI certification and will become the first SEI-certified organization in Kansas. In addition, KVC will act as a hub to support other Kansas organizations through the SEI process. As a way to prepare for KVC’s certification, Commissioners are asked to start tracking their volunteer efforts. Commissioners may include time spent on grant review, site visits, Commission meetings, or other KVC-sponsored events, but no travel time, when logging their volunteer hours. Here is the link to input hours: Volunteer Log. Moving forward, Commissioners are welcome to input their Commission activities through the Google form or they can email their volunteer time to Ashley Christiansen at achristiansen@ksde.org.

2018 KVC Staff Activities
Jessica Noble briefly shared about the projects the KVC is currently or planning to do in 2018. Currently, the KVC operates with four grants with a possibility of adding in a fifth. These include: Commission Support Grant ($265,000), Commission Investment Fund Grant ($138,000), Volunteer Generation Fund Grant ($113,000) & Afterschool Grant ($12,500). We plan to apply for the National Quality Mentoring System Grant ($10,000). Under the Commission Support grant we have done or will be doing the AmeriCorps Public Service Announcement (PSA), Mentor Kansas Rebranding, 9-11 day of service mini-grant, fall AmeriCorps summit, disaster training and inspired leadership training for staff. Under the Commission Investment Fund grant we will bring on a consultant to deliver evaluation training to our AmeriCorps programs, hire a consultant to develop stakeholder webinar series, get trained to do Adobe Captivate and complete a cross-stream national service project. Under our Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) grant we will be getting SEI Hub certification, recruiting SEI cohort 1
to begin in the spring, starting a volunteer manager training series, operating KAVE, awarding four $20,000 subgrants, offering a volunteer manager mini-grant and hire a consultant to develop “Volunteers in School” training. With our Afterschool grant we will partner with Kansas Enrichment Network and 21st Century Community Learning Centers to map out-of-school time programs across Kansas and create a report. We will also convene an out-of-school time stakeholder group. The grant that we are in the process of applying for is the National Quality Mentoring System grant which will develop a Mentor Kansas training corps to deliver trainings and coach programs going through the NQMS process.

**Kansas Mentors Rebranding**
Kansas Mentors partnered with jones huyett Partners to rebrand to Mentor Kansas. With the help of jhP, they were able to create a logo that...

- Represents positive relationships with a visual metaphor of the mentor and mentee.
- Captures our intent to be inclusive and promote diversity with mentoring organizations across Kansas.
- Demonstrates connectivity with our partners and our mentoring program network.
- This new logo represents the connection with the Kansas Volunteer Commission and the affiliation with MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership.

**Action Item:**
Approval of December 2017 Minutes
Amy Pinger made a motion; Carolyn Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion passed with no changes.

**Action Item:**
Approval of 2018-2019 AmeriCorps Portfolio
Stephanie Kupper made a motion; Barbara Hickert seconded. Motion passed with no changes

**Draft 2019 Commission Meeting Calendar**

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The next meeting will be held on August 7, 2018 at the Topeka Public Library from 10:00-2:00pm.