

**LOUISIANA SERVE COMMISSION**  
**PROVISIONAL MINUTES**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
CAPITOL PARK WELCOME CENTER  
702 NORTH RIVER ROAD  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70801

**Commissioners Attending:**

**Voting Members**

Monica Bradsher  
Julie Cherry  
Dr. Leroy Davis (arrived at 10:08 am)  
Shannon Dietz  
Jenny Korner  
Mike Manning  
Teresa Micheels  
William Stoudt  
Fabian Tucker

**Ex-officio members**

Pam Olson

**Commissioners Absent:**

Sharon Weston Broome  
David Conner  
Chris Gorman

Vincent Ilustre

Dena Morrison

**Staff:**

Janet Pace  
Nicholas Auck  
Jawonna Mason  
Stephanie Trahan  
Jason Schaefer, VISTA member

**Visitors:**

D'Ina Brown, ULL AmeriCorps  
Roy Heidelberg, LSU Public Administration  
Judd Jeansonne, ULL AmeriCorps  
Jared Llorens, LSU Public Administration  
James Richardson, LSU Public Administration  
Aaron Rushing, ULL AmeriCorps

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Julie Cherry called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Secretary Monica Bradsher called roll. Quorum was not achieved until 10:08 am. The minutes were presented by Monica and approved unanimously on a motion by Shannon Dietz and a second by Jenny Korner.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Julie Cherry presented the Chair's Report highlighting AmeriCorps Week March 9-17 and recognizing VISTA member Jason Schaefer who was completing his second term of service with Volunteer Louisiana. She discussed the CNCS Mayor's Day of Recognition of National Service and asked Pam Olson to give an overview.

Pam stated that 12 mayors were participating in the event, by issuing Proclamations. Several were hosting events at their offices or at Council meetings. Pam also gave an update on MLK Day and the upcoming Senior Corps Week.

Julie unveiled the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo. She noted that later in the meeting she would be asking Commissioners to go into Executive Session to discuss state and federal investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct by a former subgrantee. She reviewed the process.

She introduced Drs. Richardson, Llorens and Heidelberg from the LSU Public Administration Institute, who was contracted to review the three-year AmeriCorps grant cycle.

### **EVALUATION OF THREE-YEAR AMERICORPS GRANT CYCLE:**

Dr. Richardson, Llorens and Heidelberg presented their findings of the most recently completed three-year AmeriCorps grant cycle. A full report was distributed to Commissioners. They found many strengths in the current process, but recommended five new strategies:

1. The development of a comprehensive five-year funding plan
2. A more strategic approach to recruiting and managing grant applicants
3. A “seed capital” approach to funding statewide projects
4. A more standardized approach to evaluating the results of funding efforts
5. A procedure for sharing the outcomes of the evaluation process so that all organizations can learn from the others

### **DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FUNDING STRATEGIES**

Janet Pace presented five possible funding strategies for the Commissioners to discuss for the upcoming FY13 RFP cycle. They are:

1. Limit awards by geography. Assign a goal of a percentage of funding for every geographic region
2. Limit the amount of a Formula award any applicant may receive
3. a. Limit the number of years an organization is funded  
b. Limit the number of years a specific service model/site is funded
4. An applicant receiving Competitive funding may not compete for Formula funds
5. a. National Directs may only apply through Competitive streams of funding  
b. National Directs may compete for Formula only if there are unallocated funds available

Commissioners indicated that they would like to see additional information and research from other Commissions regarding Strategies 1, 3 and 4. Janet will come at a future meeting with more information/research.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Leroy Davis presented the Treasurer’s Report noting all expenditures were on track. Monica Bradsher made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Fabian Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Janet Pace gave her report, updating Commissioners on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary task force activities.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Julie Cherry asked Commissioners to consider going into Executive Session. Jenny Korner made the following motion which was seconded by Leroy Davis:

**MOTION:** Per R.S. 42:17(A)(4), I move to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing state and federal investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct by a former subgrantee.

Monica Bradsher called a Roll Call vote:

**YEAS**

Monica Bradsher  
Julie Cherry  
Leroy Davis  
Shannon Dietz  
Jennifer Falls  
Jenny Korner  
Mike Manning  
Teresa Micheels  
William Stoudt  
Fabian Tucker

**NAYS**

None

The room was cleared of all staff and visitors. Janet Pace was asked to stay to present the information. Only the matter described in the motion was discussed and no votes were taken. Once the matter was discussed, the public meeting was resumed and staff and visitors were invited back into the room.

**LUNCH/PRESENTATION BY ULL AMERICORPS**

During lunch, Judd Jeansonne, director of University of Louisiana at Lafayette gave an overview of his program and its accomplishments. Commissioners also heard from two ULL AmeriCorps members, D'Ina Brown and Aaron Rushing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports were given by the various committees.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monica Bradsher noted key dates for Commissioners including the April 25 Legislative Day at the Capitol and the June 19 Commission meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mike Manning and seconded by Jenny Korner that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 1:35 pm.