



# Serve Colorado Commission Meeting

December 9, 2022

12:00 -3:00 pm

## **AGENDA**

**12:00 pm**

**Welcome:** Bill Whitacre Deputy Chief of Staff to the Lt. Governor

### **Roll Call**

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Juan Perez Saez, Matt Brady, Alisa Rizo, DJ Close, Alex Nees, Kristine Borchers, Tony Gherardini, Melissa Calhoon, Jean Sykes, Ray Rivera, Julie Nash, Mary Spillane, Gina Nocera

**12:15 pm**

**Lunch and Discussion on State Workforce Priorities:** Misti Ruthven, Director of Professional Education and Training Innovation, Governor's Office, and John Kelly

- **Important points**

- CO State issue areas: Declining birth rates, influx of college goers with no degrees, unaffordable housing, workforce underemployment, increasing cost of living, etc.
- How do we leverage the various populations in this discussion? (For example; women that have opted out of workforce, AmeriCorps members, low-income high school/college graduates etc)
- WIGS are developed yearly - This is a conversation being had consistently. It is important to note that 50% of our programs are dedicated to workforce development.
- Needs have been greatly exacerbated by the pandemic. Areas such as education, healthcare, housing, transportation etc have been negatively impacted.
- Opportunitynow.co - An example of some of the available grants that programs can apply to in the region. Interest applications are open now.
- Dowd: Programs like CivicSpark are promoting interesting initiatives with members concerning post-pandemic workforce development.
- Nocera: Willing to connect people with innovative apprenticeship programs for further discussion on the topic and potential program development opportunities.



- Calhoon: Important to consider different groups when discussing insider perspectives ie. How to better communicate to promote an understanding of technical language and education curriculums for families and students unfamiliar with it.

**12:45 pm**      **Commissioner Brainstorm Discussion:** Where do you see opportunities to support the commission or Serve CO to engage and support the priority areas discussed with Misti Ruthven?

**1:00 pm**      **Break**

**1:15 pm**      **Commission Business**

- -Grant Application Review Process Vote (Paul Brown)
  - Brady moved to vote, Rivera seconded.
  - Yes - 9, No - 0, Abstain - 1
- -October Minutes Approval Vote
  - Brady moved to vote, Rivera seconded
  - Unanimous Consent

**1:30 pm**      **Executive Session**

- Annual Commission Training from Legal - Michael Kotlarczyk
  - Perez Saez moved to go into executive session, Close seconded
  - Unanimous Consent

**2:15 pm**      **Executive Director and Staff Updates** - John Kelly, Executive Director

- Volunteer Generation Fund update - Focus on youth service and climate. \$402,060 for 3 years. total of \$1,206,108 Elk Kids, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, Heat Mapping projects, and general volunteer recruitment and support.
- Partnership Development
  - Economic Mobility MOU
  - Digital navigators update,
  - CDPHE IA extension
  - Colorado National Guard
- ASC Accelerator Report
  - Hosted ASC team Sept 27 - 29
  - Recommendations 0-6 months, 6-12 months, 12+months
  - Organizational Planning, Financial Management, Talent Management, Resource Development, Commission Reporting and Compliance, External Affairs, Commission Programming, Training and Technical Assistance, Monitoring and Compliance, Disaster Services, Volunteer and Nonprofit Infrastructure
  - Next Steps: Scheduling follow-up with ASC for leadership and then full staff. Will create work plans for recommendations we choose to select.
- State Service Plan



- In the final review processes. We plan to release it publicly in mid January along with the Annual Report.
- Danny has received a proposal for creating a public facing dashboard to track our progress towards goals and objectives
- We'll re-engage a group to help with that.

**2:25 pm**      **AmeriCorps and NCCC Updates** - Julie Nash, AmeriCorps and Antonio Mendez, AmeriCorps NCCC

Still Hiring - They have welcomed new portfolio managers with remarkable past experience. There is another portfolio manager and VISTA recruiter expected to be hired by January. Currently hiring for a Senior Portfolio Manager Role that closes soon. Please share these opportunities with your network.

**2:35 pm**      **By-Law Creation** - Emily Worm

- Process: Create an ad-hoc committee to look through standing rules and make adjustments. We'll also get copies of by-laws from other states
- Reviewed [old standing rules](#)
- Cheryl will follow up with the volunteers on next steps. We need 3 to 5 volunteers. (Rizo, Close have volunteered).

**2:50 pm**      **Commissioner Updates**

**3:00 pm**      **Adjourn**