

CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE
Commission Conference Call
Record of Conference Call – September 9, 2009

Members Present: J. Barber, N. Berube, P. Cohen-Hecht, W. Dyson, X. Gu, J. Hodgson, E. Janney, C. Kozak, M. Manson, Jr., R. McCue, S. Murdoch, L. Sandiaes, M. Wilcox

Members Absent: I. Black, V. Conroy, N. Kokoruda, M. Meotti, A. Quiñones, K.J. Singh, V. Wilkinson, S. Zotto

Others: T. Berrincha (Professional Assistant), J. Blazynksi (Program Officer), A. Davis (Executive Assistant), N. DiPietro (Publications Officer), J. Johnson (Executive Director)

Members of the Public: Alex Knopp (Executive Director, Dwight Hall at Yale)

1. Call to Order

E. Janney called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Roll Call

A. Davis read the roll call. Quorum was declared.

3. Approval of June 10, 2009 Minutes; Approval of June 30, 2009 Minutes

E. Janney called for a motion to approve the minutes of June 10 and June 30, 2009. On a motion made by J. Barber and seconded by M. Wilcox, the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Action Items since June Meeting

- *AmeriCorps Formula Decisions* – J. Blazynksi
Voted last meeting. Formula funding has gone to AspiraCorps (newly funded) serving Bridgeport, Danbury, New Britain, Waterbury. ExperienceCorps and Hartford AmeriCorps were also funded. Hartford AmeriCorps didn't receive competitive funding, so they were moved over to formula funding. SNAP did not receive funding and sent out a letter appealing our decision and a response letter was sent back to them stating that the decision stood final, however, there was a possibility that they could come back in the future.
- *State Appropriation* – J. Johnson
One of the line items that the Governor was going to veto was AmeriCorps funding (\$500,000 a year/two years). As of today, the Governor will not be vetoing line items. We hope to use some of this funding to groom non-profits interested in AmeriCorps.

5. New Business

- *Annual Meeting – November 18, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*
The location will be determined. E. Janney stated that we have to make every effort to meet face-to-face. C. Kozak stated that we should be working on our mission, plan, being the hub of community service – we are not doing what we should be doing. A discussion ensued on the space in between meetings, commissioners signing up to be on subcommittees. P. Cohen-Hecht stated that she heard from only one commissioner regarding the Leadership Development Committee.

J. Johnson stated that we are in need of 1-3 youth commissioners who are at the freshman/sophomore level in college. Please call J. Johnson for specifics

6. Announcements

P. Cohen-Hecht is still looking for commissioners to volunteer to serve on the LDC (Leadership Development Committee). She is looking for 5-6 people and would like to have a meeting in September.

C. Kozak's baby girl is due on November 9th. She will be on maternity leave for at least four months.

7. Adjournment

On a motion made by W. Dyson and seconded by M. Wilcox, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Davis
Executive Assistant