



The **purpose** of the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism is to enable individuals, communities and organizations in Utah to benefit from the service, power, skills, and passion of volunteers. Our **mission** is to strengthen Utah communities through the power of service and volunteerism. Our **vision** is vibrant, productive communities with active, engaged citizens.

Minutes

COMMISSION MEETING
Nov 9th, 2017
2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
Capitol Board Room

ATTENDEES

Commissioners

Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox
Debbie Hardy
Alan Griffin
Chris Bray
David Clark
Jacob Murakami
Jill Love
Kris Hamlet

Lindsey Kneuen
Paul Leggett
Vikram Ravi
Todd Hansen
Karen McCandless

Visitors:

Linda Keith & Spouse
Rodney Pack

Staff

LaDawn Stoddard
Greg Bates
Mary Buehler
Corynn Benoit
Ruqia Qasim

WELCOME/GOVERNANCE – DEBBIE HARDY

Motion to approve September minutes made by Karen McCandless. Seconded by Alan Griffin. Vote carried unanimous.

Kris Hamlet: Debbie Hardy will serve as commission chair and Paul Leggett as commission vice chair for 2018.

Motion to approve made by David Clark, and seconded by the Lt. Governor. Vote carried unanimous.

Chris Bray will be leaving the commission, she has served on the board for six years. We appreciate Chris's service as a commissioner.

POWER OF SERVICE AWARD

Commission Chair Debbie Hardy and Lt. Governor Cox presented the Power of Service award to Linda Keith. Her volunteer bio was shared with Commissioners

AMERICORPS PROGRAM REPORT

Dominic Bills- program director of the Boys & Girls Club of Utah County presented and talked about the program's mission and role

ED UPDATE- LADAWN STODDARD

Outreach Efforts: We have two initiatives that go on around the holidays, the first is our participation in the Festival of Trees event, and the second is our Holiday Pledge Drive. For many years, we have been participating in the Festival of Trees event hosted by Primary Children's Hospital Foundation. This year, we will be donating a superhero themed tree, and are calling it Super Volunteers. The tree will be dedicated to Utah volunteers.

The Holiday Pledge Drive goal is to encourage individuals to take a pledge to serve not only during the holidays, but at other times of the year when volunteers aren't as readily available. The plan for promotion includes: a 30 second recorded video of the Lt. Governor and his wife encouraging individuals to pledge. This video will be aired at various movie theaters in December, an audio PSA will also be developed that will air at different radio stations throughout Utah. The campaign will also be promoted through billboards, and social media.

Public Policy Coalition: America's Service Commissions launched a public policy coalition called States for Service. This coalition allows state commissions to "mobilize quickly and engage effectively on critical issues facing national service". It advocates the important role state commissions play around national service. Debbie Hardy and our Campus Compact AmeriCorps program director Alexis Bucknam are members of this coalition. Debbie has agreed to serve as a state service leader in Utah, and she will be the liaison between the coalition and this commission. She will share information she obtains from the coalition as necessary. Any commissioners are welcome to join by signing up for a membership at this coalition. LaDawn will share that information.

Business List: We're trying to understand and develop a landscape view of corporate employee volunteer programs across the state. LaDawn shared a spreadsheet containing a list of companies that we'd like to reach out to and conduct an interview with to find out what each of their employee volunteer programs look like.

Justserve.org Update: Commissioner Hansen talked about the latest with Justserve.org. We had an additional 5000 volunteers register on the website over the past month. We now have over 61,000 registered volunteers in Utah. We have 2400 projects posted on the website. The administration of Justserve in Utah is changing, and there's a lot of conversation around expanding Justserve.

Opioid Grant: We received funding for a planning grant that will focus on the Opioid crisis in Utah. We've reached out to a consultant at Cicero Group who will do some research for us over the next two months. After that period of time, we will start having conversations around how to utilize AmeriCorps resources for this planning grant.

Congressional Budget FY 18: We have been written in in the house committee markup bill. We are anticipating that continuing resolutions bill will be passed by the end of the year. The AmeriCorps education award is currently being taxed as income. One of the senators is proposing a bill to eliminate this. The legislator is trying to propose this either in a separate bill, or bring it into tax reform.

Commission Legislation: We're considering revising our state legislation during the upcoming session-more info to come on this. LaDawn may be pulling together a review committee to discuss our bylaws. At the next commission meeting, she will talk about this further.

Commission retreat: We will have a representative from our national association present at our commission retreat. The retreat will take place on January 18th, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Service: NS program manager Greg Bates gave the committee report. The information related to this report was share as a document at Commission meeting

Community Engagement: CE program manager Mary Buehler gave the committee report. The information related to this report was share as a document at Commission meeting

STRATEGIC PLAN DASHBOARD

Two items on the dashboard are yellow. The first, is the Service Enterprise Certification Training: A decision regarding this initiative has been delayed due to the uncertainty of receiving the VGF grant. Since we have been notified that we will not be receiving this grant, we will need to develop a plan for resources for this training. It is still a high priority to figure this project out, but we will not have a complete plan ready until the first quarter of next year.

The second item that is at a yellow state is our goal to award 350 Lt. Governor's Volunteer Recognition Certificates to outstanding volunteers throughout Utah. We're currently at 306 certificates given out, we hope to reach our goal by the end of this year.

Debbie Hardy briefly went over the Commission Responsibilities document. LaDawn will email this document to all commissioners as well as a survey assessment. Results of the survey will be discussed during the commission retreat in January.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Jake Murakami: We've started reaching out to our programs about their plans for MLK Day. Mountainland RSVP volunteers organized a service project in honor of MLK Day of Service. It is called Socks for Souls, and it is serving Utah Summit & Wasatch County. The service project was posted on Justserve.org, and over 550+ pairs of socks were donated within one week of the post. Salt Lake County is doing a "cell phones for soldiers" project, and other programs are engaged in food and clothing drives. If any AmeriCorps programs are interested in partnering with their communities in any of those projects, feel free to reach out.

Vikram Ravi: IRS will have their holiday drive – Light One Candle. Last year, they were able to serve over 1000 families, and gave out over 90,000 dollars in in kind goods. To learn more about this, let Vikram know.

Chris Bray: Chris mentioned that the Giving State Report will be available at Utah Philanthropy Day. She also mentioned a report that looked at automation projections by state. LaDawn will share that report if anyone is interested in reading it.

Alan Griffin: Alan mentioned that he would like to see more student involvement in volunteerism. He mentioned the presidential service award, and how much it would impact student involvement. LaDawn discussed the possibility of having a cord that can be worn at graduation by students who dedicate immense amounts of time volunteering.

Todd Hansen: Todd expressed interest in having an onboarding process for new commissioners that provides a broad spectrum of information about UServeUtah's programs, and initiatives.

Debbie Hardy: As of December 1st, Intermountain Health Care will be referred to as "One Intermountain". They will be moving away from a regional reporting model, and this is to ensure a consistent mode of operation, as well as patient and employee experience throughout the hospital system. There will be extended hours of clinics, and as far as procedures, the same process will be done for any Intermountain location.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by Debbie Hardy.