EVENT BRIEFING MEMO: NCCC Round Table Discussion:
The Impact of National Service on Rural Communities

National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) | North Central Region Campus ★ 1004 G Avenue ★ Vinton, IA 52349

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EVENT DATE & TIME: June 26, 2018 | 11:15 am – 12:00 pm
HOST: National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:
The National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a program under AmeriCorps. The program aims for young adults to develop their leadership and volunteerism skills through service projects that address disaster, environmental, educational, or other human needs in the U.S. NCCC members are trained at regional campuses in Sacramento, CA; Denver, CO; Vinton, IA; Vicksburg, MS; and Baltimore, MD. The Iowa NCCC campus serves young adults from the North Central Region of the U.S.

The purpose of this meeting is:

➢ To provide Commissioners the opportunity to engage with rural and small-town community and service-program leaders on service-related issues.
➢ To offer Commissioners insights on critical rural and small-town needs that are addressed through service.
➢ To address challenges and barriers to service unique to rural and small-town environments.
➢ To discuss the role of service in developing human capital and promoting community development in rural communities and small towns.

PARTICIPANTS:
Participants will be service leaders in Iowa with an expertise in how national service is meeting rural needs. Key Participants include:

- Susan Hollenkamp, Program Director, Americorps
- Jeff Capps, Executive Director, Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity
- Kathy Schwartzhoff, Mentoring Coordinator, Helping Services for Youth and Family
- Pete McRoberts, Former Chair, National Advisory Board, AmeriCorps NCCC
- Adam Lounsbury, Executive Director, Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service
- Jamie Orozco Nagel, Program Officer, Volunteer Iowa
- Vicki Hover-Williamson, State Program Director, CNCS
- Janine Nemitz, Senior Corps

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
The questions below are provided for guidance only and are not intended to serve as a protocol or script for the meeting.
Participant Bios

Susan Hollenkamp, Program Director, Americorps

Susan is the Iowa AmeriCorps 4-H Outreach Program Director. She is responsible for managing the AmeriCorps 4-H Outreach grant and supporting AmeriCorps members serving in host communities throughout the state. Susan is responsible for host site supervisor and member training including developing curriculum in specific subject areas and making it available to members via the learning management system.

Jeff Capps, Executive Director, Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity

Jeff Capps is the Executive Director for the Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Capps was previously the director of community relations of the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis. His experience in Memphis prepared him to hit the ground running, leading projects in 2009 and 2010 to build 33 homes with AmeriCorps. CVHH serves more than 20 families annually with new construction, rehabilitation and owner-occupied repairs. He has led Iowa’s Community Housing Development Organization, is a member of Cedar Rapids Affordable Housing group and the Cedar Rapids Downtown Rotary Club and was appointed to State Support Organization for Habitat Iowa. In November 2011, he joined the Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Work Project in Haiti. Mr. Capps graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor degree in journalism (broadcast) from the University of Missouri.

Kathy Schwartzhoff, Mentoring Coordinator, Helping Services for Youth and Family

Kathy Schwartzhoff is the Mentoring Coordinator for Helping Services for Youth and Family. Kathy recruits, screens, trains, monitors, and supports mentoring matches of youth to adults in a three-county area. She also teaches basic substance abuse prevention strategies using puppetry to lower elementary students.

Pete McRoberts, Former Chair, National Advisory Board, AmeriCorps NCCC

Pete is an experienced executive with more than a decade of experience working at senior levels of public policy development. Skilled in nonprofit and business management, government relations, and communications. Legislative counsel with extensive background in shaping and interpreting state and federal law. Pete received his B.A. from the University of Northern Iowa and J.D. at Drake University.
Adam Lounsbury, Executive Director, Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service

Adam Lounsbury is the Executive Director on the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service. Adam received his B.A. from Iowa State University.

Jamie Orozco Nagel, Program Officer, Volunteer Iowa

Social worker with long-term experience awarding and monitoring federal national service grants. Additional skills in public policy work, including teaching social policy to master’s level students. Advanced level Spanish speaker with strong community service history, including volunteer work and interests in immigrant and refugee services, the health care field, and advocacy.

Vicki Hover-Williamson, State Program Director, CNCS

Vicki is the State Program Director for CNCS. Before working at CNCS, Vicki was the Executive Director at the Foster Grandparent Program.

Janine Nemitz, Senior Corps

Janine Nemitz is the current President of National Association of Foster Grandparents Directors (NAFGPD). Nemitz has been a member of the NAFGPD since 2010 and has served on the board since 2013, when she was asked to serve as a representative for 10 midwestern states. In 2015, she was elected vice-president. The National Association of Foster Grandparents Directors is a membership organization open to any director of a Foster Grandparent Program in the U.S.