EVENT BRIEFING MEMO: National Service Program Directors and Members Meeting

City Year National Headquarters | Lavine Civic Forum ★ 287 Columbus Avenue ★ Boston, MA 02116

EVENT DATE & TIME: Friday, May 11, 2018 | 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm
HOST: Emily Haber, CEO, Massachusetts Service Alliance
Commissioner Lead: Alan Khazei

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:
This meeting with a diverse set program directors and current members of Boston AmeriCorps programs will provide Commissioners the opportunity to have an in-depth discussion about the day-to-day operations of a national service program and hear directly from individuals currently engaged in a year of service.

The purpose of this meeting is:
➢ To offer Commissioners an opportunity to get an in-depth understanding of service from program managers and currently-serving members from a diverse set of Massachusetts national service programs.
➢ To learn from current participants about motivations, barriers, and incentives to engage more young adults in service.
➢ To learn from program managers about factors involved in operating national service programs including how they recruit and supervise members, build partnerships, and secure funds.

PARTICIPANTS:
The participants will be broken into two groups. One group consists of currently-serving members of Massachusetts-based national service programs, the other consists of program directors.

Current Massachusetts Program Directors / Managers:
1. Meagan Cox, City Impact Manager, The Mission Continues Massachusetts
2. Emily Haber, CEO, Massachusetts Service Alliance
3. Colleen Holohan, Director, Massachusetts Promise Fellowship
4. Sherry McClintock, Massachusetts State Director, Corporation for National and Community Service
5. Beth McGuinness, Director of Programs, Massachusetts Service Alliance
6. Jonathan Palumbo, Managing Director, External Affairs and Government Partnerships, City Year Boston
7. Erica Pike, Communications and Policy Manager, Vital Village Network
8. Kat Roach, Program Coordinator, AmeriCorps Legal Advocates of Massachusetts
9. Daniel Schell, Program Coordinator, AmeriCorps Cape Cod
10. Janeen Smith, Mass Mentoring Partnership
11. Yolanda Solomon, AmeriCorps and Volunteer Administrator, Tenacity
12. Beth Zschau; Massachusetts Program Director, FoodCorps Massachusetts

Currently-Serving Massachusetts National Service Members:
1. Jason Bertrand, AmeriCorps Member, Cape Cod AmeriCorps
2. Asha Bucklin, AmeriCorps Member, FoodCorps Massachusetts
3. Desiree Hartman, AmeriCorps VISTA, Vital Villages Network
4. Jonathon House, Community Service Fellow, The Mission Continues
5. Chris Hynes, AmeriCorps VISTA Member, Emmaus Inc.
6. Amalia Jorns, AmeriCorps Member, AmeriCorps Legal Advocates of Massachusetts
7. Emily Morrison, Member, Commonwealth Corps
8. Massiel Torres, AmeriCorps Member, Massachusetts Promise Fellowship
9. Addison Tucker, AmeriCorps Member, Tenacity
10. Nicola Webbe, AmeriCorps member, Mass Mentoring Partnership

*Bios of participants are an appendix to this memo.

AGENDA:
1:00 – 1:05 PM Welcome remarks from Emily Haber, CEO, Massachusetts Service Alliance
1:05 – 1:10 PM Brief remarks and Commission Overview by Commissioner Alan Khazei
1:10 – 1:15 PM Roundtable introductions (Name and organization)
1:15 – 1:18 PM Explanation of Breakout Sessions by Sandy Scott
   • In order to have more opportunity for discussion with all participants, this session will use a round robin approach with two smaller size groups.
   • The participants will break into two groups – one consisting of the current members, the other consisting of the 1 program directors.
   • The Commissioners will also split into two groups. The Commissioners will spend 45 minutes with one of the two participant groups then switch to meet with the other group.
1:18 – 1:20 PM Move into Breakout Rooms
1:20 – 2:05 PM Breakout Session 1*
2:05 – 2:10 PM Switch Rooms
2:10 – 2:55 PM Breakout Session 2*
10:55 – 11:00 PM Final Wrap Up

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

* Asterisk indicates sessions requiring additional information.
Questions of Interest to the Commission:

- What do you think the inherent value of service is, if any?
- How do you think the United States government could increase the propensity to serve of young people?
- How can the United States increase participation in military, national, and public service by individuals with skills critical to the civil service?
- Do you believe a mandatory service requirement for all Americans is necessary, feasible, and valuable?