



INDIANA COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM
Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2007
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

**Indiana Government Center
302 W. Washington Street
Conference Room 4
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Commission Chair David Reingold called the special meeting of the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism to order at 1:39 PM, followed by the roll call. Those Commissioners in attendance were:

Rick Bentley	Belinda Munson
Eric Butler	David Reingold
Louis Lopez	Adam Shoemaker
Leo McCarthy	Wesley Simms
Amy Mendoza	Michele Sullivan

The following OFBCI staff members were also in attendance:

Carey Craig	Janet Simpson
Paula Parker-Sawyers	Erin Wright
John Rentsch	

Commission Chair Reingold entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2007 meeting. Michele Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Belinda Munson. The motion passed unanimously.

Commission Chair Reingold stated the purpose for this special ICCSV meeting is to make final AmeriCorps grant decisions. He then turned the meeting over to Erin Wright for the overview of the various proposals.

Mrs. Wright began the conversation stating there was \$1.74 million in formula funds to allocate during the meeting. She reminded the Commissioners that at the April 12th meeting, the OFBCI had reason to believe the City of Elkhart and Indiana University's Aftercare for Indiana through Mentoring (AIM) would be approved for continuation funding at the national level for their competitively funded programs. Since that last meeting, the OFBCI has learned that out of the five new and re-compete applications

submitted at the national level (Franklin College, Indiana State University, United Way of Porter County, Peace Learning Center and Indiana Campus Compact) the only one who received funding was Indiana Campus Compact. Mrs. Wright stated that she and Carey Craig are working with the City of Elkhart, AIM, and Indiana Campus Compact to address all of the negotiation items for funding requested by the Corporation. As a result, the remaining four organizations not selected for competitive funding plus Boys and Girls Clubs of Indianapolis, Habitat for Humanity of Indiana, Harmony School Corporation, Indiana State Department of Health, Indianapolis Housing Agency and Scott County Partnership are in the pool for the \$1.74 million formula funding allocation. The Indiana Coalition for Neighborhood Development (ICND) decided not to reapply for continuation funds due to the administrative demands of the grant and is not listed on the 2007-2008 AmeriCorps State Funding Overview handout. The six continuation grantees will either be in their second or third year of a three-year funding cycle in 2007-2008.

Commission Chair Reingold asked Mrs. Wright if the OFBCI had any serious concerns about whether these six grantees were doing what they were supposed to be doing and if they should be approved for re-continuation. Mrs. Wright stated the OFBCI is recommending they all be continued, however there are some concerns about Indianapolis Housing Agency.

Executive Director Parker-Sawyers reminded the Commissioners that the OFBCI was to report back to them about the status of Habitat for Humanity of Indiana as well. Before discussing Habitat for Humanity of Indiana, she discussed the following grantees: **Boys and Girls Clubs of Indianapolis** performed well and made corrections when noted; **Harmony School Corporation** also performed well, made corrections and are on track; **Indiana State Department of Health** has asked for a no-cost extension until 12/31/07, which has been granted. Ms. Parker-Sawyers stated the extension was granted primarily because the contracting process with Indiana University-Bloomington takes a long time and because it is a contract between IU and the ISDH, the two large entities are trying to reconcile how they can better work together. She further stated that Mrs. Wright has worked with them to make sure they are not using AmeriCorps member positions to replace current employee positions and to ensure their position descriptions weren't worded as such. This grantee has two large programs, one in Bloomington and the other one in Indianapolis. They are excited about the project and the potential of replication for other state Departments of Health and are going to write up their experience as a model for other states to consider. **Scott County Partnership** probably had one of the cleanest monitoring visits conducted by Mrs. Wright and Chuck Templin. They recently had an AmeriCorps member resign due to medical reasons, but everything else is running smoothly.

Ms. Parker-Sawyers then shared information pertaining to **Habitat for Humanity of Indiana**. She reminded the Commissioners that during the last ICCSV meeting, this grantee was discussed in length. This is their third year of a three year grant and while their dollars for AmeriCorps and their match dollars required were available, there was significant concern from the OFBCI staff that their infrastructure was not adequate enough to move forward. The concern is based more on believability. Mr. Carey Craig

stated in order for Habitat for Humanity of Indiana to maintain their program, the organization's board of directors decided to shift a majority of costs to host sites. Each host site is currently assessed a \$6,000 fee, which would increase to approximately \$7,000, and would cover the organization's required program match. He further stated based on this decision there is no doubt the association would be able to sustain the program at that level and possibly at a later date an assessment of fees to organizations, based on the number of houses built, as well as providing training to affiliates may be options. Regarding the believability concern, the OFBCI has reviewed their books and can therefore only believe the projections they provided. The OFBCI feels good about the projections they provided; it is just a matter of them staying on top of their fiscal issues, meeting their internal performance measures and their financial goals. He concluded by stating if they don't meet those financial goals it will have more of a bearing on the association rather than the actual AmeriCorps program. Ms. Parker-Sawyers agreed saying the AmeriCorps program is safe and the money provided to run the program is secure. Ms. Parker-Sawyers then asked if any one had any questions or comments.

Mrs. Wright advised one outstanding concern is Habitat for Humanity of Indiana is not going to fill the current executive director position vacancy. This matter was addressed briefly in their renewal process and one of the proposed contingencies is to have them explain this decision and proposed oversight structure further. Commissioner McCarthy asked if Habitat for Humanity of Indiana had guidelines in place that would require them to have an executive director. Ms. Parker-Sawyers shared that she is aware of boards being able to effectively serve in the executive director role, but it takes strong policies and procedures. Commission Chair Reingold stated they probably do have some general guidelines. Mr. Craig stated that currently 80 percent of their members are from affiliates and 20 percent are from the community. They are planning to begin recruiting across the state and it is their desire to have 20 percent of their members from affiliates and 80 percent from the community. He further shared the basic structure of their organization is they have 17 sites around the state, which are designed to provide AmeriCorps resources, and these sites pay a fee to have access to AmeriCorps members. Then on top of that basic organizational structure, there is the corporate structure which represents the international arms of the Habitat for Humanity. Commission Chair Reingold asked if Habitat for Humanity of Indianapolis was part of Habitat for Humanity of Indiana and Mr. Craig indicated they were not. Commissioner McCarthy asked if other Habitat for Humanity state sites were as complex as this one. Mrs. Parker-Sawyers stated yes and no. She continued by saying it is the understanding of the OFBCI from the president of their board, who is the Executive Director for the Elkhart County Habitat for Humanity, that the Habitat for Humanity International organization has utilized a state supported agency structure similar to the structure in Indiana. They changed and went to a regional structure and an individual who serves a large region. However, the international association is moving slowly back to a state supported system because they feel it is more efficient. As long as Habitat for Humanity of Indiana is able to maintain their current status, they should be in a good position to receive benefits from Habitat for Humanity International. She reminded the Commission that they are a state association that is primarily together for the benefit of the smaller affiliates, the ones who celebrate

building one or two houses a year and who could not support an AmeriCorps member or program on their own. There are currently 75 to 80 Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Indiana and 17 of them belong to the statewide association (Habitat for Humanity of Indiana). Just to reiterate, those 17 affiliates have agreed to increase their fee structure so they can maintain their AmeriCorps members. For those affiliates building a few houses a year, without the AmeriCorps members, they would be reduced to building only one because they are that dependent on Habitat for Humanity of Indiana for members. The OFBCI is very interested in protecting these members. If they get through this current program year and feel they can get through the next year that would complete their three year grant cycle. Then Habitat for Humanity of Indiana would need to prove to the OFBCI and the Commission their ability to manage another three year grant. Commissioner McCarthy asked if the affiliates would get the additional money needed through fundraising and donations and if they all act independently. Mrs. Parker-Sawyers indicated yes.

Ms. Parker-Sawyers initiated the discussion reference the **Indianapolis Housing Authority**. She indicated the OFBCI had conducted a monitoring visit in late April. This visit produced 7 program and 4 fiscal findings. The IHA is a first year program and completed a 3 month planning in December and then began their 9 month program operating period. These findings caused the OFBCI great concern because this was their second monitoring visit. During the first monitoring visit, two fiscal findings were noted. These same fiscal findings were repeated again and included additional problems. As a result of the number of findings, IHA's Executive Director was sent an email letter, as well as a hard copy, on Friday, May 25, 2007. The letter included a copy of the monitoring report, indicated the level of findings and stated OFBCI's disappointment and concern about the health of the AmeriCorps program. They were advised they had until 10 AM on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 to respond or a do not fund recommendation would be submitted to the Commission. At 10 AM on May 29th a large binder was delivered to the OFBCI for review. Ms. Parker-Sawyers continued, stating Carey Craig had a chance to go through the fiscal findings; however the program findings take more time. Relative to the fiscal findings, one of them has been dismissed because it required clarification on the part of our auditing which resulted in a lack of understanding as far as terminology. The second finding has been satisfied. Therefore, two findings remain under review and will take additional time to review. One big issue is that the Housing Authority does their accounting based on an accrual basis and our records are based on a cash basis which makes satisfying and aligning those funds very difficult to do if they maintain an accrual basis. Mr. Craig advised this issue was explained to them during their first monitoring visit and it was believed they understood at that time. However, it is the OFBCI's belief they understand this issue now. Regarding the programmatic findings, Ms. Parker-Sawyers indicated the OFBCI hasn't had sufficient time to review the notebook. She continued by stating that she and Mrs. Wright felt the Commission could consider funding this applicant because they did meet the deadline, provided substantial documentation, but recommend they are funded at the requested level with the following requirements. They have indicated they will be hiring a full time program director. As of right now, the program is managed as part of another employee's portfolio and was augmented with the use of an intern. The new program director should be required to

attend all scheduled trainings conducted by the OFBCI. She elaborated by stating IHA did attend many of the scheduled trainings but missed 2 ½ or 3 hours of a 6 hour training course as well as some conference calls. Commissioner McCarthy asked Ms. Parker-Sawyers if IHA had a program director when they were initially funded a year ago. Ms. Parker-Sawyers stated IHA felt their staff could assume the responsibilities. She further stated, on their behalf, that there are some organizations who can assume said responsibilities and some who cannot. Unfortunately, they could not and hired someone. Commissioner McCarthy also asked if the OFBCI believes the hiring of this person will resolve the matter. Ms. Parker-Sawyers answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Sullivan asked when the new program director would be on board. Mrs. Wright stated allegedly the person is coming on board in early June. Commissioner Simms restated they had two outstanding fiscal findings and several programmatic finding, reference to the programmatic side, how serious were the findings? Mrs. Wright stated a lot of them had to do with the details of their documents. These details included not gathering proper eligibility for their members to participate in the program; the use of I-9 forms which was something that was advised over and over not to do; a number of members who had been suspended or had exited the program had no documentation about why they were gone. One of their findings had to do with their participating in trainings and conference calls. Ms. Parker-Sawyers indicated their response consistently was ‘you didn’t tell us this.’ Commissioner Munson asked if IHA was indicating when the program director is hired then this would fall under their responsibility. Mr. Craig indicated with the exception of the fourth fiscal finding, which was eliminated on the part of the OFBCI, the other three were related to program staff. IHA’s fiscal staff is the last to know what is occurring. They have 135 employees and only 4 people know the finances of the organization. Ms. Parker-Sawyers stated Mr. Craig recently met with them and discussed the importance of the program staff communicating with the fiscal staff as they want this grant to succeed, and are ultimately responsible if it does not succeed. He indicated they aren’t responsible for how many kids the program tutors, but how the money was spent. Commissioner Simms asked if the OFBCI was allowed to audit a grantee at any time. Ms. Parker-Sawyers said yes. Commissioner Simms asked if it would be possible to have an additional audit scheduled relatively soon, assuming the Commission votes to fund them, after the hiring of their program director to check on their progress. Ms. Parker-Sawyers advised the OFBCI would do whatever the Commission requested in order to assist them in deciding whether to continue to fund, partially fund or not to fund. Commissioner Lopez asked Ms. Parker-Sawyers if the IHA is on the HUD Federal troubled list. She stated she believes they were just placed back on the list. Mr. Craig stated it is possible that IHA has never been monitored by HUD like they have been by the OFBCI. Commissioner Sullivan indicated that IHA’s review indicates they have more *does not meet expectations* than *meets expectations* findings. Mrs. Wright shared that overall the renewal requests weren’t the quality she hoped. Commissioner Sullivan continued by stating at some point the Commission has to look at how much time the OFBCI will have to invest in this grantee and whether it is advantageous to do so. Commissioner McCarthy added that no one wants to deny money to something worthwhile, but based on the information gathered and subsequent discussion; this organization is a “recipe for failure”. He further indicated it appears as though there isn’t any communication, they do not read directions and the OFBCI has spent an extended amount of time with them. Ms.

Parker-Sawyers indicated they aren't one of the grantees who are constantly on the phone asking for clarification. Commissioner Sullivan asked whether or not this grantee is worth the time of the OFBCI staff to invest in this grant. Mrs. Wright stated this grant has potential. She further stated if IHA hires someone who is dedicated to the program, at least the programmatic issues can be attributed to growing pains. She further stated if they have a program director they might be able to prove themselves over the next year. She continued by stating this is a very hard grant to manage. Commissioner Simms asked what happens when funding is pulled from a grantee after a year. Mrs. Parker-Sawyers stated that a number of things occur, the first being finding another program for the AmeriCorps members to enroll in. This is done to ensure the members have the ability to earn the rest of their hours in order to qualify for their education award. This grantee currently has slots for 20 half time members. Commissioner McCarthy asked what the likelihood was IHA could hire a completely dedicated individual to correct this agency. Commission Chair Reingold asked the Commissioners to keep in mind that defunding programs in the middle of the year not only has a challenge of relocating members but the OFBCI can't recoup that money and reallocate it. Once the money goes back to Washington, it's gone. Commissioner Lopez asked the Commission if they want to be in the business of doing this for all of the other programs too. He further stated IHA is a troubled agency that works hard to get on Federal troubled lists. Ms. Parker-Sawyers reminded the Commission Scott County Partnership was also in their first year of funding and they didn't have any of the mentioned issues. Commissioner Mendoza asked if the Commission had any history where this issue had arisen in the past. Commission Chair Reingold stated that over the years, the Commission has not made any tough decisions and the past pattern has been to try and get a troubled grantee to right them selves and let the grant cycle run its course. He further said if the Commission voted not to continue this grant that it would be a strong statement. Commissioner Munson reflected and stated when IHA was originally funded they did not have a program director and they still do not. Mrs. Wright stated that was in fact true and the duties had been absorbed by staff members. Commissioner Simms asked what do the monitoring visit findings mean and does OFBCI know about the product they are producing, citing the process is important but the outcome is also important. Mrs. Wright stated they are exceeding their performance measurement goals in the programmatic area. Commissioner Sullivan asked if the AmeriCorps members felt this had been a good year of service for them. Mrs. Wright responded by saying there have been some retention issues. They have faced challenges of recruiting from the housing agencies and are recruiting at schools. Commissioner Sullivan re-stated this grantee had fiscal findings during their first and second monitoring visit, which was a serious issue. She further commented and stated she didn't feel the OFBCI staff has the time to commit to this project unless they feel it is something they want to do.

Commissioner Munson stated she was in agreement with both Commissioners McCarthy and Sullivan. Executive Director Parker-Sawyers stated the OFBCI did not know for a fact if IHA was currently on the Federal troubled list or not. She further shared that while the OFBCI appreciated focusing on the product, the OFBCI is not judged by the product, but by whether or not the grant rules have been followed as directed. Commissioner Shoemaker asked if this grantee's funding was terminated before the 2007-2008 cycle

would they still receive funding until the end of August, 2007. Ms. Parker-Sawyers indicated if they Commission voted not to fund them next year that IHA would be notified and the Commission would designate how the remainder of that grant money would be disseminated. She further stated there are several options on the table as to where that money could go and once this Commission meeting concludes then those options no longer exist.

Commission Chair Reingold suggested to the Commission to take the grant proposals as a group, except for IHA, and vote to fund them. Commissioner Simms moved to accept the formula continuation grantees, Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis; Habitat for Humanity of Indiana; Harmony School Corporation; Indiana State Department of Health; Scott County Partnership, except Indianapolis Housing Agency, as recommended by the OFBCI. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCarthy. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion that IHA not be considered for funding for the upcoming 2007-2008 program year. Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-4. Those in favor of the motion were: Commissioner McCarthy, Commissioner Mendoza, Commissioner Munson, Commissioner Sullivan and Commissioner Chair Reingold. Those opposed were: Commissioner Bentley, Commissioner Butler, Commissioner Shoemaker and Commissioner Simms.

The Commissioners were in recess from 3:15 to 3:35 PM.

Commissioner Chair Reingold reconvened the ICCSV meeting and stated the Commission would need to decide on funding for the new and recompetete formula applicants.

Ms. Parker-Sawyers advised the Commissioners as the OFBCI was preparing last week for the meeting, they tried to anticipate every possible option for funding. Based on the earlier vote, they selected one of the options the OFBCI anticipated. She directed their attention to the recently provided handout, specifically to Option D, and the Formula Continuation Grantees section. She continued by showing them that some of these grantees had increased grant dollar amounts than what they had asked for. She advised this option was an administrative adjustment where the OFBCI knew there was potential for a small amount of growth. The second set of numbers referred to the new/recompetete applicants: Franklin College, Indiana State University, Peace Learning Center, United Way of Porter County, Concord Neighborhood Center, City of Hammond and the American Red Cross, St. Joseph County Chapter.

Peace Learning Center—Ms. Parker-Sawyers stated this grantee did not receive national competitive funds. They have been in operation for 9 years and Indiana has a sustainability policy in place that limits grantees to 6 years of funding. After 6 years of funding, the organization must be funded competitively and they are currently in their last term as a competitively funded agency. For this reason, the handout reflects a zero

amount for funding. **United Way of Porter County**—Ms. Parker-Sawyers indicated this applicant received a peer ranking of 5. This application was submitted by the Commission to the national competition in January. The application was not funded competitively and therefore has been returned to the pool of applications in consideration for formula funds. **Concord Neighborhood Center**—The handout reflects a zero amount for funding. The **City of Hammond**, according to Ms. Parker-Sawyers received a peer review of 8 and was not recommended for funding. The **American Red Cross-St. Joseph County Chapter** ranked 9th by the peer review panel and has been recommended for funding. If funded, this grant would be a 3-month development/9-month implementation grant. She further stated that even though it was ranked 9th, the OFBCI believes it should be funded for the following reasons: (1) because of its potential and (2) because of geographic considerations. In the past, the Commission's instructions have been that not only does the quality of the application need to be considered but also the geographic location of the programs. The City of Hammond and the United Way of Porter County are both in the northwest quadrant. Concord Neighborhood Center is in Indianapolis. By funding the American Red Cross-St. Joe, this would provide more of a geographic spread. She shared with the Commission that hopefully in the next round of grants the OFBCI might receive applications from the southwest quadrant, the Evansville area. Based on the information provided, Franklin College, Indiana State University, United Way of Porter County and American Red Cross-St. Joseph County would give the state of Indiana a nice geographic spread. With this funding recommendation, the total would be \$564,184.00, added to the formula continuation grantees amount of \$1,175,890.00 would result in the total amount available of \$1,740,074.00.

Commission Chair Reingold thanked Ms. Parker-Sawyers and opened the floor up for comments, suggestions or concerns. Commissioner Sullivan stated she would like to commend the OFBCI staff for thinking ahead as to what the recommendations of the ICCSV might be. Commission Chair Reingold advised there were no predictions as to the upcoming vote, the OFBCI just thought of all the available contingencies. Ms. Parker-Sawyers stated there were different color spread sheets which reflected different scenarios.

Commissioner Simms asked if the OFBCI's selection of the American Red Cross-St. Joseph County was only out of a geographic nature. He referred back to the staff reviewing recommendations for Concord Neighborhood Center, citing the review panel suggested they not be funded however the Commission voted to keep them in the funding process. Mrs. Wright advised the American Red Cross-St. Joe asked for approximately \$260,000 but the staff's recommendation is \$126,000 with the three month planning and nine month operating period.

Ms. Parker-Sawyers took an opportunity to share additional information with those in attendance. She stated the possibility exists there might be some type of media coverage reference Peace Learning Center. Peace Learning Center is used by Indianapolis Public Schools and the organization has been around for a long time. Commission Chair Reingold stated that Peace Learning Center has been a valued program and has been supported by the Commission for a number of years. He further indicated the ultimate

responsibility resides with Peace Learning Center to diversify their revenue and to make their program sustainable. He continued by stating at the CNCS national level, this program was up against other established programs. An exhaustive review was conducted and ultimately it wasn't competitive enough. He concluded by stating assuming Peace Learning Center has done what they should have done over the last nine years, they should be in a position to sustain the program. If not, the OFBCI has done everything possible for them. Commissioner Lopez advised because of the sustainability limits, Peace Learning Center was sent up competitively. Commissioner Simms asked if the reason they are not being considered for re-funding is because their time limit has expired. Commission Chair Reingold responded there is a six year limit on state formula funding and organizations can compete at a national level as long as they can, hopefully moving on to be a sustainable program. He further stated the Commission could reconsider the sustainability policy, if there is support for it. However, by not reconsidering that policy, it would reaffirm a policy decision. Commissioner Lopez commented the policy is in place, the Commission should adhere to it. Commissioner McCarthy asked if there were other Peace Learning Centers in the United States. Mr. Craig stated there was one in Milwaukee, Wisconsin which was replicated from this center. Commissioner McCarthy asked if the \$2,000,000.00 funded through AmeriCorps had been a lion's share of their funding. Ms. Parker-Sawyers answered in the affirmative and added that Peace Learning Center was aware they did not receive competitive funding. She also stated that in a previous letter to them, they were advised if they did not receive competitive funding, due to the Sustainability Policy, they would not be eligible for local funding. Based on the number of questions the OFBCI received from the Corporation reference their grant proposal, Ms. Parker-Sawyers indicated she informed Mr. Nation he should be preparing to replace those funding dollars. She stated Mr. Nation knew he needed to look for additional funding. Commissioner McCarthy asked if they had any other funding. Ms. Parker-Sawyers indicated she did not know, but that they have a number of proposals out for funding and those proposals are intended for an expansion of current programming. She reminded the Commission that Indiana Campus Compact faced a similar issue last year, they had been funded for a long time and fell victim to the Sustainability Policy. Their proposal had been denied at the competitive level and the Commission stood firm reference the Sustainability Policy and did not fund them. Indiana Campus Compact went back to the drawing board and was funded competitively for the 2007-2008 program year. Peace Learning Center can learn from this process and could possibly be funded next year. Commissioner McCarthy asked if the Sustainability Policy is reflective of a regional or national policy. Commission Chair Reingold stated it was a state policy that came about the same time that Congress and federal agencies were spending a lot of time struggling with this same issue. He further indicated that funding is a graduated match, every year a grantee is given funds, match amount rises over time. He commented that by the Commission embracing the Sustainability Policy it is a way for AmeriCorps to create innovative new programs. He concluded by stating Peace Learning Center should feel good about the work they do and hopefully will be able to continue to do so.

Commissioner Simms stated his discomfort came from not funding Peace Learning Center and technically pulling the last new applicant from the list, American Red Cross-

St. Joseph County Chapter, to fund instead. Commissioner Munson said if you look at the scoring of each group you can see some groups scored lower than others in general. If you had mixed the grants and given them to a different group, they might have ranked higher. She continued saying as far as the ranking, it isn't necessarily fair to the applicants they were scored differently by various people. Commissioner Sullivan brought attention to the comments given by the reviewer as opposed to the scores. The reviewer's comments seemed to be negative. Commission Chair Reingold stated perhaps this is a new applicant who didn't know how to communicate well as far as what the reviewers may be looking for. Mrs. Wright added that the peer reviewers were asked to justify any points deducted, but not necessarily asked to provide positive comments if no points were deducted. Although this topic was difficult to discuss, Commissioner Lopez suggested making a final decision. He reminded everyone that a grantee receiving nine years of funding is very generous, but it was important to be consistent in following the rules the Commission set them selves. Ms. Parker-Sawyers said American Red Cross-St. Joe's grant is structured to be a planning/implementation grant. This will allow three months for them to get familiar with terminology and weaknesses pointed out by the reviewers will be covered as well. She further said the Corporation recently embraced disaster response and preparation and this grantee would be a step in the right direction for this new initiative. She stated that she and Commissioner Mark Dobson recently represented the ICCSV at a (name of conference) in which there was a huge emphasis on disaster response and preparation.

Erin Wright reminded the Commission that at the beginning of the April 12th meeting there was not a quorum, so Redeeming Ministries' application needed to be discussed. Based on the unsatisfactory results of the pre-award risk assessment, the OFBCI recommended that this organization be removed from consideration for AmeriCorps formula funding. After reviewing page four of the meeting minutes for April 12th, Commissioner Bentley made a motion to support staff's recommendation that Redeeming Ministries be removed from consideration in the AmeriCorps funding process. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Simms and subsequently passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sullivan made a motion to accept Option D to fund the following new/recompete applicants: Franklin College, \$156,410; Indiana State University, \$155,853; United Way of Porter County, \$125,921; and American Red Cross-St. Joseph County Chapter, \$126,000. Commissioner Bentley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Parker-Sawyers thanked the Commissioners for their continued hard work and advised based on the activity of the day there would be no pressing issues or time sensitive materials due to the Corporation. She recommended the ICCSV meeting scheduled for June 14th be canceled, therefore the next scheduled meeting is August 9th. Commissioner Simms made a motion to cancel the June 14th meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Simms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Munson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Simpson
Administrative Assistant