

**Cross-Stream Training Partnership
Conference Call
March 4, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Present:

Office of Community Service - Linda Carlson, Andee Dunick, Lorri Ward Brown
Corporation for National & Community Service - Jackie Girard, Amy Busch
Higher Education (Campus Compact) - Dean McGovern
Learn & Serve K-12 - Mary Ellen Earnhardt, Colleen Hamer

Linda Carlson opened the conference call with a welcome and introductions.

State Service Plan:

Linda Carlson discussed the status of the state service plan, which includes three main questions. The plan will be reviewed with the Commission during the July meeting and will be due to the Corporation this fall. The questions have been routed to committee members. It was decided that each member of the cross stream training partnership will send their comments/responses for each question to Linda Carlson. The plan will also incorporate information from other agencies and partners, such as the Montana Nonprofit Association.

Results of the training needs assessment:

Andee Dunick reviewed the results of the training needs assessment. Each arm of national service in Montana was surveyed to assess program needs for training. Topics and training areas were ranked by priority and if the need was being met by the program without additional support. Certain training topics were identified as areas to cover in future trainings. The committee discussed using existing training opportunities and cross promoting training programs where possible to maximize funds. It was decided that the group would send Andee complete information (topics/session descriptions/event details) and post information in a centralized space. Andee will look into using a web based calendar that all programs can access for training opportunities. The Community Building Institute and disaster preparedness training programs are two key areas to cross promote. In addition to the schools through Learn & Serve, Senior Corps would be available to help promote and/or participate in disaster preparedness training such as CERT training and Map Your Neighborhood. Lorri Ward Brown will work with partners in terms of disaster preparedness training. Andee Dunick is also working on a training resource guide to provide to all programs on additional training topics (to be posted on the web).

Action items:

- Send responses to the state service plan questions to Linda Carlson
- Provide detailed information on training events to Andee Dunick
- Lorri Ward Brown to work with partners on disaster preparedness activities

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.