

CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES CAMPAIGN
Committee Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 12, 2020
1:33pm –2:21pm

Members Present

Betsy McDermott (Office of the State Comptroller)
Charles Kistler (State Retiree)
Cindy Cannata (Freedom of Information Commission)
Julie Bernoksy (Department of Administrative Services)
Kathleen Gensheimer (Judicial Branch)
Peggy Gray (State Retiree) – VICE CHAIR
Tim Newton (Department of Correction) – CHAIR

Members Absent

Ina Wilson (Department of Education)
Valerie Clark (Department of Mental Health)

PCFO–United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut (UWCNCT)

Kelli Byrd, CSEC Partnership Manager
Angela Paydos, UWCNCT Controller
Ann Pean, UWCNCT Partnership Manager
Chris Fitzgerald, UWCNCT Fellow
Jesse Mejia, UWCNCT Workplace Giving Director
Laura Hecker, UWCNCT Fellow
Stefanie Boles, UWCNCT Chief Operating Officer

Federations

Sandy Wilder (Global Impact)
Sophia Clark (Earthshare New England)
Candice Dixon (Community Health Charities)
Beth Gunter (EarthShare New England)
Jesse Beisler (America’s Best Charities)
Gary Johnson (United Way of Milford)

Meeting started at Started at 1:33pm

Review & Approval of Previous Minutes (Peggy Gray, CSEC Vice Committee Chair)

Kathleen motioned to accept the minutes. Betsy seconded the minutes.

Application Process Proposal (Peggy Gray, CSEC Vice Committee Chair)

Cindy mentioned “anomalously adopted” needs to be added to the previous meeting minutes.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Peggy mentioned the audit process was difficult this year with everyone working remotely. Peggy mentioned due to the pandemic it was a challenging process to get all the information to/from the charities, committee members, and administration. Peggy proposed the following: Accept all returning charities with last year administrative fee and include all new charities.

Additional Comments:

Betsy and Valerie mentioned she thought we would not accept new applications based on the email that was sent from Peggy prior to the meeting.

Kathleen mentioned from the organizations she was responsible for she reviewed new charities and there was only 1 denied. She also mentioned, there were 15 new charities for UW of CT there was only 1 that was denied because 25% admin fee that was above. Cindy approved only 3 out of her full list.

Peggy mentioned she had various issues with communication.

After the discussion there was a new motion was put into place. Peggy motioned, we accept all returning charities with last year percentages and exclude new charities that applied. Kelli will look at the list of who was in last year and make sure the directory is updated correctly. Cindy second the motion. All committee members were in favor.

Candice Dixon (Community Health Charities) asked if a new charity applied and they submitted the information they sent was complete, we are still denying? Peggy said yes, all new charities are denied.

PCFO Update: Stefanie Boles, UWCNCT Chief Operating Officer

Stefanie thanked everyone for their hard work. She informed everyone that we updated the final numbers from the last time we met. There was \$10K in expenses used to cover temporary support. The final cost was \$132,768 and we have a hard copy and Kelli will get this over to us. Kathleen asked what the total expense was for the booklet, Kelli to get back to her.

Roundtable: All

Peggy Gray – Peggy mentioned we will not have a July meeting. She also mentioned Tim is retiring August 1st; Stefanie asked if we could celebrate him in some way. All agreed to that. Chris asked if we could celebrate with an outgoing video from Tim about CSEC. Sandy suggested writing a nice article and put it in their local newspaper also possibly a donation in his honor.

Betsy McDermott – Mentioned she is happy to participate in anything to congratulate Tim for all his support and leadership.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Julie – Mentioned Department of Administrative Services is out for at least 6 months. She will mostly be emailing employees about the campaign. She would like to know more about the statewide kickoff.

Sandy Wilder (Global Impact) – Mentioned she would like to brainstorm ideas how the campaign can run effectively, exciting, virtutally and will send some suggestions to Kelli.

Ann Pean – Thanked everyone for working with her for several years an shared she is leaving at the end of the month.

Candice Dixon (Community Health Charities) – Thanked everyone for promoting the charities.

Cindy Cannata – Wished All the best; Said she was sad to hear about Tim; Mentioned that FOI is starting to get back into the swing of things and will not be having any special events and she is hoping to get everyone to participate online.

Jesse Mejia (UWCNT) – Nothing to report.

Laura Hecker (UWCNT) – Nothing to report.

Gary Johnson (United Way of Milford) – Nothing to report.

Valerie Clark – Mentioned she is sad to see Ann go and wished her all the best.

Stefanie Boles (UWCNCT) – Thanked everyone for everything they do (2) received an email regarding audit process. Federation information emails her.

Beth Gunter (EarthShare New England) – Mentioned she is diving into virtual engagements. She plans to share information/collateral with everyone. Thanked everyoen for their support.

Chris Fitzgerald (UWCNT)

- Asked the committee what September and October look like? Peggy mentioned 90% of the employee participation will be working from home. She also mentioned it depends on the agency and how well WFH is being handled, how well within their facility they can do social distancing. Many factors. Kathleen mentioned only 50% of workforce. Cindy mentioned state offices are not open yet and there hasn't been word on it.

Kathleen – Nothing to report. Wished Ann all the best.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:21pm.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, July 14th, 2020

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2020

These minutes were respectively submitted by Kelli Byrd (CSEC Partnership Manager).

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