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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

2020 NASCSP Annual Business Meeting / Member Services Meeting

Virtual Via GoTo Webinar

September 22, 2020 | 3:00 – 3:34 PM ET

Role call was via the Registration Report generated by GoTo Webinar (attached).

I. Call to Order – Willie Fobbs

- The meeting was called to order at 3:01PM ET.
- General housekeeping was reviewed.
- This meeting is being recorded.
- The agenda, September 2019 Annual Business Meeting minutes, and the Financials through August 31st were included with the invitation to this meeting.

• Approval of Minutes – September 2019 Annual Business Meeting – Willie Fobbs

Motion to Approve September 2019 Minutes: Beverly Buchanan, AR; second: Ditzah Wooden-Wade, MA. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

• Treasurer's Report – Matt Fitzgerald

- Both grants are in good shape.
- Reduction in T/TA revenue as a result of COVID-19.
- The 2021 dues invoices were mailed to the “priority member” in each program in each state, unless NASCSP was notified otherwise, and are due December 31st. NASCSP will be emailing a copy of the invoice to the same identified member.
- The 2021 NASCSP budget has been approved by the executive committee of the board and will be presented for final approval at the October Board Meeting. Once approved it will be shared with the membership as well as posted to the member portal.

• President's Remarks – Willie Fobbs

- 2020 Annual Conference Update
 - There will be strong sessions with federal/national partners and our peers.
 - Virtual – first time – staff is well prepared.
 - Registered to date = 260
 - Member states represented = 43 (no territories as yet)
 - Rates increase tomorrow, deadline to register is noon Friday – marketing is aggressive, and staff is reaching out to states not registered. If you haven't registered, please consider doing so today.
- 2021 Conferences Update
 - At this point in time, based on member response and COVID predictions, we suspect that the 2021 conferences, at least the Winter, will be virtual.

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- It is important that states and NASCSP stay fully engaged in DOE and CSBG programs and policies. NASCSP and its Board Members have continued to meet with federal partners.
- Board Member Update
 - Current board members and staff were thanked for their support.
 - Elections for Executive Committee and CSBG Reps/Alts will happen this year. This will be Willie's last year on the board.
 - First meeting of the new board will be on October 8th from 12PM-2PM ET (virtual). WAP Reps/Alts and those on election slate, please hold that date.
- **Executive Director's Report – Jenae Bjelland**
 - Inside the Beltway Update
 - **WAP**
 - NASCSP updated tools and resources for Weatherization Day 2020 to offer direction re: holding virtual celebrations. The recording for the webinar held on September 9th, in coordination with the Community Action Partnership and NCAF, to demo NASCSP and partner tools can be found on our website.
 - NASCSP weatherization team has also been preparing for a possible WAP stimulus package. We have met with our Federal, National, State and local providers to receive their input as well as discuss lessons learned from Recovery Act. We do expect the outcome of the elections to impact this, however at this time we have heard on the Hill that the numbers they are discussing are similar to Recovery Act, the most common amount mentioned is \$3billion for WAP. This requires the need to prepare how to ramp up the network, look at training of new crews and contractors, ensure we have the right admin processes in place for tracking the money and homes Weatherized, as well as discuss the ramp down process.
 - The Workforce Development Working Group, which we just formed this year, will identify causes of and solutions to our workforce development challenges. The discussion around challenges has primarily focused on recruitment and retention of field workers (HEP RIT/CL and EA/QCI).
 - NASCSP remains active on the Hill for both WAP reauthorization and the possible stimulus package. We have an active Legislative subcommittee of the board, which works with staff to ensure any new amendments are vetted through our WAP network; including items such as ACPU, re-weatherization work date and possible innovative programs.
 - **CSBG**
 - For CSBG we have spent a lot of time in the recent months working with our Federal and National Partners on how to implement, manage and report the CSBG CAREs funding at the state and local level. Over spring



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and this summer NASCSP held joint town halls with the Community Action Partnership, CAPLAW and NCAF. These townhalls, in addition to our member specific webinars were critical to the network as guidance from OCS was delayed. NASCSP also coordinated board meetings with OCS to discuss the need for earlier guidance and will be meeting with them after this conference to follow up on our biggest remaining unknown, which is how OCS will require the network to report on CARES funding. We also received a \$350,000 supplemental grant from OCS for CARES work. We will be coordinating our efforts with the Partnership, CAPLAW, and RPICs who also received supplemental funding as T/TA providers of OCS.

- NASCSP has also been active on the CSBG disaster funding, assisting the states who received disaster funding in questions to OCS, as well as arranging a CSBG Disaster workgroup for the states who received disaster funding to meet to and discuss how peers can support each other. We also created a disaster portal on the membership website.
- CSBG state services also developed a ROMA training/implementor workgroup for states to support each other on ROMA implementation and has held an introduction webinar for states on the CCAP process. We coordinated both of these efforts in response to membership wanting to know more about the state role with ROMA as well as states who are interested in becoming CCAP certified.
- NASCSP also has a CSBG Legislative subcommittee of the board. This subcommittee will be working on our efforts on the Hill for CSBG around appropriations, reauthorization and possible additional stimulus funding. Both the CSBG and WAP Legislative committee met on September 18th to discuss NASCSP draft response to the Request for Information on Federal Coordination To Promote Economic Mobility for All Americans. We will be sharing our template with all CSBG and WAP members soon for their own use as well as to see how NASCSP responds. To note all responses are due by October 2nd.
- Another major initiative is NASCSPs work to promote economic and racial equity. We are kicking off this work with a session during the conference next week, on Wednesday September 30th from noon-1pm EST, with Julie Nelson, Founding Director of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (G.A.R.E.). This joint plenary session will introduce the growing field of practice to advance racial equity in and through local government. It will be an exciting opportunity to learn more about the movement to create an effective and inclusive democracy that advances racial equity and how you can support it. Following the conference, we will be forming an economic and racial equity work group to discuss the role of States in the work. We will also follow up with webinars coordinated with the National Community



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Action Partnership and CAPLAW to discuss how they are working with local agencies and developing policies/guidance on this work. I hope you can join us in this critical work!

- NASCSP in Times of COVID-19
 - As discussed in the budget review we saw a dip in our T/TA efforts over this past spring and summer. This is due to the cancelation of regional and state conferences as well as in person T/TA visit. Both the CSBG and WAP teams are working on new virtual training curriculum so we can continue to support our members during this pandemic. We look forward to a time when we can meet in person, but until then we want to safely provide the needed Training and technical assistance for our memberships.
- Staffing Updates
 - [Khari Grant](#); Program Support Associate
 - [Ian Gray](#); Legislative & Communications Analyst
 - [Paige Milson](#); Policy Analyst
- **Member Services – Melanie Sanford**
 - Virtual Election Process
 - Nominations solicitations went out 8/18 and 8/26 and nominations closed 8/31. The election ad-hoc committee finalized the slate and presented to the executive committee for approval. It was approved 9/10.
 - Voting members were identified via outreach by NASCSP Staff.
 - Only voting members will receive ballots. Voting will be via ElectionBuddy.
 - Executive Committee Members – Ballot sent 9AM September 24th to all voting members. Voting closes midnight on September 25th.
 - CSBG Representatives/Alternates – Ballot sent 9AM September 29th to all CSBG voting members. Voting closes midnight on September 30th.
 - New board members announced at the conference closing on October 2nd.
- **Other/New Business - None**

3:34 PM Motion to Adjourn: Bruce Hagen, ND; second: Beverly Buchanan, AR. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie Sanford
NASCSP Board Secretary

