

Commission Meeting

May 12, 2025 | 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | Capitol Boardroom, Utah State Capitol

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12:00 **Welcome & Governance**

- New Commissioner Introductions
- Approval of Minutes

12:15 **Chair/ Director updates**

- AmeriCorps updates
- Vice Chair nomination

12:45 **Program Discussion**

- Dashboard presentation + review: Katie + Mike
- AmeriCorps grant award discussion: Don + Janessa
- Youth Mental Health Corps: Yvette
- Fellowship updates: Greg
- Volunteer for Good updates: Ben + Judy

Dates to Remember

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| • June 1, 2025 | Deadline for Utah Philanthropy Day Award nominations |
| • June 9, 2025 | Show Up for Summer Service Fair |
| • July, 2025 | United in Service project: Uintah Basin |
| • Sept 13, 2025 | United in Service project: Cache Valley |
| • Nov 8, 2025 | Generation Volunteer Summit |
| • Dec 5, 2025 | Utah Philanthropy Day |

Commission Meeting Schedule

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| • Jan 13, 12:00 - 2:00 | State Capitol, Hybrid |
| • May 12, 12:00 - 2:00 | State Capitol, Hybrid |
| • August 11, 12:00 - 2:00 | UVU, Hybrid |
| • November 13, 9:00 - 2:00 | State Capitol in person |

Minutes

Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism

Jan 13, 2025 | 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | Utah State Capitol Seagull Room (East Senate Building)

Attendees

Commissioners and Representatives: Katie Mazzie, Donna Law, Jake Murakami, Anna Smyth, Kim Hammer, Ben Trentelman, James Ostergar, Luis Vivaldi, Joanne Brattain, Max Rogers, Ruby Vejar, Bethany Marker, Alexis Palmer, and Sydnee Dickson.

Department of Cultural & Community Engagement Staff and Guests: Loggins Merrill, Yvette Woodland, Greg Bates, Sara Dorsey, Valerie Thibault, Mike Moon, Laura Huefner, Judy Hut, and Hollie Romei.

Welcome & Governance

Katie Mazzie, Chair

Katie welcomed the commission members. Introductions of new commissioners DeLaina Tonks and Kim Hammer, new designee Bethany Marker, and new UServe Utah staff Yvette Woodland.

Approval of Minutes from Commission meeting on November 4th, 2024.

Motion to approve by Ben Trentelman and motion seconded by Jake Murakami.

Unanimous approval.

Budget Review

Mike discussed the budget for fiscal year 2025, including the Governor's budget highlights and the change from calendar year to fiscal year budgets.

Motion to approve the budget by Ben Trentelman and motion seconded by Donna Law and Joanne Brattain.

Unanimous approval.

Program Discussion

Dashboard Presentation & Review

Mike introduced the dashboard outline and the areas of focus for the 3-year strategic plan.

Ben discussed the focus areas for the Community Engagement Committee, including the mental health benefits of youth volunteerism, social integration and healthy connections, recognition for youth participating in the Volunteer for Good program, and the evaluation of the Leading for Impact corporate training pilot.

Greg discussed the focus areas for the AmeriCorps State Committee, including increasing service opportunities and resources to rural Utah, supporting housing navigation and availability, and increasing awareness of the program.

Laura discussed the focus areas for the AmeriCorps Seniors Committee, including



decreasing isolationism and increasing connections in older adults, increasing awareness of the program, and recognizing volunteer contributions.

AmeriCorps Updates

Luis discussed updates including new AmeriCorps VISTA presence in Utah, upcoming AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP awards and FGP and SC program updates. He also discussed the change in roles at AmeriCorps.

Hollie discussed her new role and excitement for being a part of the team.

Fellowship Updates

Greg discussed the One Utah Service Fellowship Program updates including enrollment and service sites progress. He also discussed successes and challenges thus far along with the fiscal year 2026 budget recommendations for the program.

OPMA Training

Elliot Clark went over the required OPMA training, including requirements and definitions.

Chair/Director Updates

Commission Engagement

Katie discussed the expectations for commissioners. She discussed subcommittee options and expectations along with opportunities for attending upcoming events.

Liggins discussed the recent rule changes about AmeriCorps Seniors programming and upcoming public comment in February.

Recap of 2024 Accomplishments

Liggins went through significant events that happened in 2024, including program growth, and gave an update of what to look forward to in 2025.

AmeriCorps VISTA Updates

Liggins discussed current and future challenges, proposing sunseting the program and laying out what this would look like.

Motion to sunset the AmeriCorps VISTA Program by Anna Smyth and motion seconded by Ben Trentelman.

Unanimous approval.

Open discussion about upcoming trainings and events.

Motion to adjourn by Donna Law and motion seconded by Ben Trentelman.
Unanimous approval.

UServeUtah CY25 Strategic Plan Dashboard					
Team	Strategy	Time Frame	Annual Target	Actual	Progress
Mental Health Goal 1: Research and share information on the positive mental health benefits of service and volunteerism					
CE	Gather insights into the mental health benefits of youth volunteerism by using Golden Software to track and analyze reflections submitted by high school students in the Volunteer for Good program.	Jan 2025-July 2025	100%	90%	In progress: on track
Mental Health Goal 2: Improving physical, mental, and behavioral health through service					
AC State	Prioritize grant funding opportunities for those that promote mental health.	January 2025	100%		Complete
AC State	Improve social integration and healthy connections of youth and young adults by promoting opportunities for service in high school and higher education.	Ongoing	10	7	In progress: on track
CE	Improve social integration and healthy connections Utahns create through service by hosting United In Service Events throughout the state. Develop partnerships to enhance education on the benefits of service.	Jan 2025, April 2025, Sept 2025, Nov 2025	3 partners	3 partners	Complete
MarCom	Improve social integration and healthy connections of youth and young adults by promoting opportunities for service in high school and higher education.	Ongoing	100%	30%	In progress: on track
AC Seniors	Decrease isolationism and increase connections with older adults throughout the state through service.	Ongoing	2 surveys	1 survey	In progress: on track
Mental Health Goal 3: Increase types of and reach of mental health resources to those engaged in service and volunteerism					
AC State	Provide mental health counseling services to those engaged in national service and volunteerism.	August 2025	100%		In progress: on track
VISTA	Offer mental health counseling and other support services to members to the VISTA program.	Ongoing	10		In progress: on track
Special Projects	Increase mental health resources to rural Utah through service-centric programming.	Ongoing	100%		In progress: on track

UServeUtah CY25 Strategic Plan Dashboard

Team(s)	Strategy	Time Frame	Annual Target	Actual	Progress
Housing Access Goal 1: Prioritize expanding access to housing through UServeUtah programming and initiatives					
AC State	Prioritize grant funding opportunities that expand access to housing as well as those providing support to vulnerable families facing housing challenges.	January 2025	100%		Complete
VISTA	Prioritize intermediary VISTA placements with organizations working to expand access to housing and support to vulnerable families facing housing challenges.	February 2025	4		In progress: on track
AC State	Support nonprofits and community organizations to enhance their ability to serve individuals facing housing challenges.	August 2025	2		In progress: on track
Housing Access Goal 2: Increase services aimed to support and stabilize families and individuals to remain in housing and divert them from homelessness					
VISTA	Partner with housing agencies and organizations to identify areas that service and volunteerism can serve as a solution and support housing navigation with Utahns.	August 2025	2		In progress: on track
AC State	Use service to support housing navigation.	Ongoing	5	11	Complete
Housing Access Goal 3: Increase the amount and types of housing available through service and volunteerism					
AC State	Identify partners in this space and collaborate to find ways that service can be a solution to housing availability.	Ongoing	5	7	Complete
VISTA	Help families and individuals find permanent, stable housing	December 2025	25		In progress: on track

UServeUtah CY25 Strategic Plan Dashboard

Team(s)	Strategy	Time Frame	Annual Target	Actual	Progress
Institutionalizing Service Goal 1: Provide opportunities for young people to participate in national service and community engagement, and recognize them for the impacts they make through service					
AC State	Increase awareness of AmeriCorps State and the benefits of participating in national service.	Ongoing	15	11	In progress: on track
VISTA	Increase awareness of AmeriCorps VISTA to Utah organizations as an option to meet community needs and offer national service opportunities.	Ongoing	5		In progress: on track
MarCom	Increase awareness of AmeriCorps and the benefits of participating in national service.	Ongoing	100%	30%	In progress: on track
CE	Recognize the contributions of youth participating in Lt. Governor's High School Volunteer Program (Volunteer for Good) by developing formal recognition program.	Jan - June 2025	100%	25%	Future initiative
AC State	Recognize the contributions of AmeriCorps members through formal recognition.	Ongoing	100%	100%	Complete
Institutionalizing Service Goal 2: Provide opportunities for Utahns age 55+ to participate in national service and community engagement, and recognize them for the impacts they make through service					
AC Seniors	Increase awareness of AmeriCorps Seniors and the benefits of participating.	Ongoing	5 strategies	3 strategies	In progress: on track
AC Seniors	Recognize the contributions of seniors in Utah through formal recognition.	Ongoing	4 events	1 event	In progress: on track
Institutionalizing Service Goal 3: Increase collaboration and partnerships with government agencies, educational institutions, faith based organizations and nonprofits to identify ways to institutionalize service throughout the state					
Special Projects	Support workforce development opportunities for those engaged in national service programs to facilitate the transition to education and employment.	Ongoing	100%		In progress: on track
CE	Evaluate the Leading for Impact corporate training pilot by collaborating with stakeholders to determine its feasibility and value in supporting corporate service and nonprofit partnerships through volunteerism.	January - March assessment, roll-out August if applicable	100%	100%	Complete
AC State	Promote opportunities for service that bring people together to address and solve community issues.	Jan-Dec 2025	100%		In progress: on track
VISTA	Support Statewide AmeriCorps VISTA Collaborative Group that sponsor VISTA members with training, networking, and collaborative connection opportunities.	December 2025	12		In progress: on track
Institutionalizing Service Goal 4: Identify and address barriers to participation in national service and volunteerism in order to increase rates of participation					
AC State	Increase benefits to serving as an AmeriCorps member to increase members serving in Utah.	September 2025	100%		In progress: on track
VISTA	Maintain enhanced benefits for AmeriCorps VISTA members to retain those serving in the UServeUtah intermediary program.	Ongoing	100%		In progress: on track
AC State	Innovate new ways people can serve while navigating known challenges and barriers.	Ongoing	5	2	In progress: on track