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Hello Commissioners,

A prior email sent out by Commission Staff indicated that our Commission Meeting on September 13th will be an in-person meeting held at the UWASC offices. Please note that the meeting will now be held as a conference call that will begin at 10am and will likely last around an hour. I will be sending out more information regarding the call as we approach September, but please feel free to adjust your calendar to reflect the change.

On another note, Commissioner Missy Santorum has graciously volunteered to chair the newly-formed Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee's task will be to evaluate the list of Commission aspirations that was developed during our December meeting and form a strategic plan to work towards achieving some of the most pressing items on that list.

Using the group's list of aspirations, the Committee has identified the following five focus areas.

- 1) Support programs in their efforts to achieve financial stability outside of CNCS funding.
- 2) Identify undeserved SC Communities and promote program expansion or the formation of new programs in those areas.
- 3) Develop a strategy to connect programs in order to provide more wrap-around/continuum of care services in target communities.
- 4) Provide leadership around the development of additional corporate volunteer councils across the state.
- 5) Strengthen disaster preparedness infrastructure and response plans (Volunteers/AmeriCorps).

As everyone can see, these are lofty goals and Missy is going to need our help to make these visions a reality. If any of you have an interest in helping Missy work on any one of these focus areas, please email her at MSantorum@palmetto.coop by Friday Aug. 2nd. Additionally, Missy is also looking to recruit individuals from outside the Commission who can help move the committee forward. If any of you have any contacts that you believe may be interested in becoming involved in the Committee's work, please send their contact information to Missy as well.

Thank you for all that you do.

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