**Plenary: Conversations with California**

**Day 1: July 18 3:15-4:45pm**

*Karen Baker, Chief Service Officer of California*

*Chester Spellman, CNCS Director of AmeriCorps*

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| 3:15 –3:20  5 min | Welcome and Introduction of Chester Spellman & Karen Baker | Anthony  Karen |
| 3:20 – 3:50  30 mins | Welcome to California! – ppt and then website demo by Patrick during final 10 minutes (3:40pm)  **Live demo of CV AmeriCorps website udpates (Patrick) – last 10 mins** | Karen Baker  Patrick |
| 3:50 – 4:10  20 mins | Karen Interviews Chester  *Now that you’ve learned a bit about our state, any observations you would want to share?*  *Prior to your new role at CNCS, you started at the Florida Commission – what’s something that’s surprised you now that you’re on the Corporation / Federal side of things?*  *Now that you are on the CNCS side of things, what advice would you give to our grantees to maintain their competitive edge?*  *Last, are there any new emerging opportunities or federal priorities that you could share?* | Karen Baker |
| 4:10 – 4:35pm  25 mins | **Town Hall style Q&A for Grantees**  [starter questions] *What questions do you folks have for Chester?*  *Is there anything you want Chester to know or take back with him to CNCS?* | Karen Baker |
| 4:40-4:45 | *As you reflect on the day, what will you take with you? In your notebook take some time to star, box, flag the things in your notebook that you want to take away*. Invite to stay for mixer / housekeeping | Anthony C. |