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Welcome and Introductions

2022 AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation Grantee Dialogue

Good afternoon or morning, depending on what time zone you are sitting in today! Welcome to Day 1 of the AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation Convening - or "The Dialogue". The theme of our Dialogue is "*Embracing the Diversity of Civic Engagement: Implications and Opportunities for National Service*".

I am Dr. Mary Hyde and I have the privilege of serving as the Director of the AmeriCorps Office of Research and Evaluation. I am a Community Psychologist and have been with the agency for a decade this year.

I am joined today by our Chief Executive Officer, Michael Smith, who will share keynote remarks before our panelists – Dr. Crittenden and Dr. Paarlberg – engage us all in a discussion on volunteering among seniors and volunteering across rural and urban spaces.

Thank you, Michael, for joining us today – the floor is yours!