

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chairman Myhre called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.		
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> Chairman Myhre, Vice Chair Harbage, Eric Strauss, Amy Unsworth, Karen Moses, Julia Bryant, Jackie Girard</p> <p><u>Commission Members on phone:</u> Sandra Jones, Heather Margolis, Danette Rector, Barbara Braided-Hair</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Karin Olsen Billings, Jim Larson, Chantel Schieffer, Charles Wetherington, Holter Bailey</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> OCS—Dan Ritter, Sheree Isola, Alison O’Neil, Kris MacIntyre JFM-MLSA – Mēghan Scott</p>	
b. Approval of March 7, 2018 Minutes	Commissioner Strauss moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Harbage seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.	March 7, 2018 Minutes approved
c. Announcements	Dan Ritter gave an update on CNCS budget which calls for a shutdown in 2019. Lots of legislative markups still going on and there has been a call to action for letters of support to Congress. Hoping for 2018 funding levels to be restored. Barbara Stewart is the new CEO and the goals that have been set currently don’t have a lot of detail. More info to come.	
d. Commissioner Reports	<p>Kevin Myhre: he is continuing to help with work on new park which is in downtown Lewistown – grand opening is set for September. Conservation Corps members are in Lewistown right now working on expanding trails.</p> <p>Julia Bryant: is working on a project called Tango Tab which has two</p>	

	<p>main purposes – getting people into restaurants to give a meal for a meal and feeding the cities which includes making sandwiches and donating them. Cities included in this launch will be Butte, Havre and Livingston.</p> <p>Karen Moses: is involved with the Healthy Young Families Headstart Program ranging from pre birth to age 4 and they are working to expand partnership with school district.</p> <p>Eric Strauss: works with Helena Habitat for Humanity and last week was part of a building blitz that helped build a house in 5 days!</p> <p>Danette Rector: had opportunity to help swear in Conservation Corps members.</p> <p>Heather Margolis: had opportunity to help swear in Montana Conservation Corps summer program participants.</p> <p>Sandra Jones: very active in the Roundup take out and replace tree program. The tree board just received an award from DNRC.</p>	
<p>III. Governor’s Office of Community Service Updates</p>		
<p>a. ServeMontana</p>	<p><u>Office Updates:</u> Dan Ritter introduced Alison O’Neil, who has been hired as the new Outreach Coordinator.</p> <p><u>Governor and First Lady Leadership Council:</u> Progress Reports are in and 20 members completed 40 projects. They also raised nearly \$13,000 to put back into communities for food pantry projects.</p> <p><u>Youth ServeMontana Scholarships:</u> Application process will open this Fall with a cut off date the end of January. Look on website for on-line application. 100 \$1,000 scholarships are funded through Reach Higher Montana and MT Campus Compact. Students with 100+ hours of community service are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded in April 2019.</p> <p><u>ServeMontana Awards:</u> A Ceremony was held on May 25 at the Capitol for 5 individuals and</p>	

	<p>2 groups. Also 4 schools were honored for the First Lady School Breakfast awards. Recruiting will begin later this Fall for 2019.</p> <p><u>Gift of Life Ceremony:</u> OCS partnered with Life Center Northwest for a ceremony and lunch held on April 27 in the Old Supreme Court Chambers and Capitol Rotunda. 28 families were honored.</p>	
b. Financial	Financial report was provided by email prior to meeting.	
c. AmeriCorps		
i. Competitive and Formula Grants	<p>Competitive Grants that cover Montana Conservation Corps, recompetes, and continuations for Big Sky Watershed Corps, MLSA's Justice For Montanans, Montana Energy Corps and Montana State Parks, are with CNCS and OCS anticipates the Notice of Grant Award in June, this is later than usual.</p> <p>Formula grants have been reviewed and included Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps, recompetes and continuations for 100 Fold Studio and Richland County Health Department. The funding recommendation is an action item later in today's agenda, and then OCS will submit the prime grant to CNCS no later than June 29.</p>	
ii. State Service Plan Update	CNCS requires a new State Service Plan every three years. The next one is due in October to then be approved by the Governor by December for a 2019 launch. Thank you to Commissioners Girard and Myhre for already signing onto this work group. If one or two more Commissioners are interested in serving on the State Service Plan workgroup, please contact Sarah Sadowski, ssadowski@mt.gov	
iii. Accommodation Assessment Report	The Office of Community Service does a survey every year to assess AmeriCorps member awareness of accommodation for disability as well as how well the AmeriCorps programs do at providing accommodations for disabilities. Alison O'Neil summarized the report, noting that 63% of respondents were aware of the availability of reasonable accommodations for disability compared to 60.8% in 2017. About 4% of respondents indicated that they had	

	<p>a disability. At least 1% of respondents requested an accommodation for a disability and at least 1% having an accommodation provided to them. The full report is available at http://serve.mt.gov/Commission/commission-agendas.</p>	
III. CNCS State Office Update	<p>Jackie Girard thanked everyone for their support for National Recognition Day which was held in April. She extended an invitation to everyone to attend the AmeriCorps VISTA preservice swearing-in ceremony on July 26th at 1:00 pm. They are in the process of hiring a new Program Manager and are also looking for new office space.</p>	
IV. New Business a. Formula Grant Review Recommendation	<p>Commissioner Harbage informed the Commission that the funding request from programs totaled \$705,576, this is \$17,050 over this year's allocation of \$688,526.</p> <p>The work group did its job and recommends funding all three grant requests. This funding recommendation is in the full amount of the allocation from the Corporation for National and Community Service, which is good for OCS, Montana programs and the state as a whole.</p> <p>Commissioner Harbage thanked the work group which consisted of Commissioners Jones & Margolis, community volunteers Tina Bateman-Schlepp & Katie Wagner, and reiterated how rewarding the grant review work is and encouraged fellow Commissioners to engage in work groups.</p> <p>Motion was made by Commissioner Moses to approve funding. Motion seconded by Commissioner Unsworth.</p>	Formula Funding Recommendation Approved
b. Commissioner Orientation	<p>Commission orientation for new commissioners is set for August 16, 2018.</p>	
VI. Public Comment	<p>Mēghan Scott gave an update on JFM-MLSA. There are currently 20 members serving Justice for Montanans across the state and they</p>	

	are in their 10 th year of providing civil/legal assistance to lower income Montanans.	
VII. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2018	

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