

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chair Myhre called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.		
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> Chair Kevin Myhre, Vice Chair Rebecca Harbage, Barbara Braided-Hair, Karin Olsen Billings, Eric Strauss, Chantel Schieffer, Holter Bailey, Jackie Girard</p> <p><u>Commission Members on phone:</u> Sandra Jones, Heather Margolis, Danette Rector</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Jim Larson, Charles Wetherington</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> OCS—Dan Ritter, Sarah Sadowski, Andy Bixler, Sheree Isola, Kris MacIntyre</p> <p>FWP- Joe Naiman-Sessions, MCC- Jono McKinney, Communities In Action- Kali Godfrey, Cara Moulton, Governor’s Office-AshLy Tubbs, CNCS- Anna Yeagle</p>	
b. Approval of Dec. 7, 2017 Minutes	Commissioner Olsen Billings moved to approve the minutes, Holter Bailey seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.	Dec. 7, 2017 Minutes approved
c. Commissioner Reports	<p>Commissioner Jones reported that their tree board which consists of all volunteers, received an award from DNRC for number one small city in Montana having best 2017 project. With the help of a steering committee and Roundup Community Partners the city has adopted a downtown master plan and preservation plan.</p> <p>Commissioner Schieffer hosted a Mak-A-Wish Foundation event this week in Bozeman. After a 30-year presence in MT, they are starting a chapter in Montana; looking for Board members and will have volunteer opportunities. <a href="http://montana.wish.org/">http://montana.wish.org/</a></p> <p>Commissioner Braided-Hair is involved with First Interstate Bank Foundation supported Communities for Vitality, a program that</p>	

	<p>aims to bring people together with food to reduce elder abuse on the Reservation, the effort has received two grants. Also hosted is involved with Native American Methodist Church, in WY, to provide coats and food items for kids.</p> <p>Commissioner Strauss is involved with the Montana Chapter of Kids Chance which provides scholarships to kids of parents killed in the workplace. <a href="http://www.kidschanceofmontana.org/">http://www.kidschanceofmontana.org/</a></p>	
III. Governor's Office of Community Service Updates		
a. ServeMontana	<p>The 2018 Youth Serve Montana Scholarship notifications will be made mid April. One hundred scholarships will be awarded to students who served at least 100 hours of community service and will be attending a Montana Campus Compact institution in the Fall of 2018.</p> <p>Nominations for the Serve Montana Awards are open until March 31, 2018. Each member of the Selection work group will choose 5 individual and 2 groups nominees. Finalists will be chosen and awardee notifications will be sent out the first part of May.</p>	
b. AmeriCorps	<p>Jan 12 &amp; 15: Another Successful MLK Day of Service, 221 AmeriCorps members and community volunteers served 4,534 people, 4,145 of whom were youth, by reading to them from MLK books.</p> <p>Jan 16: Submitted Competitive grant package to CNCS</p> <p>In January: Sarah &amp; Andy attended member orientations of Big Sky Watershed Corps and Montana State Parks AmeriCorps.</p> <p>Jan: Accommodation survey send to all programs for member completion and report at next Commission meeting.</p> <p>Survived a partial lapse in government funding due to the CR expiring.</p> <p>Continued supporting AmeriCorps programs with director conference calls, one-on-one checkins and more.</p> <p>Completed National Direct Consultations for JVCNW, Habitat, the</p>	

	<p>Corps Network, LISC and SCA, and submitted levels of support and rationale to CNCS via eGrants.</p> <p>Lots of time into planning the Symposium! It starts today and is likely the largest event yet with 300 or more people participating.</p> <p>New website in final stages, check it out!</p> <p>Looking forward to Commission Support Grants progress report, the Formula Notice and funding process, outreach &amp; monitoring travel in April and the State Service Plan update this summer.</p>	
c. Financial	<p>General fund appropriation was reduced by \$31,707.00. Carry forward of \$10,427.54 is expected from 2017 Commission Support Grant to 2018. All subgrantees are on track to fully spend grants. OCS has sufficient matching funds for calendar year 2018.</p>	
III. CNCS State Office Update	<p>VISTA Video "Go Where You're Needed" features Montana, Arizona and New York is done and link will be sent out for viewing.</p> <p>National Service Recognition Day is April 3, 2018! It was formerly known as Mayor, County and Tribal Recognition Day but changed name to be more inclusive. Jackie shared handout which listed cities already supporting project and encouraged everyone to reach out to counties not on list.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/Recognitionday">https://www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/Recognitionday</a></p> <p>Foster Grandparent ReCompetition Application is due April 26.</p> <p>Senior Corps Week is April 29-May 4. (17) programs will be celebrating service in their communities.</p> <p>Summer Associates recruitments for July and August. This is short-term direct service which is great opportunity for those who recently graduated H.S. or college.</p> <p>Will onboard 65-80 VISTA members at a preservice orientation in Helena the week of July 30 to serve across the state.</p> <p>Anna Yeagle will be leaving the CNCS Montana office the end of the month for a new job opportunity with CNCS in Iowa, with NCCC.</p>	
IV. National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) James Griffin, CNCS staff calling in	<p>James Griffin from CNCS called in to give an update on National Civilian Community Corps explaining the service that NCCC Teams provide; NCCC is team based, direct service, and short term. There</p>	

	<p>are currently teams in Bozeman with HRDC building tiny homes for homeless people, 11 of 20 built so far. The other Team is serving in Great Falls to assess RDI with their tax preparation activities. Both Teams will be in Montana until April 5.</p> <p>After April, until July NCCC will serve Boys &amp; Girls Club of the Flathead to help with their afterschool program.</p>	
V. Old Business: Commission Strategic Outreach Work Group	Commissioner Margolis reported that we need to educate members of Congress regarding funding. She will be sending out a survey to have Commissioners sign up and participate in ways they feel comfortable - to help in raising awareness.	Will initiate Survey
VI. New Business		
a. Commissioner Political Affiliation Survey	Montana is a nondisclosure state. A survey was sent out and the anonymous results will be submitted to CNCS which is mandatory to release condition on support grant. (40 Independent, 30 Republican, 30 Democrat)	
b. ServeAwards Update and Workgroup	Dan Ritter reported that the workgroup for the ServeAwards nominations will be needed soon to do final selections for 5 individuals and 2 groups. He encouraged every commissioner to nominate someone in their community.	
c. Formula Grant Review Workgroup	<p>Formula Grants are due by the end of May and June 7<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled for the in-person review date. Formula Funding recommendations will then be announced and approved at the next June 14<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.</p> <p>Those volunteering for workgroup include: Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Margolis, Commissioner Harbage, Commissioner Strauss and Commissioner Braided-Hair.</p>	Workgroup Formation
d. 2019-2021 State Service Plan Workgroup	<p>Sarah Sadowski reported that some things will stay the same with the present State Service Plan and some things will need to be enhanced. A draft is needed by October meeting and the final will be in place by January 1, 2019 through 2021.</p> <p>Those volunteering for workgroup include: Commissioner Schieffer, Commissioner Myhre, Jackie Girard and Holter Bailey.</p>	Workgroup Formation
VII. Public Comment	Jono McKinney was present to give an MCC overview and updates.	

VIII. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 12:00 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2018	
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