

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chair Myhre called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.		
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> Chair Kevin Myhre, Vice Chair Rebecca Harbage, Karin Olsen Billings, Jim Larson, Heather Margolis, Eric Strauss, Jackie Girard.</p> <p><u>Commission Members on phone:</u> Karen Moses, Julia Bryant, Danette Rector.</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Charles Wetherington, Sandra Jones, Amy Unsworth.</p> <p><u>Staff and Guests Present:</u> OCS - Director Dan Ritter, Sarah Sadowski, Alison O’Neil, Kris MacIntyre. Tina Bateman-Schlepp – CNCS Program Officer for MT</p>	
b. Approval of June 14, 2018 Minutes	Commissioner Olsen Billings moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Strauss seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.	June 14, 2018 Minutes approved
c. Announcements	Dan Ritter announced that the CNCS funding bill was signed two weeks ago approving funding for 2019.	
d. Commissioner Reports	<p>Commissioner Margolis extended an invite for anyone interested to participate in an upcoming webinar for service commissions for states. Date and time TBA.</p> <p>Commissioner Olsen Billings: is part of a Women’s group raising money for homeless women veterans. They are presently collecting new items which include coats, clothing, shampoo, soaps, toothbrushes, etc. Donations are welcome!</p>	
e. Commission Appointments	Director Ritter reported that OCS is actively working on filling three	

	<p>vacancies: (1) Tribal Representative, (1) Non-Profit Agency Representative and (1) Youth Representative (16-25 yr. old). So far outreach hasn't proven successful. If anyone has ideas for filling these slots get in touch with Director Ritter. The appointments are for 3-year terms which started in July 2018.</p>	
<p>II.CNCS State Office Update</p>	<p>Jackie reported that there are currently 30 AmeriCorps VISTAs starting in January. They will have a Virtual Member Orientation this time instead of in person. Director Ritter suggested getting letters from the Governor and Commissioners can also help by welcoming the new members in their respective communities. They are also recruiting now for July and August. They have dollars this year for In-Service Training to support VISTAs Symposium attendance. They have been working with opioid prevention outreach, mini grant programs, substance abuse prevention initiative, Senior Corps Competition project for NW MT (\$108,00 for project, hoping to get an applicant in that area). October 27 is National Prescription Take Back Day, Senior Corps in Montana is active on this: <a href="https://takebackday.dea.gov/">https://takebackday.dea.gov/</a></p>	
<p>III. OCS Updates</p>		
<p>a. ServeMontana</p>	<p><u>Governor and First Lady Leadership Council:</u> 50 Applications were received this year! 20 individuals in grades 7-12 will be selected to be Council members. The Council addresses childhood hunger across the state and will meet on Nov. 30 for leadership training and lunch with the Governor and First Lady. <u>Youth ServeMontana Scholarships:</u> Application forms will be posted soon for Seniors to apply who have done at least 100 hours of volunteer work. 100 scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded next Spring to students attending a Montana Campus Compact institution. MTCC and Reach Higher Montana each contribute \$50,000 toward the scholarship award. <u>Volunteer of the Game</u> – Awards will be given at the 6 NAIA schools in Montana during upcoming football games: MSU-N (10.20.18) Carroll College (10.20.18 – Dan Ritter) Rocky Mountain College</p>	

	(10.27.18 – Jim Larson) Montana Tech (10.27.18 – Dan Ritter) University of Providence (volleyball 11.2.18) UM Western (11.3.18) If anyone would like to volunteer to be present to hand out the awards get in touch with Alison O’Neil.	
b. AmeriCorps	<p>AmeriCorps – Sarah reported that 9.1.18 started a new year for our 8 programs, with Montana Campus Compact, Richland County Health Department, 100 Fold Studio, Montana Legal Services Assoc and National Center for Appropriate Technology all conducting orientations, Montana Conservation Corps, Big Sky Watershed Corps and Montana Sate Parks will start anew in January. Montana will engage at least 530 individuals into service in the coming year. ASN Symposium Overview – the week of Sept 10 Sheree and Sarah attended the annual AmeriCorps State and National Symposium. This year ServeMontana was a sponsor for the America’s Service Commissions Innovation &amp; Leadership Awards and Sarah shared the program booklet from that event.</p> <p>Competitive RFP – Competitive Notice is open and we anticipate all of the 5 currently competitively funded organizations to apply as a recompetete or continuation, application are due to OCS Nov 9. We have an action item to form a grant review workgroup for these grants, if you are available Tuesday Nov 27, please consider serving on this years Competitive Grant Review Workgroup.</p> <p>Abby M. Zent Recognition – Is again accepting Nominations for individuals who served in AC VISTA and who continue to serve, OCS is specifically seeking nominations of individuals age 55 and older <a href="http://serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/abby-m-zent-service-recognition">http://serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/abby-m-zent-service-recognition</a></p>	
c. Financial	A financial sheet was prepared by Sheree Isola and distributed. All Commissioners were encouraged to either accept or in-kind honorarium back to OCS. Honorarium counts for those participating by phone as well. In-kind gesture can serve as a match component that can turn into several thousand dollars. In-kind forms can be found on the website and/or handed out at each meeting and must be completed after each meeting.	

IV. New Business		
a. Competitive Grant Review Workgroup formation	Chair Myhre asked for volunteers for the grant review workgroup. They are: Commissioner Strauss, Commissioner Harbage and Commissioner Margolis. The in-person all-day grant review is scheduled for Nov. 27 in Helena.	Work Group Formed
b. Montana State Service Plan 2019-2021 Update Approval	Commissioner Margolis moved to approve the updated Service Plan. Commissioner Strauss seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.	Update Approved
V. Public Comment	None	
VI. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12, 2018.	

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