



Commission Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

10am-1130am

Maronick Board Room, Carroll College

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chair Myhre called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.		
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> Chair Kevin Myhre, Vice Chair Rebecca Harbage, Eric Strauss, Heather Margolis, Charles Wetherington, Jackie Girard</p> <p><u>Commission Members on phone:</u> Karen Moses, Jim Larson, Danette Rector</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Sandra Jones, Karin Olsen Billings, Amy Unsworth</p> <p><u>Commission Members Unexcused:</u> Julia Bryant</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> OCS—Dan Ritter, Sarah Sadowski, Sheree Isola, Lisa Dorrington, Alison O’Neil, Kris MacIntyre FWP- Joe Naiman-Sessions, Communities In Action- Kali Godfrey, Ellysse Boughey, Heidi Moran</p>	
b. Approval of Dec. 12, 2018 Minutes	Commissioner Wetherington moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Harbage seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.	<i>Dec. 12, 2018 Minutes approved</i>
c. Commissioner Reports	Commissioner Moses reported that she is still very active in young family – early Headstart. They have a new director; new classrooms and they are in need of placement for foster care.	
II. Governor’s Office of Community Service Updates		
a. ServeMontana	Youth Serve Scholarship applications deadline was March 1. We received 114 applications and 100 scholarships will be awarded by mid-April to students who served at least 100 hours of community service and will be attending a Montana Campus Compact	

	<p>institution in the Fall of 2019.</p> <p>Nominations for the Serve Montana Awards are open until March 31, 2019. Each member of the Selection work group will choose 5 individual and 2 groups nominees. Finalists will be chosen, and awardee ceremony is scheduled for May 10.</p> <p>We still have two openings on the Commission—Tribal and Youth Representatives. We are currently working with the Governor’s Office to get them filled soon.</p>	
<p>b. AmeriCorps</p>	<p>Sarah reported on AmeriCorps activities since the December meeting. January brought MLK Jr Day, a National Day of Service - Montana Campus Compact, a network of 18 higher education institutes across the state and AmeriCorps and VISTA host organization sponsored its Martin Luther King Jr. Read for Peace event from January 18-21. The event brings together Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and VISTA programs, elected officials, community members, and college volunteers in school-based projects that help tell the story of Dr. King’s message. Participating communities included: Kalispell, Troy, Missoula, Butte, Bonner, Helena, Anaconda, Bozeman, Sidney, Ramsay, Hamilton, and Poplar. Through the efforts of all involved 200 volunteers engaged approximately 4,250 Montana students. Some programs opted to do other activities as well.</p> <p>The competitive grants were submitted to CNCS at the end of January and are in the Grant Application Review Process (GARP). CNCS has projected making the award announcements in late April/early May.</p> <p>The next granting cycle coming up is the Formula. OCS expects all three current formula funded programs to submit continuation applications. Due to unexpended funds in the formulas, and the</p>	

	<p>high potential for an increased FFY19 allocation, OCS is preparing to offer a planning grant supplement for the formula Notice of Funding Opportunity. Planning grants do not have members (MSY) or performance measures and are for first time organizations to begin feasibility and foundation work for a full program. If successful, the organization then applies for a formula funded program in the next spring Opportunity. Sarah encouraged Commissioners to consider the needs in the State Service Plan and their networks for planning grant opportunities.</p> <p>Next week is AmeriCorps Week.</p>	
c. Financial	<p>Sheree Isola presented a handout of the Financial Report. If there are any questions – please email Sheree.</p> <p>Dan also added that the state budget passed out of subcommittee. Full appropriation of HB2 will start next week. We are hoping to move through the process without many changes. It’s very important that our grant from CNCS is matched.</p>	<p><i>Director Ritter to send Appropriations Committee contact info out for Commissioners to write notes of thanks for support.</i></p>
III. CNCS State Office Update	<p>AmeriCorps VISTA – currently recruiting for small host sites for July and August– mini applications available to get 1-2 VISTAS. Will onboard 60 Summer Associates and 60-70 VISTAS in July and August during that same time.</p> <p>National Service Recognition Day, April 2, 2019.  <a href="https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve/recognitionday">https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve/recognitionday</a></p> <p>Summer Associates, June-Aug. 2019. They serve 70 days plus receive a \$1600 education award. Currently looking for sites to offer education in opioid prevention and distribute drug prevention bags.</p> <p>CNCS Transformation and Sustainability – 46 state offices across the country will be closed within the next 10 months. Montana CNCS staff have received termination letter and notice that the office will close by April 28. Regional office in Denver will be the closest support for Montana. It’s unclear how this decision will affect</p>	

	<p>Montana’s programs or the CNCS ex-officio seat on the Commission. States were not involved in the process of this decision and 80% of dollars are run through state services. Sen. Tester sent a letter to CNCS in September 2018 reiterating concerns. MT is also working on getting a letter of support from the National Governor’s Association (NGA). There is not a Senior Corps Week this year.</p>	
IV. New Business		
a. ServeAwards Update and Workgroup	<p>Dan Ritter reported that the workgroup for the ServeAwards nominations will meet in April to review 60 applications and make final selections for 5 individuals and 2 groups. The awards ceremony is set for May 10, 2019. Those confirming that they would serve on the workgroup committee are: Commissioner Olson, Commissioner Larson, Commissioner Wetherington, Commissioner Margolis, Jackie Girard, and Tracy Kenyon (MCUN).</p>	
b. Formula Grant Review Workgroup	<p>Formula Grants are due in May and an early June date will be scheduled for the in-person review date. Formula Funding recommendations will then be presented as an action item at the next Commission meeting on June 13. Those volunteering for workgroup include: Commissioner Margolis, Commissioner Strauss, Commissioner Harbage, Commissioner Wetherington and Commissioner Myhre.</p>	Workgroup Formation
V. Public Comment	<p>Joe Naiman-Sessions shared that the process with Planning, then Formula Grant opportunities mean a lot to their programs – bringing great success rates. Their program came from that pool over a decade ago! Commissioner Margolis shared with the group that the America’s Service Commissions (ASC) is working with states to remove tax on education awards. Director Ritter reported that OCS is tracking HB260, a bill that impacts the relationship between programs under the Montana Community Service Act and the Procurement Act. There is a hearing March 18, track bills here: <a href="https://leg.mt.gov/">https://leg.mt.gov/</a></p>	

VI. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019	
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