

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, Jackie Girard, Kevin Sylvester</p> <p><u>Commission Members on phone:</u> Sandra Jones, Heather Margolis, Jim Larson, Donovan Hawk, Rachel Juel</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> MCC-Kate O'Neill, BSWC-Bryan Wilson, MT Watershed Coordination Council-Terri Nichols, MTCC Dannette Fadness</p> <p>OCS—Dan Ritter, Sheree Isola, Sarah Sadowski, Lisa Dorrington</p>	
b. Approval of March 6, 2019 Minutes	<p>Commissioner Strauss moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Harbage seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.</p>	<p>March 6, 2019 Minutes approved</p>
c. Announcements	<p>Director Dan Ritter thanked Commissioner Jones for her service and engagement with Grant Reviews and attending events. Ritter then gave an update on Commission vacancies, Local Government Representative, Agency Representative, Nonprofit Agency Representative and Public Representative (2).</p> <p>Legislative updates: CNCS FY20 budget is in Labor HHS, the appropriations subcommittee is moving forward with 1.1 billion agency budget for CNCS in the House; the Senate Labor HHS action will occur later this summer; Passage of HB 260: act to exempt state agency contracts up to \$12,500 that are written under the Montana Community Service Act from previous state procurement limitation of \$5,000.; Monitoring the CNCS Transformation and Sustainability Plan as it moves forward.</p>	
d. Commissioner Reports	<p>Heather Margolis: a shout out to BSWC members who took kids out to learn about water for 'Earth Day' in May, in Bozeman. A big thank you to Hawthorne Elementary.</p>	

	<p>Karen Moses: trying to get early childcare and preschool in Billings; the YWCA and School District partnership resulted in the District giving 4 classrooms for preschool; passed 4 mil levy; Foster grandparents come in and help, 24 young kids served; special needs in the school; Expanding from 48 families to increase by 24 kids, tuitions and income eligible and moving in a good directions with connections and partnerships that they didn't have before; moving Billings out of the dark ages.</p> <p>Donovan Hawk: Butte recognize AMC member serving on public education/environmental education at superfund site.</p> <p>Jackie Girard: Two Billings Metro VISTA Program (BMVP) VISTA members are serving to address opioids and meth problem in Billings; gathering data and presenting information to Vice President Pence. This is a service example of VISTA leading from behind, in service.</p> <p>Sandra: Central Montana Medical Center Auxiliary has been very active in the community; Roundup is working with volunteers on urban forestry programs and thankful for all volunteers in community.</p>	
<p>II. Governor's Office of Community Service Updates</p>		
<p>a. ServeMontana</p>	<p><u>Office Updates:</u> Dan Ritter announced that Jaime Gabrielli was selected to be the OCS Outreach Coordinator starting, June 24th. Jaime was in the nonprofit sector for the last 7 years; she has communication and outreach experience.</p> <p><u>Governor and First Lady Leadership Council:</u> Sent out First Interstate grant report narrative; 19 successful Council members completed; Council members are 7-12th graders. Recruitment for the 2019-2020 Council will occur again at the beginning of the school year. This is the 6th and possible final year. http://serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/fight-childhood-hunger</p> <p><u>Youth ServeMontana Scholarships:</u> awarded 100 scholarships at \$1K each; transition in scholarships as students change colleges. Scholarships awarded to MTCC member institutions; One-time only scholarship and begins in the fall; (doing this for about 10 years now), thanks to Reach Higher Montana and Montana Campus Compact. http://serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/youth-serve-montana-scholarships</p> <p><u>ServeMontana Awards:</u> Event recognized outstanding volunteers in conjunction with First Lady School Nutrition Awards; luncheon followed ceremony at the Residence; nominations for 2020 awards will open this fall thru the end of March 2020.</p>	

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b. Financial	Fund balance report reviewed. (current for all grants and state funding: current and forward funding)	
c. AmeriCorps	<p>General Updates – Nearing max capacity 530-550 AmeriCorps members in service across the state; MCC & Governor out with Prickly Pear Land Trust at Ten Mile Creek Park this morning; MCC staff with VP Pence in Yellowstone National Park discussing National Service with federal leadership; Planning underway for August Program Directors meeting and strategic framework for a training plan to be developed; CNCS has opened nomination for Excellence in AmeriCorps Awards, and in 2018 a Justice For Montanans Member received this award for her service to Montanans with disabilities; AmeriCorps State and National in Sept in D.C.. It is CNCS’s annual convening of State Commissions and National Direct programs; Sarah and Sheree conducted compliance monitoring of all formula programs and MCC; Sarah & Lisa will attend MSPA all member service at the caverns June 20; will share events that are happening and opportunities as they are known. Commissioners are always encouraged and welcome to attend program service activities and training events.</p> <p>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. Lisa Dorrington summarized the report, noting that 63% of 408 respondents were aware of the availability of reasonable accommodations for disability compared to 60.8% in 2018. About 4% of respondents indicated that they had 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 online http://serve.mt.gov/Portals/191/Documents/Program%20Directors/Results%20from%202019%20Accommodation%20Assessment%20Survey.pdf?ver=2019-06-17-145312-840</p>	
II. CNCS State Office Update	Jackie Girard: Observing BSWC on formula funding recommendation; Eastern Montana Senior Corps program covering 17 Counties are serving Veterans with Senior Companion Program, working with VA to help eastern MT serve veterans and assist them in maintaining independent living; agreement recently signed between CNCS and the VA, result is that the VA will start giving referrals to Senior Corps programs. All four VISTA programs are in the process of renewing grants; MTCC and BMVP started 30 summer associates into service on summer learning loss programs and feeding programs as food and learning are related; In	

	July, 80 full time VISTA members will begin a yearlong service term; Jackie is serving on CNCS work group on VISTA In Service Training, including resources for Montana VISTA to attend ServeMontana Symposium, March 2020; State office closed at the end of April, and MT will be served from Denver, starting later this Fall/Winter.	
IV. New Business, Chair Myhre		
a. Formula Grant Review Recommendation	<p>Action item; Commissioner Strauss expressed thanks to Sarah due to her efforts to make the grant review sensible for reviewers; good participation of grant work group; BSWC – was not funded competitively and have applied to the Formula. See synopsis on programs; hoping for supplemental funds and other programs tightening belts to help; see recommendations by programs; explanation of MSY;</p> <p>Recommendation to funding; Eric Strauss moved to approve the Formula Funding Recommendation as presented funding and Amy Unsworth seconded. Chair Mhyre encouraged all Commission members to be a part of the grant work groups, and other work groups throughout the year, the next opportunity is coming in Fall. Motioned approved with one abstention. Special thanks to the grant review work group. AMC grants come in 2 types, competitive in fall and formula in spring.</p>	Formula Funding Recommendation Approved
b. Commissioner Orientation	Commission orientation for new commissioners is set for October 10 th , 10am – noon.	
V. Public Comment	Bryan Wilson of BSWC expressed a big thank you for the support of BSWC and for the guidance from OCS.	
VI. Adjourn	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2019</p>	

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