



Commission Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2019

Montana State Capitol, Room 137

1p.m.- 2:12p.m.

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, Karin Olsen-Billings, Donovan Hawk, Tara Ferriter-Smith</p> <p><u>Commission Members on phone:</u> Heather Margolis, Pam Carbonari, Amy Unsworth, Jim Larson, Karen Moses, Kevin Sylvester, Rachel Juel, Amy Busch</p> <p><u>Members Excused:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff on phone:</u> Mēghan F. Scott, Justice for Montanans,</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> Seth Shteir, Montana State Parks AmeriCorps, OCS-Director Dan Ritter, Sarah Sadowski, Sheree Isola, Lisa Dorrington, Jaime Gabrielli</p>	
b. Opening Activity	Introductions and one word or phrase that represents "service."	
c. Approval of October 10, 2019 Minutes	Commissioner Larsen moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Strauss seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.	October 10, 2019 Minutes approved
d. Announcements	Director Dan Ritter discussed CR in effect until next week; not expecting shut down for the holidays. Anticipating another CR that will continue and will update when we get word. Mock-ups for House and Senate for FY2020 show slight increase in Senate and level in House.	

<p>e. Commissioner Reports/updates Volunteer engagements</p>	<p>Commissioner Olsen-Billings - Recently contributed in fundraising event for Willis Cruise House, and is volunteering this Sat. to prepare meal for auction winners. Commissioner Larsen - Union fund raiser day before Thanksgiving raising over \$3,000 for homeless in downtown Billings - also serving them meals. Commissioner Larsen also attended MSUB and Rocky's Montana Student Volunteer Award ceremonies and presented to the honorees. <a href="#">Commissioner Moses? (this was hard to hear in part?)</a> Volunteering in Billings schools, collecting food, Christmas and gift card donations for elementary students. Organizing January fund raiser with Butte nonprofits to raise money to build a well in Ghana . 0-5 grant in Butte for youth development - Christmas stroll fund raiser and clothing drive. Commissioner Ferriter-Smith worked with a group of friends volunteering for Intermountain during Festival of the Trees - decorated large tree and a helped w/ live auction that raised over 250K. Director Ritter thanked commission members who contributed to Shodair Children's Hospital Christmas donation efforts.</p>	
<p>II. CNCS Regional Update</p>	<p>Ex-officio, CNCS Representative Amy Busch, Senior Portfolio Manager, Denver, gave Regional Office update. MT one of three regions that opened mid-Sept., bringing on regional team, then portfolio managers. The new "region" covers 7 states; ex-officio member Busch is Senior Portfolio Manager for MT, ID, and WY. Happy to be part of commission and our team and getting to know projects and states. CNCS is working with and training a new team. Competitions for Senior Corps RSVP/ Foster Grandparents. Hoping to fill in MT. Waiting until 12/21 for outcome of budget to project outcome of upcoming year. Here to support staff and will meet everyone at Symposium 2020.</p>	
<p>III. Governor's Office of Community Service Updates</p>		
<p>a. ServeMontana</p>		
<p>i. Youth Leadership Council</p>	<p>Jaime Gabrielli - 21 YLC members were chosen, see bios at <a href="http://fightchildhoodhunger.com">fightchildhoodhunger.com</a> All attended retreat on 11/22/19, met Governor and First Lady. Working on project ideas. Monthly conference calls and frequent support.</p>	
<p>ii. Youth Serve Montana Scholarship</p>	<p>Director Ritter - We are at about 20 % for YSM, typical for this time of year. Dealline is 1/31/20. 100 MT Seniors with 100 hours of volunteer service in the past year will be awarded \$1,000 to attend a MTCC institution next fall. OCS outreach to all MT high school counselors and principals. Social media campaign. Awarded at the end of March 2020.</p>	

<p>iii. Serve Montana Awards</p>	<p>Accepting nominations, deadline 3/31/20. Ceremony first part of June with First Lady's School Nutrition Award at Governor's residence. Need 4-5 volunteers after Symposium to form work group to pick top 5 individuals and top 2 group nominations. Winners based on tally of these numbers. Amy Busch and MCUN (sponsor of event) president (<b>what is her name?</b>) have already volunteered. Est. 3-4 hours of time for this project. No in-person meeting required.</p>	<p>Commissioners Larsen, Donovan, Margolis, Unsworth, Ferriter-Smith, Moses, Carbonari &amp; Vice Chair Harbage volunteered</p>
<p>b. Financial, Sheree Isola</p>		
<p>i. Quarterly Report</p>	<p>Everyone received fund balance report by email. Sheree available for questions by phone or email.</p>	
<p>ii. Honorarium end of year report out</p>	<p>\$400 remaining from attendance that could have been paid or waived from honorarium. Those on phone are eligible for honorarium. To waive, send email to Sheree stating you wish to waive your honorarium funds.</p>	
<p>c. AmeriCorps- Sarah Sadowski</p>		
<p>i. Grants update: Competitive &amp; Formula</p>	<p>In October. program and OCS staff attended ASC Bootcamp in Austin, TX. and Sarah and Lisa from OCS attended federal grants training in D.C. Competitive and Formula: In-person grant review working group met 11/19. Due date is 1/8/20. Director Ritter and Sarah will complete with Commission's approval. In new year, OCS will write in ranking, recommendation, narratives, and past performance to compel CNCS to fund entire package. We won't hear until March- then CNCS has their clarification period, selected get notice of approval by May. Then period of correction. Will need working grant working group in March, 2020. <b>Missed a part here I think?</b></p>	
<p>ii. MLK Day 2020 Read for Peace</p>	<p>Volunteers read books about MLK to elementary students around MT. Need volunteers to join as readers. Go to mtcompact.org - under news and events tab to learn more.</p>	

iii. ServeMontana Symposium Presenters	ServeMontana Symposium 2020 Theme - "Service in Montana: Your Path to the Greater Good" March 4-6, 2020 at Carroll College. Working on scheduling presenters. Positive responses from members and program staff regarding calls for breakout session proposals. If any commissioners are interested in presenting, the sessions are 50-60 min long with varying numbers of members in attendance for each. March 4th is the date of Doorsteps to Kid packs food drive.	
IV. New Business, Commissioner Ferriter-Smith		
a. Competitive Grant Working Group	Commissioner Ferriter-Smith commented it was a positive experience to take part in the working group and to be part of grant review process. Helpful to learn about the programs and the work they are doing across the state. Action item: Competitive grant review working group recommendations. Commissioner Ferriter-Smith made motion to approve competitive funding recommendations. Commissioner Strauss seconded.	Competitive funding recommendations approved
V. Public Comment		
a. Seth Shteir - Montana State Parks AmeriCorps	Huge thank you to commission members and everyone else who assisted with the grant review work group. The quality of comments and insight were incredibly helpful in assisting him through his first grant process.	
VI. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 10 a.m.	

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