

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chair Olsen Billings called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.		
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> Chair Olsen Billings, Vice Chair Kevin Myhre, Jim Larson, Rebecca Harbage, Heather Margolis, Danette Rector.</p> <p><u>Commission Members on phone:</u> Chantel Schieffer, Barbara Braided-Hair.</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Charles Wetherington, Sandra Jones, Holter Bailey, Jackie Girard.</p> <p><u>Staff and Guests Present:</u> OCS - Sarah Sadowski, Sheree Isola, Andy Bixler, Kris MacIntyre MSPA - Ken Soderberg; Energy Corps - Emily Caponi, Emilia Emerson, Tristen Payne.</p>	
b. Approval of June 15, 2017 Minutes	Commissioner Larson moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Myhre seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.	June 15, 2017 Minutes approved
c. Announcements	Sarah Sadowski announced two new staff members at OCS: Sheree Isola, Finance Manager and Andy Bixler, Outreach and Grants Coordinator	
d. Commissioner Reports	<p>Rebecca Harbage: serves on Board for Helena Young Professionals and they are recruiting for new Bigs for Big Brothers/Big Sisters with an event on October 24.</p> <p>Chantel Schieffer: Member of Women Leading Montana group and they have a conference coming up in Blgs. on Oct. 23-24.</p> <p>Heather Margolis: helping with son's Boy Scout Troop selling popcorn with Bear Aware Info.</p>	

	<p>Jim Larson: working with Boys and Girls Club events in Blgs. (25 backpacks with new supplies and shoes), Halloween Party to benefit Food Bank, Boys Scouts Merit Badge Class at college, Veteran's Home event on Nov. 10.</p> <p>Karen Billings: is part of a Women's group raising money for homeless women veterans</p>	
e. Commission Appointments	<p>Sarah Sadowski reported that OCS is actively working on filling four openings which are currently open. Applications are in the process and will hopefully be filled by the December 7 meeting at which time we will offer new Commissioner training, the morning of the Commission meeting.</p>	
II. Biannual Election for Chair and Vic-Chair	<p>Commissioner Margolis nominated Kevin Myhre for Chairman and it was seconded by Commissioner Larson. Unanimous vote by acclamation. Commissioner Myhre took over remainder of meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Rector nominated Rebecca Harbage for Vice Chairman and it was seconded by Commissioner Myhre. Unanimous vote by acclamation.</p>	
III.CNCS State Office Update	<p>Currently Jackie and Anna are leading the annual Senior Corps State Meeting and submitted a written update for the meeting.</p> <p>In the past month, Montana Senior Corps programs have partnered with Community Prevention Resource Specialists with the State of Montana, and the Prevention Resource Center to distribute drug disposal bags to individuals in communities throughout Montana.</p> <p>VISTA Pre-service Orientation in Billings, MT on January 23-25, 2018. They are expecting around 40 candidates (three projects: PRC, BMVP and MEO (Rural Dynamics) to participate in the Orientation. They would like to invite the Governor to swear these members into service.</p> <p>AmeriCorps VISTA is recruiting for January start dates!</p>	

IV. OCS Updates		
a. ServeMontana	<p><u>Governor and First Lady Leadership Council:</u> OCS is accepting applications through Oct. 13. Will select 15-20 total council members who are 7-12 graders. The Council addresses childhood hunger across the state and will meet on Nov. 17 for leadership training and lunch with the Governor and First Lady.</p> <p><u>ServeMontana Awards</u> – nominations are opening soon for individuals and groups and will close the end of Feb. A review group is needed to review applications. Those who volunteered are: Commissioner Schieffer, Commissioner Larson, Commissioner Harbage, Commissioner Billings, Commissioner Rector and Jackie Girard.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><u>Volunteer of the Game</u> – Awards will be given at the 5 NAIA schools in Montana during upcoming football games: MSU-N (10.14.17) University of Providence (10.19.17) UM Western (10.21.17) Montana Tech (10.28 17) and Rocky Mountain College (11.4.17)</p>	Work Group Formed
b. AmeriCorps	<p>The competitive Request For Proposals is now open, OCS received Letters of Intent to apply from Montana Conservation Corps, Big Sky Watershed Corps, Montana Legal Services, Montana State Parks, and Montana Energy Corps. Food Corps does not intend to apply to this RFP. The grants are due to OCS November 1, 2017.</p> <p>Monday October 16, OCS Is launching a AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni recognition. In honor of Abby Zent, the Abby M. Zent Recognition will accept nominations until Dec 31, with 2 individuals being recognized at the ServeMontana Symposium in March 2018.</p> <p>More than half the programs started new program years in the last month, including 2 new programs!</p>	

c. Financial	The fund balance sheet for FFY2017 was reviewed.	
IV. New Business		
a. Competitive Grant Review Workgroup formation	Chair Elect Myhre asked for volunteers for the grant review workgroup. They are: Commissioner Margolis, Commissioner Braided-Hair, and Commissioner Jones. The in-person grant review is scheduled for Nov. 15.	Work Group Formed
b. Montana State Service Plan 2019 Update	Currently working with the 2016-2018 3-year plan. In the summer of 2018 will revisit needs assessment and priorities for new plan. New workgroup will be formed in the Spring.	
V. Introduction of New Programs	100-Fold Corps, 100-foldstudio.org and Community in Action Corps of Richland County Health Department, www.richland.org	
VI. Public Comment	Ken Soderberg of State Parks announced they are working on a new promo video for members and site supervisors.	
VII. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 7.	

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