

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chair Olsen Billings called the meeting to order at 1 P.M.		
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> In person: Karin Olsen Billings, Doug Mitchell, Lori Chamberlin, Holter Bailey, Jackie Girard On phone: Barbara Braided-Hair, Wendy Nicolai, Jim Larson, Danette Rector, Kevin Myhre, Heather Margolis</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Chantel Schieffer, Julie Seedhouse, Charles Wetherington, Sandra Boham</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> OCS- Dan Ritter, Sarah Sadowski, Marissa Perry, Sunni Hitchcock, Ken Soderberg, Montana State Parks, Bryan Wilson, Big Sky Watershed Corps, Anna Yeagle, CNCS Ashley Taylor, FoodCorps, on phone.</p>	
b. <u>Approval of October 22, 2015 Minutes</u>	Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Rector seconded, the motion carried, minutes approved.	<i>October 22, 2015 Minutes approved.</i>
II. Competitive Funding	Commissioner Myhre moved to approve the FFY2016 Competitive AmeriCorps Grant Review Workgroup recommendation. Commissioner Margolis seconded, the motion carried.	<i>Competitive funding memo supported.</i>
III. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Olsen Billings introduced Holter Bailey, freshman at UM is the new youth representative on the Commission. Holter served on the Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council in 2014-15 in Boulder, MT and has been involved with the 21st Century Afterschool program there. • Barbara Braided-Hair, First Interstate Bank Branch Manager at Lame Deer is the new Business Representative on the Commission. Barbara grew up in Bernie, MT and is excited to join the Commission. 	

IV. Commissioner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Olsen Billings reported that she attended UM Western to present the Volunteer of the Game award. • Commissioner Rector read the Missoulian article on AmeriCorps in the Bitterroot. • Commissioner Chamberlin reported that this is her last meeting as she is retiring from the National Guard at the end of the year. 	
V. Community Service Office Updates		
a. Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AmeriCorps Administrative grant ending Dec 30th; spend in its entirety • Awarded new Commission support grant of \$250,000 beginning January 1, 2016 • Amendment approval for Homeland Security grant from DES to extend program to March 2016 • Governor's Budget Office will support ReadyMT program through state fiscal year • AmeriCorps program funding on par and most have started new funding year • Received support from Student Assistance Foundation and Montana Campus Compact to carry on 2016 Youth Serve Montana Scholarships • No Legislative Update 	
b. AmeriCorps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 17 was in person meeting of the FFY2016 Competitive Grant Review Workgroup, grants were consensus scored and feedback was generated for applicants. There are 4 continuation grants and 1 new. • Montana Campus Compact, our newest AmeriCorps program is in the process of hiring a Program Manager. • Since the last Commission meeting, 7 programs submitted progress reports that were synthesized and submitted to CNCS. • Sarah authored and submitted a \$7,000 request to Neptune Aviation Service, Inc. in Missoula to support for the 2016 ServeMontana Symposium. Save the dates of March 9-11, 2016 for the Symposium! 	
c. ServeMontana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council launched with a daylong retreat on November 7. There are 20 young adults from across Montana serving on the 	

	<p>Council to increase awareness of childhood hunger in Montana and to lead service projects during Fight Childhood Hunger Week, April 11-17, 2016. www.fightchildhoodhunger.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ServeMontana Awards nominations closed December 6 and 57 nominees have been received. A workgroup of Commissioners will review the nominations and making the final selections. The Awards ceremony is scheduled for Friday Feb 12, 2016 in Helena. 	
d. Ready Montana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target Corporation awarded \$5,000 for.... 	
VI. CNCS State Office Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackie Girard announced that Mayor and County Recognition Day is coming up on April 5, 2016 and they hope to increase numbers from 35-55. Goal is 90 elected officials in 2016. They are encouraging everyone to have an event or proclamation signing, including Tribal governments. • VISTA pre-service orientation the last week in January, to bring on 30 new VISTA Members, with the swearing in January 28th. Abby Zent has asked the Governor to do the swearing in. 	
VII. State Service Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final version was approved and signed by the Governor and is now posted: http://serve.mt.gov/mtstate-service-plan/ 	
VIII. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-law Review Work Group formed, members are Commissioner Billings, Commissioner Nicolai, Commission Margolis, and Commissioner Myhre (as standin). • Serve Symposium sponsorship Work Group formed, members are Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Nicolai, and Commissioner Braided-Hair. 	
IX. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Sadowski shared that the www.volunteeringinamerica.gov report is out, Montana is ranked #16 overall and the report offers lots of other information, check it out online! • Ken Soderberg announced a new holiday tradition of candlelight tours at Lewis and Clark caverns. • Bryan Wilson thanked everyone for review guidance for 	

	competitive grant. • Heather Margolis announced dual enrollment and looking at service for dual credits.	
X. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 2:30 Next meeting is scheduled for March 9, time TBD.	

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