

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, Sandra Jones, Rebecca Harbage, Wendy Nicolai, Holter Bailey, Jackie Girard</p> <p><u>Commission Members on phone:</u> Heather Margolis, Danette Rector, Barbara Braided-Hair</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Doug Mitchell, Jeff Edmunds, Julie Seedhouse, Jim Larson, Chantel Schieffer, Charles Wetherington</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> OCS—Dan Ritter, Sarah Sadowski, Sunni Hitchcock, Marissa Perry FWP-Ken Soderberg, Joe Naiman-Sessions, MCC- Jono McKinney, Big Sky Watershed Corps-Bryan Wilson, Food Corps-Mallory Steffan, Al Kurki, MLSA-Meghan Flanary, MTCC-Danette Fadness, No Kid Hungry-Jessica Ferreti, NCAT-Kathy Hadley, Richland Co. Health Dept.- Kristen Henson</p>	
b. Approval of Oct. 6, 2016 Minutes	Commissioner Olsen Billings moved to approve the minutes, Wendy Nicolai seconded. The motion approved by acclamation.	Oct. 6, 2016 Minutes approved.
c. Commissioner Reports	Jackie Girard announced that she helped with the Volleyball banquet at Governor and First Lady's Residence.	
II. CNCS State Updated	<p>Jackie Girard reported that they are transitioning to new CEO of CNCS at national level because of the new President-elect. They do not have a transition team yet, and it will take some time to pull one together in the new year.</p> <p>MLK Day of Service is on January 16---Read for Peace, the largest project in Montana, will occur again. AmeriCorps and VISTA members</p>	

	<p>are encouraged to participate in projects. CNCS will share details on projects and volunteering opportunities with other AmeriCorps programs.</p> <p>20 new VISTA members will be sworn in on Jan. 30th</p> <p>Mayor's Day – April 4, 2017. Goal is to recruit all Mayor's and County Chairs, and more tribal leaders in Montana</p>	
III. Governor's Office of Community Service Updates		
a. ServeMontana	<p>Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council – selected 20 members. Convened last Saturday Dec. 3 for the annual training in Helena.</p> <p>ServeMontana Awards – Feb. 24th deadline. Deadline and award ceremony dates extended to account for weather, legislative session, staff capacity, etc. Working group will make selections in March with ceremony in May.</p> <p>YouthServe Scholarships – Jan. 31 deadline. Please share opportunity with high school seniors. Seniors who volunteer 100 hours or more and attend a Montana Campus Compact institution are eligible to apply to receive a \$1,000 scholarship.</p> <p>Marissa Perry is leaving the office to work full-time in Governor's Office. Her last day is December 22.</p>	
b. AmeriCorps	<p>Began planning for Symposium March 8-10, 2017.</p> <p>Help grant review for Competitive AmeriCorps Grants on Nov. 16.</p> <p>Authored and submitted Commission Support Grant.</p> <p>Working through State Service Plan to outline end-of-year updates.</p> <p>Participated in a series of end of service events for AmeriCorps programs.</p>	
c. Ready Montana	<p>Betsy Miller has left the office and moved to Dept. of Ag.</p> <p>Secured Homeland Security Grant – completing tasks through first quarter, will re-evaluate grant and transition out of preparedness of OCS activities in the new year.</p>	
d. Financial Report	Continuing resolution for federal funding – hoping award is made by	

	<p>year end. Ending Commission Support Grant at end of year – submitted new application (\$250,000). Received Homeland Security of \$43,333.56 balance as of 11/30/2016 \$41,102.81. AmeriCorps programs have started the new fiscal year. Received support Reach Higher (\$50,000) and MT Campus Compact matching same dollar amount, for the ServeMontana Scholarships. Symposium balance \$15,859.45 – seeking donations for upcoming event, March 2017. Legislative update – 5% decrease in general fund, working on budget with DLI Commissioner.</p>	
<p>IV. New Business a. Competitive Grant Review Work Group Recommendation</p>	<p>Commissioner Margolis presented the FY2017 AmeriCorps State Competitive Funding and recommended moving all six projects to the national 2017 competitive review with the Corporation for National and Community Service.</p> <p>Commissioner Margolis reported a total amount of \$3,085,644 requested to CNCS from three continuation, two re-compete, and one new applications for the following programs: Continuation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FoodCorps Montana • Big Sky Watershed Corps • Montana Conservation Corps <p>Renew:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montana State Parks AmeriCorps • Justice for Montanans Project <p>New:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montana Energy Corps <p>A motion was made to accept the Competitive Grant Review Work Group Recommendation by Commissioner Myhre and seconded by Commissioner Rector. Motion passed.</p>	<p>Funding Recommendation approved</p>
<p>b. Montana State Service Plan</p>	<p>Update of progress was made on each goal</p>	

	Will merge as a 2016 update on the State Service Plan Motion to accept the State Service Plan update was made by Commissioner Nicolai and seconded by Commissioner Myhre. Motion passed	State Service Plan update approved
V. Program Presentations		
a. FoodCorps Montana	Mallory Steffan and Al Kurki presented on the FoodCorps Montana program.	
b. State Parks AmeriCorps	Ken Soderberg and Joe Naiman-Session presented on the Montana State Parks AmeriCorps program	
VI. Public Comment	Jono McKinney – thanked Commission for support of all of the AmeriCorps Programs Bryan Wilson – thanked Commission and extended an invite to BSWC orientation in Bozeman on Jan. 18-20	
VII. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2017 during the 2017 ServeMontana Symposium.	

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