

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chair Olsen Billings called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.		
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> In person: Karin Olsen Billings, Kevin Myhre, Wendy Nicolai, Barbara Braided-Hair, Heather Margolis, Holter Bailey, Jackie Girard, Jim Larson On phone: Doug Mitchell, Chantel Schieffer, Julie Seedhouse</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Charles Wetherington, Sandra Boham, Danette Rector</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> OCS- Dan Ritter, Sarah Sadowski, Marissa Perry, Sunni Hitchcock, Sarah Sadowski, Kris MacIntyre, Ken Soderberg, <i>Montana State Parks</i>, Bryan Wilson, <i>Big Sky Watershed Corps</i>, Anna Yeagle, <i>CNCS</i>, Josh Vanek, Danette Fadness, <i>Montana Campus Compact</i></p>	
b. Approval of December 9, 2015 Minutes	Commissioner Myhre moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Nicolai seconded, the motion carried, minutes approved.	<i>December 9, 2015 Minutes approved.</i>
c. Commissioner Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Braided-Hair recently secured a grant for Lame Deer Public Schools for backpack program. • Commissioner Margolis joined a world language enrichment program in the Bozeman school system. • Commissioner Olsen announced that US gov. is leaving the No Child Left Behind program and replacing it with "Every Child Succeeds Act." After school programs are at top of list to receive financial help. • Commissioner Schieffer has been involved with a MT PBS project where choirs from Middle Schools and High Schools across the state were filmed for PBS TV. • Holter Bailey recently attended a 2 hour training through Watershed Network where they train middle schoolers 	

	about rivers/insects and bugs.	
II. Community Service Office Updates		
a. Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Support grant received January 2016 from CNCS in the amount of \$250,000 with a match requirement of the same dollar amount • CNCS Notice of supplemental funding with a 1:1 match requirement; submitted request for \$50,000 to be used towards next year's sym. And AmeriCorps training/outreach • CNCS preparing application for Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) funds 2016-2017. MT eligible for \$90,000 with no match requirement • Received OTO assistance from Governor's office of \$41,000 due to short-fall of Homeland Security funding, to carry OCS through this SFY2016 (June). • Submitted an EMPG application to DES requesting \$43,648 (1:1 match requirement) to continue the Ready and Preparedness programs • Submitting HSPG application to DES – due March 18, 2016 • 2016 Formula Allocation consistent to level funding of \$600,000. New RFP process to begin April • No Legislature update 	
b. AmeriCorps	<p>Sarah Sadowski, OCS Grants Manager reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive grants were submitted in January. We anticipate notice of funding determinations in May • Formula grant NOFO anticipated to come out of CNCS in April, looking for a Grant Review Workgroup for that stream of funding. • Since the Dec meeting, Sarah has trained members and visited program events for Big Sky Watershed Corps, Montana State Parks AmeriCorps, MCC and MLSA's Justice For Montanans Project. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Risk Assessment tool has been updated and reauthored to be in alignment with CNCS and best practice. • The OCS Monitoring Tool has been updated. The programmatic and fiscal components are now in one document and will be conducted during a monitoring visit. Sarah thanked Commissioner Nicolai for conversations about risk assessment, monitoring tools and compliance. • Sarah has been working on the Symposium as well, securing speakers and inkind contributions. • The last week of March, Sarah will be on travel conducting statewide outreach for the 2016-18 State Service Plan. 	
c. ServeMontana	<p>Marissa Perry, Outreach Coordinator, reported on ServeMontana updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers from across the state were recognized at the annual ServeMontana Awards on February 12 at the MT State Capitol by Governor and First Lady Bullock, Director Ritter, and Chair Olsen Billings • Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council members are gearing up for the 2nd annual statewide Fight Childhood Hunger Week, April 11-17, 2016. Over 30 projects will take place in 17 communities to raise awareness and combat the issues of childhood hunger. • The Youth Serve Montana Scholarships applications are due on April 15, 2016. This scholarship is for high school seniors who volunteered 100 hours or more in the past year. Recipients will receive \$1,000 to attend a Montana Campus Compact institution. Please spread the word about this opportunity! 	
d. Ready Montana		
III. 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. So far there are 97 cities not registered, 36 counties not registered and 6 Tribes not registered. They are encouraging everyone to have an 	

	<p>event or proclamation signing, including Tribal governments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer service is getting underway for a 10-week term of service. 	
IV. Bylaw Workgroup Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was decided to remove Part 1 of Section 6 that restricted activities for Commissioners. Similar language is already in handbook. Revert back to State Service Plan to alleviate restrictions. A motion was made by Commissioner Myhre to make the change as identified. It was seconded by Commissioner Nicolai. Motion passed. 	<u>Amendment to bylaws approved</u>
V. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formula Grant Review Workgroup is needed for formula funds. 4-5 people are needed to do grant review prior to the June 8 Commission Meeting. Those who volunteered are: Commissioner Schieffer, Commissioner Rector and Commissioner Bailey. Please let Sarah Sadowski know if you are able and willing to participate. • Dan Ritter also announced that Commissioner Boham was recently named President of Salish Kootenai College. 	
VI. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Vanek, Montana Campus Compact Network Director, announced that the performance report is due in April – but seeing good things happening! He is also teaming up and traveling to Butte, Glendive, Bitterroot Valley and Havre with four strong team leaders. • Joe Naiman Sessions, Montana State Parks AmeriCorps – announced upcoming orientations on April 11 and May 16 at the MT Learning Center at Canyon Ferry. In June there will be an all member gathering at Lewis and Clark Caverns. 	
VII. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 11:45. Next meeting is scheduled for June 15 th , time TBD.	

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