

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chair Olsen Billings called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.		
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> Chair Olsen Billings, Vice Chair Kevin Myhre, Sandra Jones, Rebecca Harbage, Jim Larson, Barbara Braided-Hair, Wendy Nicolai, Holter Bailey, Jackie Girard</p> <p><u>Commission Members on phone:</u> Heather Margolis, Danette Rector, Chantel Schieffer</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Doug Mitchell, Julie Seedhouse, Charles Wetherington</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> OCS—Dan Ritter, Sarah Sadowski, Sunni Hitchcock, Kris MacIntyre FWP-Ken Soderberg, Joe Naiman-Sessions, MCC- Bryan Wilson, MTCC-Danette Fadness, Andrea Vernon, Noah Davis, Brant Ahlborn, No Kid Hungry-Linda Cleatus, Richland Co. Health Dept.- Cristin Henson, Heidi Moran</p>	
b. Approval of Dec. 6, 2016 Minutes	Commissioner Nicolai moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Myhre seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.	Dec. 7, 2016 Minutes approved
c. Commissioner Reports	Commissioner Rector attended Martin Luther King celebration in Missoula; Commissioner Olsen Billings attended a fundraiser for homeless female Vets; Commissioner Harbage announced an upcoming Helena Young Professionals Legislative Panel at Carroll College on March 16; Commissioner Larson attended a Special Olympics event at Rocky Mtn. College; Commissioner Braided-Hair helped with a diaper drive event with Cheyenne Children’s Services; Commissioner Jones recruited high school art class to promote	Special Olympics Respect Rally information is included as an attachment to the minutes.

	future firemen and EMT's; Commissioner Margolis worked on safety project with Hawthorne Elementary in Bozeman while they are undergoing new addition; Commissioner Schieffer chaired a fundraising event for Eagle Mount, benefitting people with disabilities; Holter Bailey worked with a student youth group with homeless, Dr. Seuss Day at public library and also ramping up for the Environmental restoration work in Utah over spring break.	
III. Governor's Office of Community Service Updates		
a. Ready Montana	Director Ritter reported that the Ready Montana project funding under Homeland Security is ending 3.31.17.	
b. ServeMontana	Commissioner Margolis suggested creating a volunteer work group to be strategic in outreach. Volunteers for this group include: Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Olsen Billings, Commissioner Nicolai, Commissioner Harbage, Commissioner Rector, and Commissioner Schieffer.	Commissioner Margolis to schedule and host a conference call to get the group going and to define the next steps.
c. AmeriCorps	<p>Sarah Sadowski reported on several AmeriCorps items,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -MLK National Day of Service was a success with MTCC led statewide Read for Peace events and a Montana Energy Corps winterization event at Northern Cheyenne resulted in 30 homes receiving energy saving services. - Feb 1-3, 2017 Sarah conducted outreach for OCS and AmeriCorps and met with several agencies in Western Montana. -January 19, OCS received the site visit letter from CNCS visit of July 19-22, 2016. The letter requires action and requests over 25 additional pieces of documentation from OCS and some programs. - Working with Commissioner Girard's, OCS was able to request and receive Education Award information for multiple programs. For Montana Conservation Corps, CNCS provided the amount of Education Awards since inception and for Montana Campus Compact, CNCS provided the amount of Education Awards used at MTCC member institutions. 	

	<p>- This is AmeriCorps week!</p> <p>-Looking ahead to the formula grant process- Sarah reported that although there is no funding currently available, due to a lack appropriations, OCS will optimistically proceed with the process so that when a Federal FY17 and Federal FY18 budget are passed Montana will be ready to submit.</p>	
d. Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 2017 received Commission Support Grant from CNCS \$250,000 with match component of same amount • AmeriCorps Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Formula allocation amount not released from CNCS – Competitive applications submitted to CNCS, completed clarification process, hope for award announcement in May • No Legislature update, currently a reduction to OCS general fund in State Fiscal 2017 • Symposium received \$6,250 in sponsorships, beginning balance of \$15,860, total budget for 2017 event planning \$46,760 • In partnership with Life Center NW, April 14, 2017 is the Gift of Life Award ceremony in the Capitol. 	
III. CNCS State Office Update	<p>5th Annual Mayor’s Day – April 4, 2017. Goal is to recruit all Mayor’s and County Chairs, and more Tribal leaders in Montana. Have reached out to areas not yet registered.</p> <p>Summer Associates – July & August. Planning for AmeriCorps Summer Associates, to earn stipend for a 70 day term of service.</p>	
IV. New Business a. Formula Grant Review Work Group Formation	<p>Dan Ritter asked for volunteers for the formula grant review which will be more challenging this year with an anticipated grant amount total of \$654,123, however there is no appropriation currently. Review will take place the end of May and scoring process has been set for June 7th. Volunteers include: Commissioner Harbage, Commissioner Margolis, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Braided-Hair and tentatively, Commissioner Myhre.</p>	
b. Serve Awards Review and Work Group Formation	<p>Dan Ritter asked for volunteers to serve on the Work Group to select the ServeMT Awards. Volunteers include: Commissioner Nicolai, Commissioner Larson, Commissioner Braided-Hair, Jackie</p>	

	Girard, and Holter Bailey.	
V. Program Presentations	Program presentations are included as attachments to the minutes.	
a.	Montana No Kid Hungry AmeriCorps, Linda Cleatus, AmeriCorps Program Director	
b.	MT Campus Compact AmeriCorps, Andrea Vernon, Executive Director, Dannette Fadness, AmeriCorps program Director, and Noah Davis, Brent Ahlborn MTCC AmeriCorps Team Leaders serving at MT Tech.	
VI. Public Comment		
VII. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2017	

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