

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, Jim Larson, Rebecca Harbage, Jackie Girard</p> <p><u>Commission Members on phone:</u> Vice Chair Kevin Myhre, Heather Margolis, Danette Rector, Chantel Schieffer, Sandra Jones, Wendy Nicolai, Barbara Braided-Hair.</p> <p><u>Guests on phone:</u> Heidi Moran and Judy LaPan, Richland Co. Health Dept., Sidney; Michelle Cherry, 100 Fold Studio---Lakeside.</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Doug Mitchell, Julie Seedhouse, Charles Wetherington, Holter Bailey</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> OCS—Dan Ritter, Sarah Sadowski, Sunni Hitchcock, Kris MacIntyre; NCCC – James Griffin; CNCS – Anna Yeagle; JFM-MLSA – Mēghan Scott</p>	
b. Approval of March 8, 2017 Minutes	Commissioner Larson moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Harbage seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.	March 8, 2017 Minutes approved
c. Commissioner Reports	<p>Rebecca Harbage: serves on Board for Helena Young Professionals and as an AmeriCorps VISTA Alum--goal is to get them to stay in Helena. June 25 is summer BBQ and networking night.</p> <p>Heather Margolis: worked on recent grant review</p> <p>Kevin Myhre: has been working with community group for Creekside Park in Lewistown.</p> <p>Dan Ritter: serves on Holter Board and just completed annual Gala fundraiser which was very successful. They have undergone many</p>	

	challenges but are moving in right direction and there are lots of good things happening this summer.	
III. Governor's Office of Community Service Updates		
a. ServeMontana	<p><u>Office Updates:</u> Dan Ritter thanked Sunni Hitchcock for her 3.5 years of service with OCS. Sunni's last day is 6.16.17, is staying within DLI by moving to the Workforce Service Division. Recruitment process will begin for Outreach Coordinator and Fiscal positions in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p><u>Governor and First Lady Leadership Council:</u> Great projects have been ongoing by 19 student members and final report will be completed.</p> <p><u>Youth ServeMontana Scholarships:</u> Recipient information will be finalized and sent to Financial Aid offices for disbursements. Getting ready for next round to start in October.</p> <p><u>ServeMontana Awards Ceremony June 2:</u> Ceremony was held in Senate Chambers for 5 individuals and 2 groups. Also 4 schools were honored for the First Lady School Breakfast awards. Recruiting will begin later this Fall for 2018.</p> <p><u>Gift of Life Ceremony</u> – Partnered with Life Center Northwest for a ceremony and lunch held on April 14 in the Old Supreme Court Chambers and Capitol Rotunda. 19 families were honored.</p>	
b. Financial	<p><u>AmeriCorps funding Formula</u> \$645,055 – <u>Competitive</u> \$0.00 No Notice of Award yet, anticipate soon.</p> <p><u>Commission Investment Funds/Training (CIF)</u>, submitted application for the funds of \$119,249 grant period 8/1/2017-12/31/2018 (17 months); currently in clarification process.</p> <p><u>Homeland Security</u> funding: Completed and closed; Ready MT \$20,655.03 unexpended.</p> <p><u>FEMA funding</u>, Closed; Disaster Simulation \$6,996.65 unexpended.</p> <p><u>Legislature</u> – Biennium funding: Received \$147,345 FY18 and</p>	

	<p>\$148,200 FY19 – decrease from last Biennium FY17 started with \$154,992 (decrease \$7,650)</p> <p><u>State FY2017</u>, In process of closing out, will fully spend state General Funds \$154,992 – on target to fully expend CNCS CIF by end of period 7.31.17</p> <p><u>Gift of Life Ceremony</u>, Annual event held 4.28.17 to convene and recognize the families of those whose loss of a loved one served to bring life to another, through organ donation.</p> <p><u>OCS state budget</u>, general fund for OCS may be impacted by ‘trigger’ language in the State Budget, meaning that is the state revenues do not reach projected amounts than OCS may see another .05% decrease in general funds.</p>	
c. AmeriCorps		
	<p><u>Competitive grants</u>: Submitted in January, clarified in May, and expect CNCS Notice of Grant Award soon for Montana Conservation Corps, Big Sky Watershed Corps, Food Corps, Montana State Parks AmeriCorps, Montana Legal Services Association and the only new applicant, Montana Energy Corps are all anticipated to be funded at the requested levels. June 7, 2017 Director Ritter partnered with Senator Tester to announce the competitive grants, media and some program staff were able to attend the call.</p> <p><u>Formula grants</u>: OCS formula grants were due by May 30 and the review is complete. The work group met and produced the funding recommendation that we will get to soon in the agenda.</p> <p><u>Accommodation Surveys</u>: Each year OCS issues a survey for AmeriCorps members to complete regarding disability inclusion, disclosure and accommodations. Sarah presented the Survey Summary.</p> <p><u>Regional Training</u>: In May Director Ritter, Sunni Hitchcock, Sarah Sadowski and some program staff traveled to Phoenix, AZ to attend the 3rd annual, and final, National Service Training.</p>	
III. CNCS State Office Update	Recruiting about 60 VISTA members beginning service in July and August. VISTA members will be sworn in on July 24 at 3p, by	

	<p>Governor Bullock. Presently have approximately 40 VISTA Summer Associates serving around the state. Most are serving to prevent summer learning loss and on summer feeding of school aged children. Jackie reported that MT CNCS now has facebook and twitter accounts and asked that folks like and share. James Griffin with NCCC gave a brief summary of the Montana projects ramping up right now. There is currently one NCCC Team in Helena serving with No Kid Hungry and the YMCA. NCCC currently has 4-5 projects in MT per year and would like to see an increase, so James has been on a 2-3 week outreach tour of WY and MT. NCCC can be described in 3 main points, Direct Service, Short-Term and Team Based.</p>	
<p>IV. New Business a. Formula Grant Review Recommendation</p>	<p>Commissioner Harbage informed the Commission that there were 4 applications received. One Continuation – Montana Campus Compact; and 3 new formula grant applications—Richland County, 100 Fold Studio and Rural Dynamics. The Grant Review Workgroup met on June 7 and produced the funding recommendation before the Commission. 2 of 3 are recommended for CNCS funding. Rural Dynamics received a low score and is not recommended for funding at this time. Motion was made by Commissioner Myhre to approve funding. Motion seconded by Commissioner Braided-Hair.</p>	<p>Funding Recommendation Approved</p>
	<p>Dan Ritter shared that CNCS is confident that strong allies will work to show Congress how important National Service is and hopeful that we will get back in process that moves forward. Very critical elections coming up mid-term. Lots will be happening over next 6-8 months. President’s Administration has recently made three appointments to CNCS positions. Senator Tester is a very strong advocate for National Service. It is very important to educate people on programs and very important to stress that members “serve” not “volunteer.” Director Ritter reported that the Commission will have some</p>	

	vacancies at the end of June. This is due to members completing their term or changing jobs.	
VI. Public Comment	<p>Commissioner Braided-Hair thanked everyone for their work and updates.</p> <p>Commissioner Jones thanked everyone.</p> <p>Commissioner Girard reminded fellow Commissioners that if anyone is interest in NCCC Resources to contact James Griffin.</p> <p>Teams available from November 2017 – July 2018. Sponsors need to provide housing and supervision.</p> <p>Sarah Sadowski announced that the next opportunity for Commissioners to serve on a Grant Review will be October, for the competitive grants.</p>	
VII. Adjourn	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017</p>	

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