

Agenda	Dialogue	Action Items
I. Chair Chris Kolstad Welcomes and Opens Meeting	Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm.	
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> (Missoula) Jack Chambers, Adam Vauthier, (Billings) Jim Corson, Doug Braun, (Miles City) Stefani Hicswa, Kim Miske, (Helena) Bob Harris, Scott Smith, Chas Van Genderen, Karin Olsen Billings, Jackie Girard, Chris Kolstad</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> James Steele, Jr. (No Proxy), Austin Lyle (Proxy Jim Corson), Keith Kelly (Proxy Chris Kolstad), John Ilgenfritz (Proxy Karin Olsen Billings)</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> (Missoula) Eric Cardella- <i>Campus Corps</i>, Josh Vanek- <i>Campus Corps</i>, Dean McGovern- <i>Montana Campus Compact</i>, Emily Clark- <i>Campus Corps</i>, (Helena) Amy Busch- <i>CNCS</i>, Rabi Vandergon- <i>DNRC</i>, Heather Margolis- <i>OPI</i>, Connie Roope- <i>JMGF</i>, Sarah Sadowski- <i>YASC</i>, Riley Relte- <i>MLSA</i>, Jan Lombardi- <i>OCS</i>, Tony Dean- <i>OCS</i>, Rebecca Steele- <i>OCS</i>, Julia Gustafson- <i>OCS</i>, Jim Auer- <i>OCS</i>, Jennifer Lane- <i>OCS</i>, Jo Radtke- <i>OCS</i>,</p>	
b. Approval of Oct. 4th Minutes	<p>Bob Harris moves to approve the 10/4/10 minutes. Jack Chambers seconds the motion. The motion carries and the minutes are approved.</p>	10/4/10 Minutes are approved.
c. Announcements	Reminders on how to use SummitNet Interactive Video	
II. Governor's Office of Community Service Updates	<p>Jan Lombardi gives update. The ServeSymposium is scheduled for Feb. 16-17, 2011.</p>	

a. New staff introduction	Two new staff members- Jennifer Lane is the new training coordinator and (Nancy) Jo Radtke is the new grants coordinator.	
b. CNCS grant consultation	As part of CNCS requirements, the state commission is asked to comment on new national planning grant applicants. (See CNCS grant consultation)Staff also provided feedback on the Havre Health Planning Program working with the Boys and Girls Club.	
III. Commission Bylaws	Led by Kim Miske.	
a. Presentation of Revised Bylaws	There was a conference call on Nov 12, 2010 with Commissioners Adam Vauthier, Karin Olsen Billings, Scott Smith, Bob Harris, and Jack Chambers. Written comments were also received by Stefani Hicswa and Chas Van Genderen.	
b. Public Comment	No Public Comment.	
c. ACTION ITEM- Approve Bylaws	Chas Van Genderen moves that the commission adopt the revised bylaws presented. Stefani Hicswa seconds the motion. The motion carries and the Bylaws are adopted.	Revised Bylaws adopted 12.10.10
IV. FY2011 AmeriCorps Competitive Funding	Chas Van Genderen, representing the Grant Review Workgroup explains the Competitive Grant Review process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Review Workgroup met 11/30/10 with the goal to make a funding recommendation. • Workgroup included Jack Chambers, Bob Harris, Karen Olsen Billings, Adam Vauthier, and Kathy Bean as an outside reviewer. • This recommendation is for competitive funding. There will be more funding opportunities with Formula funding in the spring. 	

<p>a. Grant Review Workgroup Funding Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Big Sky Watershed Corps ii. Campus Corps iii. Montana Conservation Corps iv. Young Adult Service Corps 	<p>Chas Van Genderen gives a brief summary of the 4 applicants.</p> <p>Chas Van Genderen moves that the Commission approve the Grant Review Workgroup’s funding recommendation for Campus Corps for Competitive Funding of \$745,613, Montana Conservation Corps for Competitive Funding of \$1,872,000, Young Adult Service Corps for Competitive Funding of \$185,705, and no competitive funding recommended for Big Sky Watershed Corps.</p> <p>Bob Harris seconds the Motion.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Chas Van Genderen states that this was a good process but coming to consensus is not a simple process.</p> <p>Adam Vauthier echoes Chas’s comments.</p> <p>Jack Chambers also echoes Chas’s comments and states that there was great discussion.</p> <p>Jim Corson asks the committee and CNCS representatives about the 16% increase for Campus Corps and if the Federal Budget can sustain this type of increase. Can we use formula money to supplement and is this a realistic ask?</p> <p>Jackie Girard responds to commissioner questions on budget and mandates -- that CNCS is operating under a continual resolution but AmeriCorps continues to grow and well organized proposals are funded. There are differences that make up the increase in funding like mandated background checks.</p> <p>Jack Chambers asks what mandates these checks.</p> <p>Jackie Girard responds that the Serve America Act mandates.</p> <p>Jim Corson asks if that means a member and service power increase for Campus Corps.</p> <p>Dean McGovern responds that the increases are cost of living expenses, background checks, and program</p>	
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	increase, and yes, a larger MSY (Member Service Year). Kim Miske thanks the workgroup.	
b. Public Comment	Eric Cardella thanks the workgroup and staff and notes that changes at the federal level have a larger effect on large programs like Campus Corps.	
c. ACTION ITEM- Competitive Funding Recommendation	Chair Chris Kolstad calls for a roll call vote on the motion to approve the workgroups funding recommendations. Commissioners Vote: Jack Chambers- Yes, Adam Vauthier- Yes, Jim Corson- Yes, Doug Braun- Yes, Austin Lyle (Proxy Jim Corson)- Yes, Stefani Hicswa- Yes, Kim Miske- Yes, Bob Harris- Yes, Scott Smith- Yes, Chas Van Genderen- Yes, Karin Olsen Billings- Yes, Keith Kelly (Proxy Chris Kolstad) - Yes, John Ilgenfritz (Proxy Karin Olsen Billings) - Yes, Chris Kolstad- Yes. Motion Carries.	The Commission approves the Grant Review Workgroup funding recommendations of Campus Corps of \$745,613, Montana Conservation Corps of \$1,872,000, Young Adult Service Corps of \$185,705 and no funding for Big Sky Watershed Corps.
V. ServeMontana Awards Update a. ServeMontana & ReadyMontana Awards	Jan Lombardi gives an update on the ServeMontana awards and reminds commissioners to please nominate someone. Thanks to Chris and Kim for the letters to the editor. The awards are part of the ServeSymposium which is broadcast across the state.	
VI. Commissioner Updates- Commissioner Participation Form	Commissioners give an update of the volunteer engagements. Adam Vauthier presented an award to VISTA in Anaconda. Jim Corson received a shirt from MCC and referred a Native program to contact MCC. Stefani Hicswa participated in the Vision Miles City Program which was a focus group with youth to put together a plan. Bob Harris attended the Energy Fair with the Montana Energy Corps. Scott Smith is working with Project Healing Waters and helping them transition into a 501c3. Chas Van Genderen has been in Glendive and Dillion encouraging volunteers in the parks like Bannack and is headed to Lolo and Billings. Jackie Girard held the close of service for 26 VISTA members and will be bringing in 34 VISTAs in January. Jan Lombardi and Chris Kolstad thank the Commissioners for being ambassadors for the Governor.	

VII. Chair Kolstad's Resignation	Chris Kolstad reads his resignation letter to the Commission.	
VIII. Election of New Chair & Vice Chair		
a. Commissioner Nominations	Stefani Hicswa moves to nominate Kim Miske as Chair and Karin Olsen Billings as Vice Chair of the Commission and makes it a slate motion to vote on. Jim Corson seconds the Motion.	
b. Public Comment	No comments	
c. ACTION ITEM- Elections	The commission all votes in favor of Kim Miske as Chair and Karin Olsen Billings as Vice Chair. Kim Miske thanks the commission for the opportunity. Karin Olsen Billings states that she is excited to serve. Jan Lombardi thanks Chris Kolstad for his kind and steady leadership and presents him with a thank you plaque on behalf of the commission and staff.	Kim Miske elected Chair. Karin Olsen Billings elected Vice Chair.
IX. Public Comment	Josh Vanek gives an update on the Campus Corps Leader from the Blackfoot Community College who received a piece of the Nobel Prize as part of President Obama's donation to the American Indian College Fund. Josh also gives an update on Campus Corps activities with Winter Ready including 130 flu shots distributed. Chas Van Genderen announces that he must also resign from the Commission effective Monday, 12/20/10. He needs to focus on his park jobs but he has enjoyed his time with the commission and appreciates the opportunity. Connie Roope on behalf of JMGF thanks Chris and Chas and comments that the workgroup was a respectful process and thanks the staff for their quick work. She also notes that JMGF will have their leadership conference in March. Jim Corson thanks the staff for arranging the video conference. Doug Braun agrees with Jim and thanks Chas for recognizing Cleve Schuster in FWP. Doug comments that he is glad to be on the commission	

	as the labor representative and is glad to see MCC out in the community.	
X. Adjourn	Stefani Hicswa moves to adjourn. Jack Chambers Seconds. Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.	

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