

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chair Kim Miske Welcomes and Opens Meeting	Meeting called to order at 1:20pm	
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> Helena- Bob Harris, Keith Kelly, John Ilgenfritz, Scott Smith Wibaux- Kim Miske <i>–via phone</i> Billings- Jim Corson Missoula- James Steele, Jr., Adam Vauthier</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Austin Lyle, Karin Olsen Billings, Jackie Girard, Stefani Hicswa, Doug Braun, and Jack Chambers</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> Helena- OCS- Jan Lombardi, Julia Gustafson, Rebecca Steele, Tony Dean, Jim Auer, Jennifer Lane, Jo Radtke, Anna Penner-Ray, YASC- Connie Roope, <i>Justice for Montanans Project-</i> Michelle Hauer, <i>Montana Energy Corps-</i> Holly Hill, <i>Big Sky Watershed Corps-</i> Ann Schwend, CNCS- Amy Busch Bozeman- MCC- Jono McKinney, Lee Gault Missoula- Campus Corps- Dean McGovern, Tracy Scott</p>	
b. Approval of February 17, 2011 Meeting Minutes	James Steele moves to approve the 2/17/11 meeting minutes. Keith Kelly seconds the motion. The motion carries and the minutes are approved.	2/17/11 Meeting Minutes Approved.
c. National Conference on Service and Volunteering	<p>Chair Kim Miske gives an update on the National Conference on Service and Volunteer that she attended with Jan Lombardi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conference highlights- new ideas, connecting with other programs • met Robert Velasco, acting CEO for CNCS • Learned about CNCS priority on raising public awareness and 	

	<p>enthusiasm for AmeriCorps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connected with Vincent Illustre of the Center for Public Service at Tulane University • AARP session on www.createthegood.org • Learned about importance of social media for networking and sharing stories • 9/11 Day of Service- 10th Anniversary coming up • With deficit budgets, importance of service as a non-partisan issue- that helps to build “civic infrastructure” • Norman Moeller, RSVP from Missoula, received a 2011 Service Impact Award 	
<p>II. 2011 AmeriCorps State Formula Funding: * <i>agenda changed</i></p>	<p>Commissioner Adam Vauthier gives recap of competitive funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCC received full request for 2011 funding- equal to 2010 grant • Campus Corps received less than their request for 2011 funding- but equal to 2010 grant • Young Adult Service Corps did not receive competitive Funding 	
<p>a. Grant Review Workgroup Recommendations - Commissioner Adam Vauthier</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Young Adult Service Corps Justice for Montanans Project Energy Corps Big Sky Watershed Corps Montana State Parks AmeriCorps SVH Healthy Futures AmeriCorps 	<p>Commissioner Adam Vauthier presents the Grant Review Workgroup’s recommendation for 2011 AmeriCorps Formula Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation reflects actions on federal level- no expansions of existing programs, and limited funds for new programs. • Young Adult Service Corps: Continued focus on engaging youth in volunteerism across the state while teaching transferable job skills, Change in focus area from economic opportunity to education, Did not receive funding at the competitive level, Score 99 of possible 100 on competitive application , Recommendation of funding to remain at 2010 level, \$131,750 for 23.28 MSY • Justice for Montanans Project: Continued focus on advocating for low and middle income Montanans access to the justice system, increasing the capacity of MLSA to serve clients, No significant changes to the program, Score 86 of possible 100, Reduced funding level recommended due to limited commission resources, \$146,300 for 11 MSY 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Montana Energy Corps: Continued focus on energy efficiency and conservation projects in communities throughout the state, The National Energy Corps program was funded at the national level but did not include a financial increase to expand to Montana, however the national program was granted an expansion to Montana if they chose to pull slots from other states, Score 48 of possible 100, Reduced funding level to reflect the application score and the programs transition toward ingratiating Montana in to the national model, also reflecting limited funds available to Montana commission, \$106,400 for 8 MSY ● Big Sky Watershed Corps: New applicant to be overseen by the Montana Conservation Corps, Focus on watershed protection, education, and assessment in assistance to regional watershed groups, Score 87.6 of 100 Recommended funding level of \$106,400 for 8 MSY ● Montana State Parks AmeriCorps: New applicant overseen by Montana FWP state parks division, Serving within state parks and communities focusing on education and outreach showing the benefits of state parks, Score 66.7 of 100, Recommended funding level \$106,400 for 8 MSY ● SVH Healthy Futures AmeriCorps: New Applicant to be overseen by St. Vincent’s Hospital and Health Center, Focus on a variety of health needs throughout Central and Eastern Montana, Score 54.7 of 100, Recommended that this program not receive funding ● Supplemental Funding: Workgroup recommends the commission seek supplemental funding from CNCS of approximately \$150,000 to be distributed based on 3 priorities- Return Justice for Montanans Project to grant year 2010 funding level, Increase the funding of Fish Wildlife and Parks AmeriCorps and Big Sky Watershed Corps to requested levels, Increase funding for Young Adult Service Corps to level requested in their 2011 competitive application 	
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	<p>Adam Vauthier Moves: <i>The Montana Commission on Community Service approve the Grant Review workgroup’s 2011 AmeriCorps State formula funding recommendations for: Young Adult Service Corps at \$131,750, Justice for Montanans Project at \$146,300, Energy Corps at \$106,400, Big Sky Watershed Corps at \$106,400, Montana State Parks AmeriCorps at \$106,400, with the understanding that the Governor’s Office of Community Service Staff will pursue supplemental funding to return Justice for Montanans, Big Sky Watershed Corps, and Montana State Parks AmeriCorps to their original funding request and if additional funds are available allocate them to Young Adult Service Corps to grow the program.</i></p> <p>Bob Harris seconds the Motion.</p>	
b. Public Comment	<p>Commissioner Jim Corson asks about no funding for St. Vincent’s program. Adam Vauthier responds that the grant review workgroup felt the application was too wide spread and need focus on priority projects.</p> <p>Jim Corson asks about the avenue for them to reapply since they’ve had a long history with CNCS.</p> <p>Commissioner James Steele responds that the workgroup recommended to St. V’s to work with OCS staff and reapply in the future with a narrower focus. Keith Kelly adds another second to the motion.</p> <p>No other public comment.</p>	
c. Action Item- Formula Funding Recommendation	<p>Commission roll call vote through all locations: Bob Harris- Yes, Keith Kelly- Yes, John Ilgenfritz- Yes, Scott Smith- Yes, Kim Miske- Yes, Jim Corson- Yes, James Steele- Yes, Adam Vauthier- Yes. Motion Carries.</p>	<p><i>The Montana Commission on Community Service approve the Grant Review workgroup’s 2011 AmeriCorps State formula funding recommendations for Young Adult Service Corps, Justice for Montanans Project, Energy Corps, Big Sky Watershed Corps, Montana State Parks AmeriCorps and supplemental funding.</i></p>
III. Governor’s Office of Community Service Updates- Jan Lombardi	<p>Jan Lombardi gives updates from OCS.</p>	

<p>a. ReadyMontana</p> <p>i. Emergency Preparedness Symposium</p> <p>ii. Fire Ready Montana</p>	<p>June 2-4 was the first ReadyMontana –Emergency Preparedness Training Symposium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trained citizens to volunteer to help themselves and neighbor to prepare for and respond to an emergency • small but successful first year with 40 citizens registered and 27 participants able to attend despite the extensive flooding <p>Fire Ready Montana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year’s focus on family preparedness • Look for outreach at the pioneer league baseball teams 	
<p>b. AmeriCorps Competitive Funding</p>	<p>Congratulations to MCC and Campus Corps for receiving 2011 Competitive Funding</p>	
<p>c. Service Events</p> <p>i. Donate Life Montana</p> <p>ii. Youth Serve Montana Scholarships</p> <p>iii. AmeriCorps Week</p> <p>iv. National Days of Service</p>	<p>Donate Life Today in April resulted in 255 new registrations for organ donation. Thanks to Campus Corps schools for participating in the Campus Corps Challenge. Congrats to MSU Bozeman, UM Western, and FVCC. Youth Serve Montana Scholarships were awarded to 91 students. Thank you Montana Campus Compact for helping recognize youth service. AmeriCorps Week was a big success in May. OCS looks forward to a continued collaborative approach to AmeriCorps week in the future. National Days of Service offer the opportunity to recognize the good work in Montana- next up is 9/11 day of service and remembrance. Thank you to the Commissioners for being active and involved in serve.</p>	
<p>IV. AmeriCorps Program Reports - Rebecca Steele</p>	<p>Rebecca Steele, Grants Manager with OCS, gives AmeriCorps Program Updates.</p>	
<p>a. AmeriCorps in Indian Country</p>	<p>See the handout of AmeriCorps programs serving in Indian Country. This data is provided by programs directly in their progress reports. It is updated semi-annually and presented to the commission annually. Used last year’s feedback from Commissioner Corson to update this document. Commission Jim Corson states that he appreciates this document being pulled together as it was a request a couple years ago. Rebecca Steele thanks the AmeriCorps programs for providing the information about their work in Indian Country. Jan Lombardi gives an update from the National Conference about the “Let’s Move in Indian Country.”</p>	

<p>b. Opening Doors: AmeriCorps Disability Inclusion</p>	<p>Rebecca Steele gives an update on the “Opening Doors: AmeriCorps Disability Inclusion” survey. For the purpose of the survey a disability is defined as a condition that substantially limits one or more of the members’ major life activities, they have a record of, or are regarded as having such impairment. 24.5% of the National Service Members who returned the survey disclosed a disability. Of those who disclosed a disability: 25% reported a condition that affects visual or auditory system, 31% reported a condition that affects their physical abilities, 44% reported a condition that affects their brain. There were 632 surveys returned from AmeriCorps State, Senior Corps, Learn and Serve, and VISTA programs representing all branches of National Service. Commissioner Kelly asks about what mental disabilities are represented in the pie chart. Rebecca Steele responds that it includes depression, ADD, ADHD, Learning Disabilities, Bipolar, Autism, and Anxiety. Chair Kim Miske thanks Rebecca for presenting on this information.</p>	
<p>V. Commissioner updates Commissioner Participation Form</p>	<p>Chair Kim Miske asks commissioners to give updates about their recent community engagements. She participated in two scholarship award ceremonies and encouraged kids to keep volunteering. Jim Corson reports on attending the FGP, RSVP, and VISTA recognition events in Billings. He also judged the Campus Corps’ canned food building competition. Scott Smith reports on his work with project healing waters and helping neighbors fill sandbags. Bob Harris reports that his time on the grant review workgroup did not allow him to participate in scholarship ceremonies. Jono McKinney of MCC thanks Commissioner Bob Harris for his help and resources in networking with black volunteers in the Great Falls area. John Ilgenfritz reports that he has been volunteer with the United Way’s agency review and helping a neighbor. He also helped review the scholarship applications. James Steele reports that he appreciated the time on the Grant Review Workgroup and thanks staff. He has also been networking with other tribal leaders in Coeur d’alene on AmeriCorps opportunities in Indian Country. Adam Vauthier reports that he participated in several scholarship award</p>	

	ceremonies and GYSD in Anaconda. Also notes that Jack Chambers was the keynote at the AmeriCorps Week event in Missoula.	
VI. Next Commission Meeting a. September 28 th - All Day in Billings	Chair Miske announces that the next Commission meeting will be in Billings on September 28 th . <i>John Ilgenfritz raises concerns about using video conference service when funding is involved and would like to have commissioners get together to facilitate discussion.</i>	
I. Public Comment	Amy Busch of CNCS state offices gives an update on the VISTA Summer Associates serving across the state. 60 new VISTAs will be sworn in on July 22. They are working on cuts to Senior Corps programs and the grant process. Jono McKinney thanks the Commissioners for their support of MCC competitive application and the Big Sky Watershed Corps. He invites Commissioners to attend the Youth Crew graduation events. MCC is also working with CNCS to update their MOU so MCC can deploy out of state for disaster response. Dean McGovern of Montana Campus Compact and Campus Corps also thanks the Commission for their support of Campus Corps' competitive application. Students are doing excellent job and have been engaging faculty in service. Campus Corps has also completed their vision session for revamping Campus Corps. Jan Lombardi announces staff changes for OCS. Jennifer Lane has resigned and Anna Penner-Ray is serving as a VISTA Summer Associate.	
I. Close Meeting	Kim Miske adjourns the meeting at 2:33pm.	