



Commission Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2011

1pm-3pm

Video Conference

Kalispell, Missoula, Helena, Billings, Miles City, Glendive

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chair Kim Miske Welcomes and Opens Meeting	Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm	
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> Helena-Karin Billings, Scott Smith, David Van Son, John Ilgenfritz, Nancy Matheson, Austin Lyle, Jackie Girard Missoula- Jack Chambers Billings- Jim Corson, Doug Braun Miles City- Stefani Hicswa Kalispell- Robert Nystuen Glendive- Kim Miske</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Adam Vauthier, Keith Kelly, James Steele, Jr.</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> Helena-OCS- Jan Lombardi, Tony Dean, Jim Auer, Kim Leighton, Julia Gustafson, Devin Cowan, Rebecca Steele (call-in), CNCS- Amy Busch JFMG- Jake West, Connie Roope, PRC-Abby Zent Missoula-MTCC- Eric Cardella, Dean McGovern, Kristine Ferriter Billings-SVH- Doris Barta, Heather Fink</p>	
b. Approval of 9/28/11 Minutes	Stefani Hicswa moved to make an amendment that the meeting minutes contain a summary of the field trips Commissioners did in the Billings community. Karin Billings moves to accept minutes, with the addition of field trip language. John Ilgenfritz seconds the motion. The motion carries and the minutes are approved.	9/28/11 Meeting Minutes Approved
c. Announcements	Chair Kim Miske thanks everyone who was involved with the AmeriCorps grant funding process, including those who participated,	

	the workgroup members and staff members.	
II. Governor's Office of Community Service Updates		
a. New staff introductions	Jan Lombardi introduces new Program Assistant, Kim Leighton.	
b. Update on Symposium	The 3 rd annual ServeMontana Symposium will be February 23-24 at the Red Lion Colonial Inn. The theme is "Growing Montana Communities. We are working on securing keynote speakers and sponsors for the event. Target, NW Energy and Glacier bank have already agreed to help us out.	
c. CNCS Funding	It is still unclear what is happening with funding on the national level, but Jan will keep everyone informed as it progresses.	
	Jan Lombardi gives additional updates including the start of an alumni outreach strategy and CNCS National Grant Consultation that Commissioner John Ilgenfritz will take the lead on.	
III. FY2012 AmeriCorps Competitive Funding		
a. Grant Review Workgroup Funding Recommendations – Commissioner Adam Vauthier	Commissioner Austin Lyle, grant workgroup member, explained the grant review workgroup funding recommendations. Initially the workgroup agreed to pass four of the six competitive applications through to CNCS, but after communicating with OCS staff and specifically Jan Lombardi, they have agreed that all 6 programs have quality programs and applications.	
b. Public Comment	Commissioner Jim Corson asks for Clarification between formula and competitive funding. Jan Lombardi responds that CNCS has two types of funding for State AmeriCorps programs- Competitive and Formula. This current process is for Competitive and Formula funding will be discussed in the spring. Jim Corson asks who was on the grant review workgroup. Chair Miske responds that it was Commissioners Austin Lyle and Adam Vauthier, former Commission Chair Chris Kolstad, and Tim McCauley, executive director of the L&C United Way. Commissioner John Ilgenfritz asks for clarification about the workgroup's initial concerns with the two programs they did not want to pass through, and after reconsideration did everyone on the	

	<p>workgroup agree to send all six programs through. Austin Lyle responds that the workgroup had some confusion about the initial ranking and after the group discussed the new ranking.</p> <p>Jim Corson asks about the scores the workgroup assigns and how that relates to the application process on the national level.</p> <p>Jan Lombardi explains that they do not necessarily pay special attention to the rankings we assign on the national level. They will likely look at overall program and services. They will look at the rankings, but it does not significantly impact the national score.</p> <p>Commissioner Jackie Girard asks if all of the programs are passed through, at what point is OCS no longer able to help with technical feedback? Jan Lombardi responds that because it is open process staff can provide assistance until the applications are submitted to CNCS.</p> <p>Commissioner Karin Billings states that she is comfortable pushing all 6 programs through to the national level.</p>	
c. ACTION ITEM – Competitive Funding Recommendation	<p>Austin Lyle moves to pass all 6 programs to the national level. Scott Smith seconds the motion.</p> <p>Discussion on the motion:</p> <p>Commissioner Jim Corson: if they are not funded nationally, will they be able to apply for formula funding? Jan confirmed that they can apply for funding in March.</p> <p>Doris Barta-SVH says thank you to Jan and the Commission for their due diligence.</p> <p>Vote: motion unanimously passed.</p>	Motion to pass all six competitive grant application programs through for competitive funding passed unanimously.
IV. ServeMontana Awards Update	<p>Chair Miske notes nomination materials have been sent out and we have received many back. The award ceremony at the symposium is a great way to honor the great service in Montana.</p>	
a. ServeMontana & ReadyMontana Awards	<p>Jan Lombardi and Julia Gustafson explained the process and the commitment involved with picking winners and sitting on the review committee. They asked who would like to sit on the Workgroup for</p>	

	reviewing volunteer applications.	
b. Commission Workgroup	Scott Smith, Nancy Matheson, Dave Van Son, Austin Lyle, Jack Chambers, Doug Braun, and Stefani Hicswa volunteer for the workgroup.	
V. Commissioner Reports and Updates		
a. Commissioners, please share recent volunteer engagement	<p><u>Kim Miske:</u> participated in visits to Glendive College. They have a great Campus Corps program that has provided over 500 hours of community service. Also recently went to Great Falls with Karin Billings and Jan Lombardi to visit Great Falls College and met with members.</p> <p><u>John Ilgenfritz:</u> whenever he sees someone wearing AmeriCorps gear he engages with them. He checks on a neighbor once a week. He collected coats for the coat drive, and donated some to the Friendship Center. Working with Montanan Human Rights on upcoming non-discrimination ordinance they are working on. He also talks to people at St. Pete’s to see why Helena is losing doctors.</p> <p><u>Karin Billings:</u> handed out one of the awards for volunteer of the game to Patty Stevens. She went to the graduation for Motnana Conservation Corps crew leader members. Sits on Ending Childhood Hunger committee. She does this personally, but does wear her Commission pin.</p> <p><u>David Van Son:</u> participated in several fundraisers: pink shirt for breast cancer, firefighters did a coat drive as well, took some to local shelter, and he volunteers every Thursday night doing a sled hockey program for disabled children.</p> <p><u>Jackie Girard:</u> sits on the PTA in Montana City School, Toys for Tots, Youth Choir, and also helps with the Youth Hockey Association.</p> <p><u>Nancy Matheson:</u> MSU has coordinated a small group of people to help continue Montana Horizons work, on the steering committee for Grow Montana coalition, connects gardens with children who need good quality food.</p> <p><u>Col. Scott Smith:</u> help with a fundraiser to benefit for a 12 year old girl with leukemia.</p>	

	<p><u>Austin Lyle:</u> he has been visiting Carroll College checking on the Campus Corps program and helping to make sure it is running smoothly.</p> <p><u>Jack Chambers:</u> sat on committee to secure new location for Poverello Center in Missoula (homeless shelter). He also helped winterize a home with Montana Conservation Corps members. Learned a lot about weatherizing and was also impressed with the service members.</p> <p><u>Doug Braun:</u> has been busy restoring a water treatment plant and communicating with Native Americans that we work very hard to maintain positive tribal relations.</p> <p><u>Jim Corson:</u> did some things over the summer with conservation corps and trying to keep up with what is happening on the national level with AmeriCorps funding.</p> <p><u>Stefani Hicswa:</u> volunteered at the food bank, meals on wheels, highway cleanup, assisted firefighters with toys for tots at college basketball games and the cub scouts. Helping with the hockey rink. Also her neighbor broke both legs in a car accident and is trying to raise three 6-month old triplets, so she has been helping her out.</p> <p><u>Robert Nystuen:</u> serves as board chair for FVCC, helping to raise money for a \$5 million dollar building for Allied Health on campus. Glacier Bank has teamed up with local stations to do a food drive for food pantries. They are hoping to raise 800 pounds of food.</p>	
VI. New Business	<p>Jim Corson gives brief update on federal funding for AmeriCorps and Senior Corps.</p> <p>Karin Billings would like to provide her personal email as way of communicating national political news. It can be tricky to receive and open some documents on the state server.</p>	
VII. Public Comment	<p>Connie Roope, JFMG – thanks the Grant Review Committee for all their hard work. She shared some perspective on the grant-writing aspect of the process and explained that no matter how many times you apply for funding, it is always very difficult to do.</p>	

	Dean McGovern, MTCC – also thanks the Commission. He is proud of Food Corps and glad they have been a part of Campus Compact. Campus Compact did not apply for this round of funding, but plan to apply in March for formula funding. Student engagement campaigns are still going full force. He also introduced a new Program Manager, Kristine Ferriter.	
VIII. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 2:24pm	

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