

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chair Olsen Billings called the meeting to order at 1 P.M.		
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> Chantel Schieffer, Charles Wetherington, Jim Larson, Julie Seedhouse, Karin Olsen Billings, Danette Rector, Doug Mitchell, Kevin Myhre, Lori Chamberlin, Sandra Boham, Wendy Nicolai</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Heather Margolis</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> OCS- Dan Ritter, Sarah Sadowski, Marissa Perry, Kris MacIntyre, Sunni Hitchcock, Betsy Miller, <i>State Parks</i>- Ken Soderberg, Joe Naiman-Sessions, <i>Big Sky Watershed Corps</i>- Ann Schwend, <i>CNCS</i>- Anna Yeagle, <i>No Kid Hungry</i>-Linda Cleatus</p>	
b. <u>Approval of June 16, 2015 Minutes</u>	Commissioner Myhre moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Larson seconded, the motion carried, minutes approved.	<i>June 16, 2015 Minutes approved.</i>
c. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Olsen Billings announced that Holter Bailey, freshman at U of M will serve as the new youth representative on the Commission and that there is still an opening for a nonprofit representative.</li> <li>• Chair Olsen Billings announced that Director Ritter will be calling on Commission for letter of support to Congressional Delegation for CNCS funding.</li> <li>• Chair Olsen Billings thanked the staff and commissioners who recently met to update the State Service Plan.</li> </ul>	
d. Opening Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Betsy Miller, OCS Staff, led the group in a brief activity aimed at getting to know one another better, the activity was called “Bag O Questions”.</li> </ul>	
e. Commissioner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Olsen Billings reported on her service on the State Service Plan Workgroup, thanked the other members of the workgroup and the OCS staff.</li> </ul>	

f. <a href="#">One Warm Coat Drive</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring your gently used or new coat and deposit it in the Rotunda.</li> </ul>	
II. Commission Biannual Election		
a. Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Nicolai nominated Chair Karin Olsen Billings for the seat of Chair. There were no other nominations for Chair.</li> <li>Chair Billings accepted the nomination by acclamation. (no vote was taken)</li> </ul>	<i>Commissioner Olsen Billings approved as Chair</i>
b. Vice-Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Danette Rector nominated Kevin Myhre. Wendy Nicolai seconded.</li> <li>Chantelle Schieffer nominated herself. Sandra Boham seconded.</li> <li>Remarks were made by both candidates. Voting by ballot took place. The Vice Chair results: Commissioner Myhre 7 votes, Commissioner Schieffer 5 votes.</li> <li>Chair Billings welcomed Commissioner Myhre to position of Vice Chair.</li> </ul>	<i>Commissioner Myhre voted in as Vice Chair</i>
III. New Business		
a. State Service Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Nicolai presented the plan and the thoughts of the State Service Plan Workgroup, discussion was held. Discussion included a mention that the by-laws were last reviewed in 2010 and appears that they may need to be changed to address individual Commissioner involvement.</li> <li>Commissioner Myhre made a motion to approve the State Service Plan and Commissioner Chamberlin seconded.</li> </ul>	<i>State Service plan approved</i>
b. Competitive Grant Review Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Myhre volunteered. This work group will meet in Helena on Nov. 17. <i>OCS Staff to provide email followup to engage others.</i></li> </ul>	
c. Serve Montana Awards Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review will be held remotely the week of Dec. 14, 2015. The ceremony will be held in Helena, February of 2016, poss the 12<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Commissioners Larson, Nicolai, Rector, Wetherington and Mitchell volunteered to serve on the Serve Awards</li> </ul>	

	Workgroup.	
IV. CNCS State Office Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Yeagle, on behalf of Commissioner Girard, reported that the State Office is hosting Senior Corps State meeting in Helena with training and technical assistance. Commissioners are invited to join! OCS staff will be providing the meeting attendees information about the Office and AmeriCorps.</li> <li>• AmeriCorps VISTA pre-service orientation for approx. 45 candidates scheduled for the last week of January 2016.</li> <li>• Mayor's Day – April 5, 2016.</li> </ul>	
V. Community Service Office Updates		
a. Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Fund received \$150,374 balance \$118,624.24</li> <li>• Commission Support Grant received \$250,000 balance \$64,355.49</li> <li>• Homeland Security received \$128,209 balance of \$36,217.34 likely get through end of year</li> <li>• Reviewed Subgrantees and balances</li> <li>• Organ Donation Balance of \$56,970.85 have not received updated amount FY16 from DPHHS</li> <li>• Symposium balance \$25,497</li> <li>• Serve MT Awards balance \$94.17</li> <li>• Governor's Scholarships \$7,762.34</li> <li>• <a href="#">Spreadsheet Attachment</a></li> </ul>	
b. AmeriCorps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Sadowski, OCS Grants Manager provided brief updates on the current competitive granting process, program staff changes in No Kid Hungry AmeriCorps, Montana State Parks AmeriCorps, the launch of the first year for Montana Campus Compact's College Access Corps, Montana Legal Services Association's Justice For Montanans Project close of service and Orientation swearing in by Mike McGrath, Montana Supreme Court Chief Justice, and that Sarah and Marissa, OCS Staff traveled to Butte to attend FoodCorps swearing-in led by Eric Nylund, Senator Tester's staff in Butte led the Pledge for the members.</li> </ul>	

c. ServeMontana	<p>Marissa Perry, Outreach Coordinator, provided brief updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twenty 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students from throughout Montana were selected to serve on the Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council to address the issue of childhood hunger at their schools. They will convene in Helena on November 7<sup>th</sup> for the orientation. More information can be found at <a href="http://FightChildhoodHunger.com">FightChildhoodHunger.com</a>.</li> <li>• Five students will be awarded presented with the Volunteer of the Game Award at the five NAIA schools in the state in October and November. This award is in partnership with Montana Campus Compact and Commissioners have signed up to help present the award.</li> </ul>	
d. Ready Montana	<p>Great Montana ShakeOut earthquake drill was on 10/21. More than 167,000 people participated statewide and at least 20 news stories were published.</p> <p>ReadyMontana accepted an Individual and Community Preparedness award from FEMA on 9/8. The award was in recognition of our development of the whole community disaster simulation.</p> <p>September was National Preparedness Month. ReadyMT collaborated with DPHHS, DNRC, and DES to share daily social media messages about preparedness.</p> <p>The Homeland Security grant which funds ReadyMT was extended and is projected to expire at the end of Dec.</p>	
VI. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linda Cleatus – introduced herself as new program Coordinator for NKH AmeriCorps. Breakfast grants underway and training for members on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Ken Soderberg – commented that they have great members serving at Parks. Introduced Joe Naiman-Sessions, Joe is the new State Parks AmeriCorps Program Coordinator. Joe extended an invitation to Commissioners to Close of Service on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at Lubrecht Forest.</li> <li>• Ann Schwend – Montana Watershed Coordinating Council, Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) – commented that she learned a lot about service and the caliber of members is astonishing! Very strong movement.</li> </ul>	
VII. Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M. Next meeting is scheduled	

	for December 9, starting at 1pm.	
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