

Agenda (Note: All times are tentative)

I. 1p Chair Hubbard Welcome, Call to Order

- a. Roll Call, Anastasia Matheison
 - i. Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Hubbard, Commissioners Dawn English, Kevin Myhre, Rob Lawler, Jim Swan*, Clifford Kipp*, Vicki Turner*, Dylan Davids*, Thomas Risberg*, Zack Hawkins
 - ii. OCS Staff Present: Director Sarah Sadowski; Keena Irby, Fiscal Officer; Kristina Jordan, Program Officer; Alyssa Mathieu, Communications Specialist; Elly Fisher, Training Specialist; Anastasia Matheison, Administrative Specialist; Elaine Dahl*, Grant Specialist
 - iii. Guests: Callye Foster Montana Campus Compact*
**indicates attendance by zoom*
- b. Opening Activity, Commissioner English
 - i. All attendees answered the question: What city in the United States have you not been to but would like to and why?
- c. Approval of [March 13, 2024](#) and [May 17, 2024](#) Minutes
 - i. Minutes approved unanimously.
- d. Commissioner Reports & Updates: Please share recent engagements with GOCS & local volunteerism
 - i. Commissioner Kipp: Presented a Youth Serve Montana scholarship to a student at Bigfork High School.
 - ii. Director Sadowski: Commissioner Ackerman presented a scholarship to a student at Florence-Carlton High School.
 - iii. Commissioner Swan: Had the opportunity to attend the [Montana Student Volunteer Awards](#).

II. 125p AC Mountain Region Office Update, Dylan Davids, Senior Portfolio Manager

- a. Next week, Carly Bruder, AmeriCorps Chief Program Officer, will join the Mountain Region Office staff to visit Commissions and service sites in Wyoming and Montana. They will visit several grantees and programs along with GOCS to learn about AmeriCorps in Montana. They are planning to travel back to Montana in July/August.
- b. AmeriCorps is processing applications across all streams of service.
- c. Big Sky Senior Service in Yellowstone County will start as a new AmeriCorps Senior Companion program on July 1st, AmeriCorps is excited about this expansion of service in Montana.
- d. RSVP programs are re-competing this year, a process that happens every six years. AmeriCorps is working to expand these programs into rural areas.
- e. Two Volunteer Generation Fund grantees, Montana Legal Services Association and Big Sky Youth Empowerment, along with one Native Nations Seniors project, Chippewa Cree, have been added as of late 2023.

III. 140p State Service Plan Workgroup update & outreach, Commissioner Hawkins

- a. Workgroup has met several times to revise the community needs assessment questions and to talk about distribution efforts. OPI has sent the survey within the agency and in their newsletter that goes out to the schools.
- b. 92 responses so far with a goal of 5000 responses. More distribution efforts needed to reach this goal.
 - i. Commissioner Lawler: How long is the survey open? Director Sadowski: until the end of July.

IV. 150p Governor's Office of Community Service Updates

- a. Directors Update, Director Sadowski
 - i. Please complete the Community Needs Assessment survey online. Thank you for those who have been on the service plan committee. We are trying to get all Montana voices to be heard.
 - ii. Commissioner terms
 - 1. Commissioners Ackerman, Hubbard, Risberg, and Swan will serve another term.
 - 2. We need representatives from local government and K-12 education.
 - iii. Organ Donation Memorial
 - 1. Helena Area Community Foundation is our partner for the finances for the memorial. Through their event, Greater Helena Gives, we have received \$1,100 for the memorial.
 - 2. The website page for the memorial page will be published and shared soon.
 - iv. June 13, AmeriCorps staff visit
 - 1. AmeriCorps leadership will be in Helena June 13th. Chair Harbage will join to represent the Commission.
 - v. Thank you to all Commissioners who volunteered for the many workgroups within the past few months. Every Commissioner has done service since our last meeting, thank you.
 - vi. Vice Chair Morgan Hubbard: Thank you all for everyone who has stepped up and helped Montanans in your area.
- b. ServeMontana, Alyssa Mathieu, Program & Communication Specialist
 - i. Governor's Gift of Life Ceremony report out
 - 1. The ceremony was April 19th and hosted at the airport with Lieutenant Governor Juras. We honored 38 Montanans who combined saved 70 people. The architect was also able to attend the ceremony and brought the model of the memorial for the families to see.
 - ii. ServeMontana Awards, June 21
 - 1. Thank you, workgroup & nominators, 2024 Awardees
 - a. The event will be at 10:30am in the Rotunda with Lieutenant Governor Juras in attendance.
 - iii. Community Needs Assessment Outreach materials available
 - 1. There are materials available for handout. Check social media for digital resources. Please reach out if you would like us to mail you materials.
 - 2. Vice Chair Morgan Hubbard: Please share on Facebook to get the word out.
 - iv. Thank you, Commissioners Ackerman and Kipp, for attending the student scholarship ceremonies.
- c. Financial, Keena Irby, Fiscal Officer
 - i. Financial Status Report
 - 1. Last Tuesday's meeting with AmeriCorps confirmed we should receive round 2 of funding this month.
 - 2. Director Sadowski and I are working with the DLI budget team to request additional funding in General Fund for the next biennium.

- ii. Honorarium, claim or waive
 - 1. Thank you for those who waived their honorarium, it helps meet our yearly match.
- d. AmeriCorps, Kristina Jordan, Program Officer & Elly Fisher, Training Specialist
 - i. Competitive Grants, funding determinations
 - 1. GOCS received funding recommendations. Recompete applicant Montana Legal Services Justice for Montanans program and continuation applicant Montana Conservation Corps Big Sky Watershed Corps were funded at less than the requested amounts. Continuation applicant University of Montana, Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps was funded at the requested amount.
 - 2. AmeriCorps shared that funding levels were based on FY22 retention rates.
 - ii. Formula Grants
 - 1. Thank you to all who attended the special meeting of the Commission to vote on the funding recommendation.
 - 2. All applications were submitted on May 31, 2024, anticipate AmeriCorps approval in July.
 - 3. AgCorps and Fish, Wildlife & Parks AmeriCorps are the two Formula Program Grant applicants. Montana State University Office of Rural Health & Area Health Education Center, and Family Scholar House HealthCorps are the two Planning Grant applicants. Three innovation grant applicants are waitlisted pending AmeriCorps approval.
 - iii. National Service Training
 - 1. AgCorps' Amanda Coyle and Big Sky Watershed Corps' Bryan Wilson were in attendance in Minneapolis. Commissioner Turner, FWP AmeriCorps' Britney Stiles & Darby Bramble, and Justice for Montanans' Harley Ternes attended online.
 - 2. Next year's training will be in Atlanta April 8-10, with a virtual option April 29-May 1.
 - iv. Accommodation Assessment Report
 - 1. The current findings can be found on the ServeMontana website. This survey will be open until Aug 31.
 - v. Engagement opportunities
 - 1. Commission Lawler will join GOCS staff at Fish, Wildlife & Parks All Member Gathering next week.
 - 2. More information about program close of service events will follow in the coming months.

V. 210p New Business, Chair Hubbard

VI. 220p Public Comment

- a. Vice Chair Hubbard: If you want to do personal development there have been zoom invites for commissioner learning opportunities (Hubbard). Please reach out to me if you would like to see them.
- b. Callye Foster: Thank you for having me here. Montana Campus Compact will be disaffiliating with the national Campus Compact. The new name is Montana Campus Network for Civil Engagement. A new logo and mission will come soon.
- c. Commissioner Swan: Vice Chair Hubbard, good job running a smooth and efficient meeting.
- d. Director Sadowski: Asked if commissioners are receiving email from Governor and Lieutenant Governor for commissioner learning zoom meetings, and asked to contact her if not. Asked Commissioner Risberg to encourage your clients and youth to take the survey, as these are the people we would like to take

our survey – the voices we would like to hear. For all commissioners, please let us know if you need physical materials so we can send them out to you to spread the word in rural and tribal communities.

VII. 230p Adjourn (1:50) Vice Chair Morgan Hubbard

Next regularly scheduled Commission meetings Thurs October 10, 2024 & December 12, 2024

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