

Agenda 1p Chair Harbage Welcome, Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm.
- b. Roll Call, Allie Shepler
 - i. Commissioners Present: Chair Rebecca Harbage, Vice Chair Morgan Hubbard*, Commissioners Kevin Myhre, Kelly Ackerman, Eric Strauss, Donnie Wetzel Jr., Karen Moses*, Jim Larson, Kami Kirchberg*, Thomas Risberg, Doug Mitchell*, Donald Lovejoy*,
 - ii. OCS Staff Present: Director Sarah Sadowski, Joe Naiman-Sessions, Keena Irby, Dani Woods, Allie Shepler
**indicates attendance by zoom*
- c. Opening Activity, Commissioner Mitchell
- d. Approval of [March 15, 2023](#) and May 11, 2023 Minutes
 - i. Char Hubbard recognized a section of the minutes was missing.
 - ii. Commissioner Myhre Made a motion to approve march and may minutes with the addition of the missing parts.
 - iii. March 15th and May 11th 2023 minutes approved unanimously with the addition of description of Gift of Life Ceremony in March 15th minutes.
- e. Commissioner Reports & Updates: please share recent engagements: OCS & local volunteerism
 - i. Vice Chair Hubbard working on increasing youth service opportunities and activity her community.
 - ii. Commissioner Risberg shouted out incredible service in his community being done by Airmen.
 - iii. Commissioner Ackerman shouted out Helena boy scouts putting out flags for Memorial Day Service and high school choir participation in the event.

II. 125p AC Mountain Region Office Update, Donald Lovejoy, Senior Portfolio Manager

- a. AmeriCorps VISTA & AmeriCorps Seniors Updates
 - i. From the agency debt ceiling biden sign fiscal responsibility act? ... language around ARP funds and agency is working to see how that might be impacted by bill
 - ii. AmeriCorps Seniors and Native nations NOFO recently closed and under review. Update coming soon
 - iii. VGF and Days of Service NOFO recently closed and under review.
 - iv. Planning in-person VISTA swearing in on. Will share details soon.
 - v. Amy Busch in Billings now and looking to get involved, reach out!
 - vi. Planning a visit to Eastern Montana soon and will update with travel plans.

III. 140p Governor's Office of Community Service Updates

- a. Directors Update, Director Sadowski
 - i. Staffing happenings & Commissioner terms
 1. Recruiting for Program Officer position underway
 2. Administrative Specialist position will open soon.

3. Thank you to Commissioners Moses, Strauss, Mitchell, and Carbonari as we finish up your term on the Montana Commission on Community Service
- ii. Legislative Updates: OTO, HB585 Organ Donation Memorial, HB573 Procurement, HB856
 1. GOCS did receive One Time Only budget for the upcoming biennium, these resources will serve to match the Commission Support Grant ARP dollars.
 2. [HB585](#) signed into law by the Governor. OCS is now approved to build an outdoor memorial on the Capitol complex for Montana's organ donors by 2028. OCS is working on fundraising strategies for the memorial.
 3. [HB573](#) signed into law by the Governor, allowing state agencies to budget and expend resources to engage AmeriCorps service without having a cap.
 4. [HB856](#) became law without the Governor's signature. HB856 'generally revises the capitol complex administration laws' and includes the Old Board of Health Building where OCS has functioned for decades becoming legislative space. OCS is working with the Dept of Administration to identify a reasonable location to relocate to, as well as resources to cover the costs of relocation, along with the likely increase in rent.
- b. ServeMontana, Director Sadowski
 - i. Governor's Gift of Life Ceremony occurred in April. Thank you to those who attended and supported our organ donor families. This event is in partnership with Life Center Northwest.
 - ii. State Service Plan has been updated for 2023.
 - iii. ServeMontana Awards, June 23rd 10:30 am.
 1. Thank you to the commissioners who nominated and those who served on the workgroup reviewing nominations.
- c. Financial, Keena Irby, Fiscal Officer
 - i. Financial Status Report
 1. OCS was awarded OTO funds.
 - ii. Honorarium – rate change, claim or waive
 1. Rate change begins July 1, 2023, increasing from \$50 to \$100. If you are eligible for the Commissioner Honorarium please be sure to claim or waive all or part.
- d. AmeriCorps, Joe Naiman-Sessions, Program Officer & Dani Woods, Training Specialist
 - i. Competitive Grants: funding determination
 1. All programs were funded at their requested and commission recommended amount.
 - ii. Formula Grants
 1. Thank you to everyone served on the grant review workgroup and to all who could attend the Special Meeting of the Commission in May and for approving the funding recommendation to move forward.
 - iii. National Service Training, report out
 - iv. Accommodation Assessment Report
 1. Available at, <https://serve.mt.gov/ameriCorps/reasonable-accommodation-resources>
 - v. AmeriCorps Program Engagement opportunities
 1. July 14th JFM Close of Service at the Lewis & Clark Public Library.

2. If you ever want to get involved locally, please reach out and OCS staff will connect you with members and programs in or nearby your community.

IV. 205p New Business, Chair Harbage

- a. October 12, new Commissioner Orientation, @2hours, 10a-Noon, with lunch
 - i. All are welcome to attend!

V. 215p Public Comment

- a. Commissioner Moses asked about HB856 and moving process for OCS

VI. 230p Meeting Adjourned

next regularly scheduled Q3 Commission meeting Thurs Oct 12, 2023

Have a great summer!

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