

Montana Commission on Community Service
July 24, 2006
Mountain Meadow Inn
Helena, MT
Meeting Minutes

Present: George Dennison, Chair; Pat Murphy Vice Chair; John Allen, Johnel Barcus, Robert Harris, Mike McGinley, Lindsey Rehder, John Ilgenfritz.

Absent: Erik Burke, Tracy King, and Bob Maffit, Sheila Rice, Sue Tinsley, Chris Kolstad, Amy Busch, Keith Kelly.

Guests Present: Justine Murray, Project TASC.

Staff Present: Linda Carlson, Will Soller, Shannon Stober and Kathy Bean.

Chair George Dennison stated that he was asked by the Governor to Chair the Commission. Mr. Dennison asked Pat Murphy to preside as Vice Chair. Pat Murphy accepted. Pat will chair the Program, Policy, and Planning Committee and the Executive Committee. Pat will also assume the powers of the Commission Chair person if Mr. Dennison is not able to attend a meeting. Mr. Dennison stated that the 2nd Vice Chair would be Keith Kelly.

Chair Dennison asked the Commissioners to review the handout on the “Official Bylaws of the Montana Commission on Community Service.” He asked for a vote on the bylaws. **Johnel Barcus made a motion to accept the Official Bylaws of the MCCS as presented and Mike McGinley gave a second. There was unanimous acceptance of these “Bylaws” by all Commissioners.**

Chair Dennison asked each Commission member to state a preference to what committee they would like to be assigned to, members whom were absent were assigned to a committee. Commissioners and committee standings are as follows:

(Program, Planning and Policy) – Pat Murphy (Chair) (Staff) Will Soller, Kathy Bean
John Ilgenfritz, John Allen, Bob Maffit, Eric Burke

(Sustainability, Accountability and Assessment) – Johnel Barcus (Chair) (Staff) Linda Carlson
George Dennison, Sheila Rice, Bob Harris,
Keith Kelly

(Marketing, Information and Training) – Amy Busch (Chair) (Staff) Shannon Stober
Lindsey Rehder, Mike McGinley, Sue Tinsley,
John Allen, Chris Kolstad

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee

Pat Murphy

- Budget report will be provided at the October meeting for the Commission. Discussion ensued, requesting program grant budgets and expenditures.

Program, Policy and Planning

(John Allen)

- Will asked Commissioners to review the PPP committee handout illustrating grant funding. Successful programs at a competitive level were; The Literacy Support Corps, Montana Conservation Corps, and Campus Corps/ Campus Compact. One program that was not successful at a competitive level was Technology Corps. Programs vying for formula resources would include Technology Corps and two education award only programs: Community Partners and JMFG(Jobs for Montana Graduates Foundation). Staff asked for additional funds to provide more member slots. Notification of this funding should be made available in August.
- George Dennison addressed his concerns surrounding the Technology Corps exploring “Financial Literacy” as a new direction for its program. Much discussion ensued over other programs already providing this service and Technology Corps’s reasoning for changing their direction (reaction to funding loss at the competitive level.) The Commissioners asked that the project continue their emphasis on math and science education as it is a priority at not only a national level but also a state level. Johnel Barcus stated that “AIBL”, American Indian Business Leaders, provide financial literacy resources and that Tech Corps could contact Tina Bagay to research this topic. George Dennison and staff will raise the question to the Technology Corps Director about the Commission’s concerns.
- The Executive Committee voted to approve the proposed grant funding on June 30, 06. George Dennison abstained voting on Tech Corps and Community Partners but approved JMFG.
Pat Murphy moved to ratify the Executive Committee’s proposal and a second was given from Mike McGinley. Commission approval of grant funding was unanimous.
- Kathy Bean directed the Commissioners to review the Opening Doors Inclusion Update, specifically, technical assistance given to one individual illustrating intensive inclusion efforts. Kathy Bean shared the participation of many AmeriCorps partners with the Butte Disability Service Day Project. Kathy introduced the “Opening Doors Newsletter” as a communication tool for enhancing dialogue pertaining to disability issues within AmeriCorps*State programs. Kathy asked the Commissioners to review a handout on a revised survey to discern AmeriCorps*State members with a disability, and an additional handout on the survey results recording our AmeriCorps*State programs having an inclusion of members with disabilities at 22% compared to the national labor work force of 24%. Bob Harris and John Allen spoke to the expectations of the Commission to focus on disability outreach, advocacy and partnerships as opposed to numbers. Justine Murray added her support for the mentioned objectives.

Marketing, Information, and Training

(Mike McGinley)

- Mike McGinley provided a handout and reported the Governor's Award for Civic Engagement ceremony would take place January 17, 2007 at the Capitol Rotunda. This will be an all day session to reach out to legislators. Pat Murphy made the recommendation of adding a Service Learning category for nomination possibilities. George Dennison asked that a definition be written by the Committee for approval by holding a conference call and presenting criteria to the Executive Committee before the scheduled October Commission Meeting.
- Shannon Stober discussed CBI (Community Building Institute) events taking place August 22nd – 24th, with attendance by Liz Seale, COO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Shannon encouraged Commissioners' presence at any events.
- Shannon will provide an order form for Commissioners to request additional marketing for their media packets and provide AmeriCorps DVD's after revisions have been made.

Sustainability, Accountability and Assessment

Johnel Barcus

- Johnel Barcus stated the Committee looked forward to the retreat providing direction for the coming year.
- George Dennison reported that the Foundation was registered and ready for its first meeting.

Executive Director Report

Linda Carlson

- No report given at this meeting.

Next Meeting:

**Thursday, Oct 5, 2006, Noon.
2401 Colonial Drive, 3rd Floor
Board of Investments Building
Helena, Mt 59620**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Bean

Office of Community Service