



Michigan Community Service Commission Board Meeting Minutes

Friday May 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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Distribution and Attendee List:

	Commissioners				MCSC Staff		
V	Angela Ayers	V	Jesse Venegas	x	GINNA HOLMES		
V	Anne Mervenne	x	Jo-Ellyn Tucker		Carole Rush-Witt		
x	Bridget Clark Whitney	V	John Graham		David Martus		
x	Christopher Pryor	V	Kathleen Cain-Babbitt	x	Jason Alexander		
x	Daniel McKernan	x	Kristopher Hill	V	Joy Alston		
x	Daniel Schnoonmaker	V	Linda Little	V	Kasie Bennett		Ex-Officio Commissioner
	Darnisha Slade		Nathan Phillips	V	Megan Foresman		
	David Parent	V	Renee Williams	x	Melissa Sherry		Abdi Abdihakim
x	Doug Ferrick	x	Robert Kolt	V	Shannon Zoet	V	Michelle Teare
V	Earle Higgins	V	Sam Singh				
x	Eric Schneidewind	x	Dr. Sue Carnell				
x	Elizabeth Yassick	x	Tami Ray				
x	Heidi Magyar	x	William Kimble				

AGENDA

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I.	Welcome	Robert Kolt
II.	Ceremonial Swearing-in of Board Chair	GINNA HOLMES
III.	Ceremonial Swearing-in of New Commissioners	Robert Kolt
IV.	Introductions	Robert Kolt
V.	Executive Committee Approval - ACTION ITEM	Robert Kolt
VI.	Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM MCSC Meeting Minutes 12/15/21	Robert Kolt
VII.	AmeriCorps Funding - ACTION ITEM	GINNA HOLMES SHANNON ZOET
VIII.	Executive Director Updates	GINNA HOLMES
IX.	Outreach and Communications Report	ANNE MERVENNE
X.	Awards & Recognition Committee Report	JASON ALEXANDER
XI.	Continuous Improvement	HEIDI MAGYAR
XII.	Youth Updates	EARLE HIGGINS
XIII.	Board Governance	ANGELA AYERS
XIV.	Public Comment	ROBERT KOLT
XV.	Adjournment	ROBERT KOLT

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I.	<p>Welcome and Introductions Chair Robert Kolt called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. A Quorum was present</p>
II.	<p>Ceremonial Swearing-in of Board Chair Executive Director, Ginna Holmes sworn in our Chair Robert Kolt</p>
III.	<p>Ceremonial Swearing-in of New Commissioners</p>
IV.	<p>Introductions Commissioners in attendance stated their name and title to introduce to others who they are.</p>
V.	<p>Executive Committee Approvals ACTION ITEM Motion to approve Robert Kolt as MCSC Chair was made by Heidi Magyar and Bridget Clark Whitney seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously. Motion to approve Heidi Magyar as Vice Chair was made by Doug Ferrick and Eric Schneidewind seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously. Motion to approve the following MCSC slate of Executive Committee was made by Dan Schnoonmaker and Jo-Ellen Tucker seconded the motion.</p>
VI.	<p>Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM Chair Robert Kolt asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda which contained minutes from the December 15, 2021, MCSC Board meeting. The motion was made by Heidi Magyar and Christopher Pryor seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously.</p>
VII.	<p>AmeriCorps Funding- ACTION ITEM Shannon Zoet gave an overview of AmeriCorps programs. Following board approval, the competitive AmeriCorps prime application were submitted to the AmeriCorps agency on January 4, 2022. However, the agency has not yet announced competitive funding decisions for program year 2022-23. Mentioned the board reviewed and approved recommendations for competitive submission back in December and gave brief update on not having results of competitive funding but will in the near future. Community Economic Development Association of Michigan and Peckham's Economic Opportunity Corp. were factored into formula funding if don't receive competitive funding.</p> <p>Public Health AmeriCorps Update; MCSC is pleased to share that the Cherry Health AmeriCorps was selected for 2022-23 Public Health AmeriCorps (PHA) funding was approved to receive \$555,170 to support 20 full-time members who will provide critical services in West Mi to increase access to health care.</p> <p>Ginna Holmes gave presentation to recommend utilizing the full estimated formula allocation, the full estimated formula carry over amount, and a portion of remaining ARPA funds to fund the following applications and initiatives. Provided an overview of the formula funding recommendation 2022-2023 based on three year projections.</p> <p>Motion to approve \$7,906,222 in funding for the applications and initiatives as listed in the seven recommendations. This includes the 12 Continuation Applications, three recompetete applications, two new applicants for three years and one new applicant for two years. The funding of the new programs will be adjusted based on the federal government funding levels. The approval also includes launching a Resilience Mitigation Corps and providing an increase in living stipends for all formula programs. This approval allows for an adjustment in the funding for Resilience and Mitigation Corps and the increased program living stipend as necessary based on federal funding decisions.</p> <p>The motion was made by Heidi Magyar and Bridget Clark Whitney seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously.</p>
VIII.	<p>Executive Director Updates Ginna Holmes announced she plans to retire in four years and addressed the following, in her report.</p> <p>Public Policy – begin to start thinking of what do we do in the state of Michigan to support one of those areas is there's a tax that is still, we still have tax on their outward and other things other states have said we're not going to have state tax on that. So if people are serving in AmeriCorps, how do you invest in them? And that and they're getting so little on what? That's one idea, but we're going to have to go to the legislature to do it. Another state, which is really cool. They did in state tuition. So if you serve anywhere. And you serve in AmeriCorps, you can come to our state and we're gonna give you in state tuition. Ginna also discussed the need for Climate change.</p>

	<p>Disaster Response and Recovery The 2021 Southeast Michigan Summer flooding incident has left residents still in need of assistance. Recovery work is continuing in support of the 2021 Summer SE Michigan Flooding incident. The MCSC is helping various long-term recovery (LTR) groups including launching a pilot project in Macomb County where two churches will be assisting the remaining residents that are still in need of resources.</p> <p>Afghan Arrival Support MCSC continues to support volunteers to assist with the effort including setting up apartments and houses for Afghan families. In May, Volunteers will begin supporting immigration legal clinics where families can seek free legal services. Volunteers will serve as greeters and guides to help the events run smoothly. The MCSC is also supporting donations of Personal Protection Equipment to provide to nonprofits. In the last month, volunteers assisted with setting up apartments and houses for Afghan families. In May, volunteers will begin supporting immigration legal clinics where Afghan families can seek free legal services. Our volunteers will serve as greeters and guides to help the events run smoothly for the individuals. Our state has expressed interest in supporting Ukraine and a letter went out to local law enforcement to request donated items such as ballistic vests and helmets. The MCSC has been working with other organizations who have the capacity to ship to the country.</p> <p>Volunteer Management and Capacity Building Training The MCSC implemented a strong 2022 training calendar hosting two events per month. Grassroots organizations to well established large nonprofits are participating in the trainings to build the capacity of volunteer professionals. The Volunteer Generation Fund partners have been assisting to develop the curriculum and recruit speakers. In addition, a Volunteer Professionals network is being created to allow for collaboration and in the field learning.</p> <p>AmeriCorps Summer Associates – Expanding Partnerships MCSC is recruiting 150 AmeriCorps Members to serve with various nonprofits. The members will provide capacity building and in-person service. Those working with MCSC will assist with expanding the Michigan Serves Guide to help residents to volunteer or donate to causes they care about. The MCSC AmeriCorps members will be working to reach 3,000 partnerships in the next two years to be listed on the platform. They will also work to support disaster response and recovery planning, Environmental Justice, mentoring, and implement a strong communication campaign for recognizing volunteers and launching volunteer initiatives.</p> <p>Youth Volunteerism – Governor Student Awards The MCSC utilized the InnerView Youth Volunteer platform to support high schools track 1,532 total volunteers provide 57,000 hours of service. Michigan high school students volunteered 18% more on average compared to the rest of the US. Volunteers spent 68% of their service addressing three United Nations Sustainable Global Goals: Quality Education, Good Health & Well-Being, and Sustainable Cities & Communities. Three awards are being presented to students. All receive a certificate signed and the Governor Awards receive a medal to be worn at graduation, • 27 Recipients – Governor Youth Changemaker from 15 different schools – 400 hours in four years • 39 Recipients: Governor Youth Spirit of Hope from 20 different schools – 200 hours in four years • 342 Recipients for Michigan Community Impact Awards from 48 different schools – 50 hours per year</p> <p>Basecamp – the platform our team is using to provide discussions, projects, work plans for the day and week. Commissioners are able to use, to see what is going on at the commission. We’re going to create a system that works for you. We will work with national people to do this well.</p>
IX.	<p>Outreach and Communications Committee Report – Anne Mervenne mentioned the detailed document of national updates including the President’s budget. Committee members may reach out to you to meet with certain legislatures you have relationships with. Looking for contacts that will help further our mission. Communication plan will create a marketing plan to lift up our work to include: the AmeriCorps Awareness Campaign, the Michigan Services platform campaign to support volunteerism, Heroes campaign and the Governor Service Awards.</p>
X.	<p>Awards and Recognition Committee Report - Jason Alexander gave report of the Governor Service Awards. We announced ten winners their efforts on April 20th, which was national Volunteer Recognition Day of National Volunteer Week of Global Volunteer Month. Still waiting for the Governor’s office to confirm a date we are looking at in the fall. Still accepting nominations until July 15, 2022, please share to obtain more nominations. We also are looking for an event during that time for the Michigan Heroes, an online platform where they send a brief nomination in and we look at it real quick</p>

	and put it up in the site and celebrate those individuals. We're looking to bring all those people together here on the Capitol lawn.
XI.	Continuous Improvement Report – Heidi Magyar stated we have quite a few new members that are joining this committee. MCSC Service plan, which is an annual report that we do and we have to start working on that and the MCSC staff has really been working on developing the data metric system to allow us to track the efforts. And the goal is really to have that system fully functional by the end of this year and that will result in the annual report that will be submitted onto the Governor. National Service Advisory Council. This group is comprised of practitioners from all streams of service. The Commissioners will be added to this group to serve. So that's a new one that we have top priority will be to support recruitment, accessibility and resources another priority for us is the disaster support.
XII.	Youth Updates – Earle Higgins announced Michigan will join a national work team that is attempting to bring back federal support to implement service learning. The committee will work to support this effort. The educational support of the MCS C is partnering with the state after school association to submit a grant to identify ways to increase the AmeriCorps support for the program's efforts and ways to expand it in the fall. Earle Higgins announced the committee will support the MCSC staff to identify ways to revise the Mentor Michigan functions and creates the stabilities sustainability. The key initiative will be a way to look mentoring as a gateway for success in education and workforce development moving forward.
XIII.	Board Governance – Angela announced new appointed commissioners process is complete and welcomed all new commissioners. Mentioned for the commissioners who term is up they will reach out to discuss interest in continuing service. Each new commission to a commissioner liaison who will able available to help answer any questions, help navigate the process, understand the work of the commission and be your go to person in addition to the MCSC staff. Board Operations is reviewing operations procedures manual and committee structures so will have executive committee for review and then bring to the full commission for a vote at the next meeting.
XIV.	Public Comment - none
XV.	Adjournment – Chair Bob Kolt adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Next Meeting – 2022 (tentative)

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