



# Michigan Community Service Commission

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 26, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Microsoft Teams meeting

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**Distribution and Attendee List:**

	<b>Commissioners</b>				<b>MCSC Staff</b>		
X	Angela Ayers	X	Jesse Venegas	X	GINNA HOLMES	X	Patrice Henderson
X	Anne Mervenne	X	John Graham	X	Carole Rush-Witt	X	Rebecca Bostic
X	Aubrey Moon	X	Kathleen Cain-Babbitt	X	David Martus	X	Tyesha Turner
X		X	Kristopher Hill	X	Hannah Hoskins	X	Melissa Sherry
X	Bridget Clark Whitney		Linda Little	X	Jason Alexander	X	Karry Smith
X	Corey Utley	X	Michelle Rabideau	X	Joy Alston	X	Deb Davis
X	Dan Olsen	X	Nathan Phillips	X	Kasie Bennett		<b>Ex-Officio Commissioner</b>
	Daniel McKernan	X	Peter Spadafore	X	Kristina Coby		Abdi Abdihakim
X	Darnishia Slade	X	Renee Williams	X	Malia Colby	X	Heather Foster
X	David Parent	X	Robert Kolt	X	Marsha Hazen		<b>Partners</b>
X	Doug Ferrick	X	Sam Singh	X	Megan Foresman	X	Mike Larson
X	Earle Higgins	X	Sheila Alles	X	Shannon Zoet	X	Kelly Kuhn
X	Heidi Magyar		Sydney Shrewsbury				

### AGENDA

<b>I.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	Robert Kolt
<b>II.</b>	<b>Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM</b> • MCSC Meeting Minutes 1/21/21	Robert Kolt
<b>III.</b>	<b>AmeriCorps Grant Review</b>	GINNA HOLMES, SHANNON ZOET
<b>IV.</b>	<b>AmeriCorps Funding - ACTION ITEM</b>	Robert Kolt
<b>V.</b>	<b>Updates</b> • National Service Expansion Update • MCSC Outreach • GSA – Heroes Campaign • Youth Initiatives • VISTA Summer Project	GINNA HOLMES ANNE MERVENNE DAVID PARENT EARLE HIGGINS GINNA HOLMES
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	Robert Kolt
<b>VII.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	Robert Kolt
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	Robert Kolt

## Draft MINUTES 5-26-21

<b>I.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Chair Robert Kolt called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. A Quorum was present
<b>II.</b>	<b>Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM</b> Chair Robert Kolt asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda which contained minutes from the January MCSC Board meeting. <b>The motion was made by Sheila Alles and Dan Olsen seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously.</b>
<b>III.</b>	<b>AmeriCorps Grant Review -</b> Ginna Holmes and Shannon Zoet gave overview of the grant process and answered questions from Commissioners regarding AmeriCorps programs being considered for competitive and formula funding.
<b>IV.</b>	<b>AmeriCorps Funding - ACTION ITEM</b> Presentation was displayed on screen to show competitive funding, formula funding, new applicants, re-competing applicants and continuation applicants for MI AmeriCorps Funding. Competitive grants approved total \$5,197,601 Formula grants approved total \$5,181,232. Sam Singh abstained his vote for MCAN and CFS due to conflict of interest. Anne Mervenne abstained vote for Hope Network. Funding recommendations were discussed. <b>The motion was made by Anne Mervenne to approve the grant proposals and Heidi Magyar seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously.</b>
<b>V.</b>	<b>Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Service Expansion update provided by Ginna Holmes; On March 10, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The \$1.9 trillion plan includes an additional \$1 billion for AmeriCorps and many of its programs, including: \$620 million for AmeriCorps State and National, \$80 million for AmeriCorps VISTA, \$30 million for AmeriCorps Seniors, \$20 million for the Volunteer Generation Fund, \$20 million for State Service Commissions. It is hoped that the AmeriCorps member living allowances and education awards will be increased to make service more accessible and inclusive, and prioritize expanding programs to support communities that are underserved and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.</li> <li>• MCSC Outreach – Jason Alexander did an interview with WWMT, a West Michigan TV station, talking about the Michigan Community Resilience Program. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Albion College were featured in a news story. MCSC released a press release encouraging people to volunteer for National Volunteer Month and highlighting our Global Youth Service Day projects. MCSC will be participating in the America’s Service Commissions Virtual Hill Visits on June 22-24</li> <li>• Award and Recognition - We are planning on featuring our Heroes Campaign and honoring a few heroes at the Mackinac Policy Conference Sept. 20-23, 2021. Attendees will be required to have the COVID-19 vaccine and attendance will be limited. David Parent will send an email link to nominate heroes and requests suggestions for improvements. Commissioners were asked to provide at least one hero during pilot.</li> <li>• Youth Initiatives - MCSC awarded over \$24,000 to support over 50 Global Youth Service Day projects between April 6 and May 8. Over 2,000 youth participated and generated over 8,000 hours of service. MCSC piloted a new Michigan Governor Youth Service Award utilizing InnerView, a digital youth service platform. About 200 students were recognized with both annual and four-year awards. The MCSC received \$20,000 from America’s Service Commissions to further our vital work surrounding youth-service. Funds will be used to expand the youth volunteer efforts throughout the state. Funding came from Mott Foundation. Committee meeting will be next month.</li> <li>• VISTA Summer Project – MCSC was awarded 150 summer associates, serving with nonprofits throughout the state. Projects are supporting COVID-19 vaccinations, equity and social justice, food insecurity and learning loss/college access.</li> <li>• CVPN-CVPN State Planning Advisory Council reconvened in February. Presented return to in-person volunteering, regional launches occurring, and Council of MI Foundations presenting at annual conference in October</li> </ul>
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Other Business</b> – Sheila Alles shared it is her final board meeting as she is retiring the end of July. Please refer new commissioner recommendations for the education sector.
<b>VII.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b> - none
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b> – Chair Robert Kolt adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

**Next Meeting – TBD Based on ARP Funding Announcements**  
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