



# Michigan Community Service Commission Board Meeting Minutes

Friday September 17, 2021

1:00 p.m.

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**Distribution and Attendee List:**

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

## AGENDA

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<b>I.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	Robert Kolt
<b>II.</b>	<b>Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM</b> • MCSC Meeting Minutes 5/26/21	Robert Kolt
<b>III.</b>	<b>Children’s Fund Ratification</b>	Robert Kolt
<b>IV.</b>	<b>American Rescue Plan - ACTION ITEM</b>	Shannon Zoet
<b>V.</b>	<b>Executive Director Updates</b> • Disaster • Volunteerism • AmeriCorps • AmeriCorps Expansion	GINNA HOLMES
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Outreach</b>	Anne Mervenne
<b>VII.</b>	<b>Heroes Campaign</b>	David Parent
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>MI Corporate Volunteer &amp; Philanthropy Network</b>	Heidi Magyar
<b>IX.</b>	<b>Youth Updates</b>	Earle Higgins
<b>X.</b>	<b>Board Governance</b>	Angela Ayers
<b>XI.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	Robert Kolt
<b>XII.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	Robert Kolt

## MINUTES 9-17-21

<b>I.</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Chair Robert Kolt called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A Quorum was present</p>
<b>II.</b>	<p><b>Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM</b> Chair Robert Kolt asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda which contained minutes from the May 26, 2021 MCSC Board meeting. <b>The motion was made by Bridget Clark Whitney and Kathleen Cain-Babbitt seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously.</b></p>
<b>III.</b>	<p><b>Children’s Fund Ratification - ACTION ITEM</b> Chair Robert Kolt asked for a motion to approve the ratification of Children’s Foundation as new Fiduciary for Commissioner’s Fund, agreement and transferred funds. <b>The motion was made by Anne Mervenne and Sam Singh seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously.</b></p>
<b>IV.</b>	<p><b>American Rescue Plan Funding - ACTION ITEM</b> Shannon Zoet discussed the American Rescue Plan Act &amp; Michigan’s AmeriCorps State Funding and MI ARPA Funding via a Power Point presentation. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) is an unprecedented effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 and respond to the public health, education, and economic crisis caused by the pandemic. ARPA contains \$1 billion for AmeriCorps and its programs, including \$644 million for AmeriCorps State and National. The funding is intended to increase the AmeriCorps living allowance; increase the diversity, cultural experiences, and number of AmeriCorps members; and help stabilize existing national service programs and expand into new communities. The AmeriCorps agency allocated additional ARPA funding to state service commissions in order to increase the living allowance, provide cash match replacement funds, and/or expand national service to new communities. The three priority types of MI American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding includes: 1. Funding to increase the living allowance. 2. Funding to augment subgrantees that were not able to raise all their cash match. 3. Funding to request new AmeriCorps members. Two formula funded subgrantees requested ARPA funds to expand their AmeriCorps program. In addition, two subgrantees previously requested supplemental funding through the standard formula funding process in the amount of \$570,000. If the supplemental funding requests are not approved and awarded with standard formula funding, the MCSC staff seek approval to fund these expansion requests with ARPA funds.</p> <p>Heidi Magyar asked for a motion to approve the \$1,308, 991 of ARPA competitive funds be allocated to programs as outlined by the AmeriCorps the Agency. Heidi Magyar asked for a motion to approve the allocation of \$884,978 of ARPA formula funds to programs as outlined in the written proposal. Heidi Magyar asked for a motion to approve an additional \$570,500 in ARPA formula funds to programs as outline in the written proposal if supplemental fund requests from the AmeriCorps agency are not approved. Heidi Magyar asked for a motion to approve waiting until the next funding cycle to consider additional ARP fund allocations as part of the formula funding process. <b>All motions were made by Heidi Magyar and Aubrey Moon seconded all the motions. The motions prevailed unanimously.</b></p>
<b>V.</b>	<p><b>Executive Director Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disaster – Ginna Holmes announced the MCSC is supporting resettlement agencies for Afghan Refugee Resettlement welcoming 1,300 refugees to Michigan in increments. Necessary support includes housing, food, transportation, schooling, volunteers, and donations. MCSC has been assisting in disaster services for Southeast Michigan flooding and Mitigation Climate Change. Working strongly with the City of Detroit V.O.A.D.s, specifically Samaritans Purse.</li> <li>• Volunteerism – 911 Day of Service: MCSC provided \$18,000 over 25 projects, engaging 3,500 volunteers throughout the state. MCSC announced a new date for the virtual 2021 Michigan Conference on Service and Volunteerism from Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> to December 1, 2021. It will be a small audience and anticipating an annual event.</li> <li>• AmeriCorps – MCSC was award 150 AmeriCorps VISTA associates; out of 168 obtained 130 served.</li> <li>• AmeriCorps Expansion – Schultz Family Foundation distributed a National Service Challenge Grant in which MCSC received \$250,000.</li> </ul>
<b>VI.</b>	<p><b>Outreach</b> – Anne Mervenne commended MCSC on outreach efforts. Virtual Hill Day on June 21 was a success with 12 commissioners participating. A possible increase in living stipend of \$22,500 is being considered and an infrastructure bill may conclude next month. \$30 billion in the next 10 years for Civilization Climate Corps.</p>

<b>VII.</b>	<b>Heroes Campaign</b> – David Parent announced the formal launch of MI Heroes Project being September 22 at 4pm at the Grand Hotel <a href="http://miheroesproject.org">miheroesproject.org</a> #miheroesproject
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>MI Corporate Volunteer &amp; Philanthropy Network</b> – Heidi Magyar announced the name change from CVPN to MI Corporate Social Impact (CSI) Network being more about social impact. Heidi introduced Melina Bostwick as new consultant to focus on expanding programming and recruitment strategy.
<b>IX.</b>	<b>Youth Updates</b> – Ginna summarized moving forward with inviting schools to use InnerView platform empowering youth by recognizing their service impact.
<b>X.</b>	<b>Board Governance</b> – MCSC will be reaching out to Commissioners nearing their end of term. Let us know if you have recommendations for New Commissioners. In process of updating board operating procedures and will let you know of progress at our December meeting
<b>XI.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b> - none
<b>XII.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b> – Chair Bob Kolt adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

**Next Meeting – December, 2021 (tentative)**

**TBD**

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