



Michigan Community Service Commission Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 2, 2023
10:00 a.m.

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Distribution and Attendee List:

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

AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome | Robert Kolt |
| II. | Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM MCSC Meeting Minutes 12/13/22 | Robert Kolt |
| III. | DC Update | Robert Kolt |
| IV. | AmeriCorps Funding Vote - ACTION ITEM | GINNA HOLMES |
| V. | Executive Director Report | GINNA HOLMES |
| VI. | AmeriCorps Update | GINNA HOLMES/ MEGAN FORESMAN |
| VII. | Board Governance | ANGELA AYERS |
| VIII. | Awards and Recognition | DAVID PARENT |
| IX. | Continuous Improvement MI CSI | HEIDI MAGYAR |
| X. | Youth Committee | EARLE HIGGINS |
| XI. | Outreach Communications | ANNE MERVENNE |
| XII. | Public Comment | ROBERT KOLT |
| XIII. | Commissioner Comment | ROBERT KOLT |
| XIV. | 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>Consent Agenda – ACTION ITEM Chair Robert Kolt asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda which contained minutes from the December 13, 2022 MCSC Board meeting. The motion was made by Angela Ayers and Kathleen Cain-Babbitt seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously.</p> |
| III. | <p>DC Update Chair Robert Kolt was invited to the special unveiling of Senator Stabenow’s portrait at the Agriculture Committee room in DC. He also attended the ASC Leadership Convening with Ginna Holmes. He acknowledged Ginna Holmes great work when she had to step in to lead the National Service conference after the President of Association became ill.</p> |
| IV. | <p>AmeriCorps Funding Vote Climate Corps Update The Climate Corps planning grant for MI Dept of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) is being processed. We will be working with EGLE to identify private funding opportunities to launch the program. In April the first Healthy Climate Conference will be held in Detroit.</p> <p>Planning Grant Update Eight organizations submitted national planning grants from Michigan. There were three funded: Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), Communities First, Inc., FINM Solutions.</p> <p>Planning Grant Funding Request – ACTION ITEM There were five planning grant applications not funded as part of the National competition. three are seeking a planning grant through the MCSC. Two of these grants were previously approved: 1. Central Michigan University Department of Geography and Environmental Studies will be working with tribal entities to initiate climate initiatives 2. SEEDS Ecology & Education Centers – will explore how they can support organizations in northern Michigan. The third program seeking a planning grant is a new request - the Community Development Advocates of Detroit. They are seeking a planning grant to develop an AmeriCorps program that allows social work students to receive credit for their degree while serving as AmeriCorps members. The collaborative organization brings together various organizations in support of communities. The program could become a workforce development model to replicate across the state.</p> <p>Motion: to award a \$75,000 planning grant using ARPA funds to the Community Development Advocates of Detroit to explore developing a program that allows AmeriCorps members to receive college credits toward their Social Work Degree. The motion was made by Nathan Phillips and Eric Schneidewind seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously.</p> |
| V. | <p>Executive Director Updates Ginna Holmes discussed the importance of Mental Health and the challenges we have been seeing in our state and the tragedy that occurred at Michigan State University. She expressed her concern about the mental health of all residents, and in particular, our children and youth. She acknowledged that there are one in five adolescent youth who are managing some form of mental health issues. It was recognized that the discussion should begin the conversation as we identify resources to support communities statewide.</p> |
| VI. | <p>AmeriCorps Update Ginna Holmes reported that the MCSC is filling a limited term position, to support AmeriCorps programs, recruitment, career, and trainings. AmeriCorps Week is March 13-18, 2023. Megan Foresman shared information for the week and the activities. Russ Mauby Signature Service Projects will be held in May.</p> |
| VII. | <p>Board Governance Angela Ayers reported the MCSC is waiting for the appointments office to make appointments. Sam Singh’s position needs to be filled</p> |

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| VIII. | Awards and Recognition David Parent reported the committee will be meeting soon to identify the timeline for announcing the GSA application process. A fund development strategy is being developed. |
| IX. | Continuous Improvement MI CSI The MI CSI network continues to gain strength. A regional strategy is being implemented to allow corporations to work together collaboratively. Organizations are identifying issues they want to work on together across the state. |
| X. | Youth Committee The committee met and examined how to support youth wanting to be engaged in service and also assist them to be successful in school. The intent is to empower youth to be involved in their communities and support then finding their service path. The committee will continue to explore how to leverage resources for organizations. |
| XI. | Outreach Communications Anne Mervenne discussed the plan to track outreach to Legislators |
| XII. | Public Comment - none |
| XIII. | Commissioner Comment - none |
| XIV. | Adjournment – Chair Robert Kolt adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anne Mervenne and Doug Ferrick seconded the motion. The motion prevailed unanimously. |

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