

**MISSOURI COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION (MCSC)
4TH QUARTERLY MEETING
MARCH 26, 2021**

Recorder of Minutes.....Christine Gardner

1. Call to Order.....John Albright, Chair

>>Call to order at 10:04 a.m.<<

2. Roll Call/Introduction of New Commissioner.....Scott McFarland

ATTENDED: John Albright, Gary Budoor, Jamie Crispin, Carrie Crompton, Christine Gardner, Cindy Heislen, Amanda Henderson, Jennifer Ingraham, Michael Lanahan, Scott McFarland, Forrest Miller, Kristen Schaben, Skip Stephens, Russ Unger, Lori Williams

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Adam Gresham, Nina North Murphy, Janis VanMeter

3. Approval of December 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

→ *Russ made a motion to approve the minutes.*

→ *Motion was seconded by Forrest.*

>>**ALL APPROVED**<<

4. Commission Chair Report.....John Albright

- a. John opened the floor for the new commissioners to introduce themselves, along with MCSC staff, DED staff, and AmeriCorps (AC) program staff.
- b. Gratitude was expressed to Kristen/Scott for putting together an infographic to highlight the impact of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service activities conducted by Missouri's AC programs.
- c. Gratitude was expressed to Scott for the launch of MCSC's new and improved website.
- d. Gratitude was expressed to Scott for partnering with the Missouri State Historical Society to launch the Bicentennial Community Service Challenge.
- e. John shared that MCSC will be participating in the Strengths Accelerator program (with ASC) where commissions share, processes, ideas, and other practices with each other.
- f. Gratitude was expressed to Scott on the implementation of his 30-60-90 day plan.

5. Executive Director's Report.....Scott McFarland

- a. Scott presented data and other vital information to explain the investments of MCSC which included the following:
- b. Breakdown of the federal appropriations which shows an incremental increase of funding to state commissions since funding year 2018. (\$17, 538 to \$18,538)
- c. Detailed explanation of the American Rescue Plan and how it will impact programming in Missouri. This legislation approved a \$1 billion increase for AmeriCorps and National Service.

d. Budget Updates- over a 3 year period, the following amounts are anticipated for MCSC:

Commission Support Grant	\$370,000
Commission Investment Fund	\$150,000
AmeriCorps Formula	\$4,200,000
Volunteer Generation Fund*	\$1,200,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED \$	\$5,920,000

*This involves submitting an application and competing with other organizations nationally. But with the increase in funding, it is strong expectation that the initiative will be funded.

- e. ShowMeService.org- website has been relaunched and the domain has been changed to showmeservice.org because the old domain is very close to United Way’s domain. Traffic of MCSC social media has greatly increased.
- f. Governor Parson’s office is making a special accommodation for MCSC to secure another round of commissioners to be appointed to the board. Seeking a youth representative from age 16-25 to serve as a board commissioner.
- g. Jennifer has already contacted two people in the Springfield area in an effort to recruit them as board commissioners.
- h. Commission Staffing Changes- MCSC has been approved to add a Program Development Manager who will recruit and develop new AC programs, oversee the application process, and develop and implement a training curriculum for all programs. Intention is to hire at least one more Program Officer and a Volunteer Programs Manager.

6. DED Report.....John Albright

- a. Scott presented on behalf of Michael who had to depart early due to another commitment. He briefly discussed the Department of Economic Development’s main goals and the plan to accomplish those goals.
- b. Information was provided regarding the Neighborhood Assistance (NAP) and Youth Opportunity Programs (YOP). Up to \$16 million NAP and \$5.8 million YOP tax credits available through the special cycle.

7. CNCS Report.....Jamie Crispin

- a. There has been quite few presidential appointees assigned in positions with National Service.
- b. There are new positions being added in Regions 5-8 to accommodate the state regional offices.
 - c. There has been increased dollars being allocated to the RSVP program. To view information regarding individual grant recipients, access: <https://americorps.gov/funded-grants/2021-ameri-corps-seniors-rsvp-competition>

8. AC Updates.....Scott McFarland/Amanda Henderson/Christine Gardner

- a. Scott discussed how AC Members have helped in efforts to respond to the crises surrounding COVID-19; specifically assisting with Missouri citizens receiving vaccinations.
 - ACMs serving: **60**
 - Hours served: **2,862**
 - Vaccination sites: **18**
 - Missourians vaccinated: **22,251**
- b. Christine discussed the timeline for the grant application review.

9. Old Business

- a. Strategy Plan/State Service Plan- tabled for discussion at the next quarterly commission meeting. Discussion will be initiated in the Campfire bubble of Basecamp.

10. New Business

- a. AmeriCorps Expansion Discussion- tabled for discussion at the next quarterly commission meeting.
- b. MCSC will be submitting an application to become designated as an ADRT (AmeriCorps Disaster Response Team). The Commission will serve as a hub for deploying AC Members to assist with emergency management of disaster response and recovery.

11. Public Comment

- a. No comments were offered.

12. Adjournment

- b. No comments were offered.

→ *Motion made by Russ to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.*

→ *Motion was seconded by Cindy.*

>>ALL APPROVED<<