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Happy New Year! Volunteer Mississippi appreciates your support of National Service Programs in our great state! We look forward to working with you and seizing opportunities for growth together.

## So, what's going on?

- 1) AMERICORPS MISSISSIPPI TEAM:** MCVS is working to strengthen our oversight role of our AmeriCorps Portfolio. As such, a number of our staff will oversee this day-to-day work. I am excited to serve as your AmeriCorps Administrative Officer and look forward to working with you all! Any qualified individuals interested in serving as a Program Officer should review the job posting [here](#).
- 2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:** Who likes those? NO ONE! Volunteer Mississippi will no longer collect 1% administrative costs. Moving forward, you should request 5% admin costs in your monthly reimbursements. If we have already calculated our share of the admin costs this year, you will receive reimbursement for that cost in future reimbursements.
- 3) STAFF TIME & AMERICA LEARNS:** Volunteer Mississippi has reviewed its contractual agreement and found some conflicts within Uniform Guidance. Clarifications can be found [here](#). If you utilize a separate timekeeping system of record, please do not use America Learns for STAFF timekeeping going forward. Please review the clarifications and if you have any questions on how this applies to you, please email us at [acms@ihl.state.ms.us](mailto:acms@ihl.state.ms.us).
- 4) TRUESCREEN DECOUPLING PROCEDURES:** We are working with

CNCS to solidify our position with manual adjudications. Please place this [template](#) in each affect member file. This item is part of a regular audit and is a required component of member files.

**5) MLK PROJECTS:** Did you host or participate in an MLK Day of Service Project? Do you have pictures of your day on? We want to see them! Drop your photos in your [AmeriCorps DropBox](#) and we'll feature in our social media.

**6) EVALUATION & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** In accordance with state procurement best practices, MCVS released a Request for Qualifications for our Evaluation Consultant Role. Effective immediately, [Sue Hyatt](#) of Big Purpose, Big Impact will guide you through one-on-one and group TTA. She will be in touch with programs individually in the coming weeks. Katie Kerstetter will continue to work with us on a number of other projects.

**7) ON3LEARN COURSES:** As a reminder, if you register for an On3Learn course but do not take it prior to the relevant training, we will invoice you accordingly. If you need assistance logging in, please email [acms@ihl.state.ms.us](mailto:acms@ihl.state.ms.us)

**UPCOMING DATES:**

Jan 30: Progress Reports Due

Feb 12: NSCHC Webinar (complete the [Guiding Documents & Regulations](#) Course prior)

Mar 2-3: Program Director Training (Jackson) - Finance & Program Staff should attend - Required On3Learn Course TBD - **REGISTER HERE!**

Mar 9: Formula Application Due

**QUESTIONS???** Let us know! Shoot your questions or comments to [acms@ihl.state.ms.us](mailto:acms@ihl.state.ms.us) anytime.



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