



**NEMCSA**  
Foster Grandparent &  
Senior Companion  
Volunteer Programs



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**FGP/SCP Community Advisory Group  
Meeting Highlights  
Monday, November 15, 2021**

The combined FGP and SCP Advisory Group meeting was held in person Monday, November 15, 2021. FGP members Janet Callen, Karon Bragg, Lori Clark, Barb Selesky; SCP members Annie Hepburn, Donna Richey, Pat Rondeau, Marjorie Stein; and staff Heidi Powers and Leslie Atkinson joined the meeting.

The Group welcomed new members Karon Bragg and Barb Selesky representing the Foster Grandparent Program. Both are current FGP volunteers.

Topics of discussion included:

- **Uniforms.** The group decided it would be best to survey the volunteers directly during an In-Service Meeting to learn what type of branded clothing would work best for each program and what would be worn by the volunteers. Some ideas from the Advisory Group included smocks with pockets and program branded face masks.
- **2022 Recognition.** Given the current rise in COVID-19 infections and test positivity rates creating uncertainty during the winter and early spring months the Group unanimously agreed 2022 Recognition should be another “drive through” event.

Director’s Report

- Our AASA Volunteer Programs Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion grants were awarded securing state funding through September 30, 2022.
- Current volunteer census stands at 29 Foster Grandparents, down from a pre-pandemic count of 48 and 30 Senior Companions down from 44.
- The total amount of disenrollment since the last meeting in August is 11 due to death (2), program retirement (2), poor performance (4), transportation (1), and employment (2). One new Foster Grandparent was enrolled.

NEMCSA Board representative Pat Rondeau provided the group with updates from the Board of Director’s meetings.

Round table discussions/updates were provided by all members present.

Next meeting: TBA. Tentatively scheduled to be held in person.