



Retired & Senior Volunteer Program  
Crawford and Roscommon Counties

## Community Advisory Group Meeting

AuSable River Center  
July 27, 2017  
10:30 AM – Noon

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Terry Tody, Mert Brushaber, Albert Schultz, Debra Looney, Laurie Sauer, Harry Wojcik, Rose Mary Nelson, and Amy Fuller

#### Project Director's Report

- We have been awarded a \$122,051 expansion grant from the Corporation for National & Community Service for expanding into 9 new counties and recruiting 300 new volunteers. The grant begins 09/01/17. We will be hiring two full time coordinators, one out of the Alpena area and the other will share office space with the RSVP Project Director. The RSVP is seeking new office space in the Grayling/Roscommon area to accommodate 2 staff members, MiWorks! does not have any additional offices for rent so the current space will not work.
- The program was also awarded a continuation grant for Crawford and Roscommon Counties from the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- Fifty volunteers attended the June 14<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social/Volunteer Appreciation night. RSVP volunteer Rose Mary Nelson and a Senior Companion volunteer won the door prizes. This event seemed to be well received.

#### Program Update

- New volunteers (2)
- End of FY 2016 update: 134 volunteers reported hours in FY 16 (up from 113 last year) for a total of 14,196 (up from 13,298 last year). These advancements were made through increased communication and support from community partners/volunteer stations. Thank you to everyone who contributed.
- Next blood drive is 08/21 at the Roscommon VFW – it is fully staffed with volunteers.

#### New Business

- Advisory Council Meetings will continue to be held at the Ausable River Center. Representatives from the new 9 counties will be invited to join, there should be plenty of space at our current location to accommodate our growing numbers.
- Recognition Event: This year's luncheon will be held at Kirtland Community College's Health Sciences building in Grayling on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:30. Lunch will consist of soup, salad, sandwiches, and dessert. Terry, Debra, and Mert volunteered to help the day of the event. The Houghton Lake Senior Center will be driving their van. Invitations will be mailed the first or second week in August.
- The 2017 Self-Assessment Checklist was completed and reviewed by the group.

Submitted by: Amy Fuller, RSVP Project Director

**Next meeting: Thursday, October 26th, 2016**