

Foster Grandparent Program of NE Michigan
Senior Companion Program of NE Michigan
Community Advisory Groups / Meeting Highlights
Monday ~ February 15, 2016
FGP/10 AM - SCP/11 AM

- FGP and SCP advisory group meetings were held on February 15th at the NEMCSA Alpena Annex with Nancy Wedge, chairperson for the Foster Grandparent Program and Pat Rondeau, chairperson for the Senior Companion Program.
- Information reviewed in the meeting packets included: FGP/SCP Advisory Group Directories, FGP/SCP 2016 Meeting Dates, NEMCSA Crisis Prevention Program, the 2016 FG/SC Program Income Eligibility Guidelines and information that NEMCSA would not be participating in income tax preparation this year.
- Pat Rondeau, representing FGP/SCP on NEMCSA's Board of Directors, provided information from the December, January, and February meetings.
- Program updates were discussed. In the Foster Grandparent Program, there have been six (6) new enrollments: four (4) in Alpena County, one (1) in Otsego County and one (1) in Presque Isle County. However this being offset by five (5) current volunteers disenrolling from the FGP (*for a net gain of one volunteer*). Also, there has been two (2) new enrollments in the Senior Companion Program—both in Alpena County; however, this is being offset by two (2) disenrollments (for a net gain of "zero").
- Various volunteer recruitment ideas were discussed and members of both groups will continue to promote the FGP/SCP in their communities to help increase enrollment in both programs.
- The March in-service meetings are scheduled for the 15th in Alpena and the 18th in Gaylord. The Foster Grandparent Volunteer Annual Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for April 5, 2016 and the Senior Companion Volunteer Annual Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for June 21st. Both events will take place at The Sanctuary Inn in Alpena.
- New staff was introduced to the Advisory Group members. Lindsey Atkinson was very recently hired to fill the position of Services Coordinator, focusing on outreach/marketing for the Foster Grandparent Program. Also, discussed was the search for a new Program Director for the FG/SC Volunteer Programs. Interim Director Laurie Sauer brought the two groups up to date on the interview/hiring process and asked for members input during a meeting/interview session scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th.
- It was mentioned that in the President's budget **proposal** for Fiscal Year 2017, Senior Corps programs were level-funded.
- The next Advisory Group meetings are scheduled for May 16, 2016 at the Alpena Annex. Foster Grandparent group will meet at 10 a.m. Senior Companion group meets at 11 a.m.