



Retired & Senior Volunteer Program  
Crawford and Roscommon Counties

## Community Advisory Group Meeting

AuSable River Center  
January 26, 2017  
10:30 AM – Noon

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Laurie Sauer, Jim Tucker, Rose Mary Nelson, Harry Wojcik, Alice Snyder, Hayley Fiser, Debra Looney, Mert Brushaber and RSVP Project Director Amy Fuller

#### Program Update/Project Director's Report

- New volunteers (6)
- “Retired” volunteers (10)
- 131 “active” volunteers – down from 141 in October
- 113 are turning in timesheets (this number has not changed from last meeting)
- The Advisory Council reviewed the results from the 2016 Volunteer Survey.
  - There was discussion regarding several survey responses calling for elimination of recognition gifts or reducing money spent on recognition. One suggestion was giving a gift certificate out instead a gift. Another suggestion was having an ice cream social or dessert event in place of giving gifts.
  - There was also a discussion regarding the survey question pertaining to recruitment of new volunteers. It was suggested we purchase pins reading “I volunteer” to encourage conversations about volunteering. Also, getting RSVP on the Coffee Club (radio), adding a blurb to the newsletter which could be shared in our partner’s newsletters and adding all the volunteer stations to the newsletter circulation.
- Volunteer Fair: The RSVP partnered with Munson Hospital to hold a volunteer fair. Only 10 people participated. The weather and time could have been partly to blame for low attendance. It was suggested we try to add a volunteer component to the Grayling Chamber Business Expo. Amy will be contacting the Chamber to inquire about if this is a possibility.
- Blood Drives: The RSVP is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive at the VFW on February 20, 2017.
- MLK Day of Service:
  - We had 20 volunteers pledge to serve on January 16th and the majority of these individuals volunteered in numerous ways. We had 2 volunteers serve at community events, 8 made donations to food pantries, 6 donated clothing, 3 cared for a caregiver, 6 volunteered at a senior center, 2

donated blood, 5 helped their neighbor, and 6 volunteered at a church. There were also visits to nursing homes and the library.

- The RSVP Advisory Group drew a winner for the MLK Day of Service gift bag set. The winner was Bev Johnson. This prize was delivered to Bev while she was volunteering at St. Vincent DePaul's on 02/02/17.
- Expansion Funds: CNCS has announced the availability of expansion funds. The grant application for these funds is due the first week in April. Our intent is to apply for all the counties in NEMCSA's primary service area, with the exception of Otsego County where there is already an RSVP.

Submitted by: Amy Fuller, RSVP Project Director

**Next meeting: Thursday, April 27, 2016**