

Foster Grandparent Program of NE Michigan
Senior Companion Program of NE Michigan

Community Advisory Groups / Meeting Highlights / Monday – August 15, 2016
FGP - 10:00 a.m. / SCP - 11:00 a.m.

- FGP and SCP advisory group meetings were held on August 15th at the NEMCSA Alpena Annex with Nancy Wedge, chairperson for the Foster Grandparent Program and Pat Rondeau, chairperson for the Senior Companion Program presiding.
- Information was shared regarding NEMCSA's Summer Fuel Program for Propane and the Elder Abuse/Neglect Prevention Conference scheduled September 7th.
- NEMCSA Board Representative Pat Rondeau reiterated how program performance is reported to the NEMCSA Board through Results Oriented Management Accountability or ROMA and how ROMA illustrates how programs impact our local communities. ROMA also exemplifies the size of the agency and its many programs.
- Volunteer In-Service Meetings will be held Tuesday, August 16th and Friday, August 19th. The subject will be a review of the FGP and SCP volunteer handbooks.
- Both the FGP and SCP Corporation for National Community Service (CNCS) grant renewals have been approved. The State Multi Year Project Plan application was submitted August 3rd.
- A limited number of summer placements for FGP volunteers were made available. Plans are being made to expand opportunities in 2017 and implementation will begin shortly following the first of the year.
- New enrollment of FGP volunteers has just barely kept pace with volunteer retirements, 15 new volunteers vs. 13 retired. However, there has been an influx of applications sent out, five in one week. It is expected, based on current trends FGP enrollment goals will be exceeded.
- Senior Companion volunteer enrollment is good for now however, the activities volunteers are engaged in will have to be reviewed/addressed going forward.
- The New Volunteer Orientations including physicals, and scheduling of fingerprinting have had a few challenges but processes and procedures have been put in place to increase efficiency.
- Discussion took place regarding the Senior Companion Recognition Luncheon held June 21st. Overall it was thought the luncheon went well, however the hors d'oeuvres served last year were missed as well as having candy on the tables.
- The next Advisory Group meetings are scheduled for Monday, **November 7, 2016** at the Alpena Annex. Foster Grandparent group will meet at 10 a.m. Senior Companion group meets at 11 a.m. Please note this is a change of date for the November meeting.