



Community Advisory Group Meeting

AuSable River Center
April 26, 2018
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Members Present: Al Schultz, Mert Brushaber, Jim Tucker, and Debra Looney
RSVP Staff Present: Persis Sopariwala and Amy Fuller

Program Update

- Volunteer Fairs: Persis shared 14 agencies and 34 individuals attended the West Branch volunteer fair. The response was good from the vendors, they were pleased that attendees were really taking the time to talk and ask questions. RSVP was able to get 5 referrals for potential volunteers.
- New volunteers since last meeting: 24
- New Stations
 - Roscommon County Food Pantry
 - Rogers Senior Center + Arenac COA (The RSVP officially has participation from COA's in all 11 counties)
- Veterans Coffee Hour
 - Participation is at just over 30 people each time, with 65 unduplicated attendees
 - Deb Looney reported that attendees are going to the senior center after the coffee hour and reporting that it is a good event.
 - Special Coffee Hour is being planned for Saturday, Aug. 4th which will include free airplane rides and a light lunch.
- Outreach/Presentations
 - Presentations: Optimist Club, Rotary Club, Quota International, Lifelong Learners
 - Attendance: Business Expos, Community Connects, and Senior Centers
 - The Roscommon Business Expos were discussed, Deb Looney volunteered to have RSVP flyers at the COA's table since RSVP does not have a table.

Project Director's Report

- State Budget
 - AASA awarded each RSVP an additional \$3,550 for the current fiscal year. This one time increase is from an RSVP in the Upper Peninsula giving up their program.
 - Amy testified to the House Appropriations Health and Human Services Subcommittee regarding the value of RSVP. The testimony was well received.
- Federal Budget: Level funding for FY 2018 has been approved by Congress, with the RSVP currently operating on its FY 17 grant cycle.





New Business

- April Volunteer Appreciation Week
 - It was suggested the RSVP work with the volunteer stations to recognize national volunteer week next April. The suggestion was put forth to provide a cake to stations that wanted to have a small get together with their volunteers to thank them. Amy will add this to her calendar to start looking into Feb. 2019.
- Recognition Luncheon
 - Location: The group agree Kirtland Community College is a great location and Amy should attempt to secure a date for the recognition luncheon to be held there.
 - Dates: A date in September will be selected
 - Themes: A "red carpet" theme was discussed. As was having a photo booth. Deb Looney volunteered to man the photo booth and Mert Brushaber also volunteered to help the day of the event.
 - Raffle Items: The RSVP will be collecting raffle items for the luncheon. Each volunteer will get one raffle ticket to enter into the drawing for prizes. Advisory Council members are able to solicit a donated item for the raffle if they would like to.

Submitted by: Amy Fuller, RSVP Project Director