



Retired & Senior Volunteer Program  
Crawford and Roscommon Counties

## Community Advisory Group Meeting

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

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Laurie Sauer, Jim Tucker, Harry Wojcik, Alice Snyder, Debra Looney, Mert Brushaber, Flo Frank, Terry Tody, Al Schultz, and RSVP Project Director Amy Fuller

#### Project Director's Report

- Amy reported that the CNCS Expansion Grant was submitted at the beginning of April, we applied for 9 new counties. The CNCS Continuation Grant for Crawford and Roscommon Counties was also submitted in April.
- Amy provided testimony in February for the Health & Human Services subcommittee of the Michigan House of Representatives Appropriations Committee thanking them for supporting the Senior Corps programs. A copy of this testimony was provided to the Advisory Council.
- Amy reported that as a member of the Michigan RSVP Director's Association Advocacy Committee she has been active in helping to educate legislators about the importance of Senior Corps programs. The association has put together a booklet detailing the programs in Michigan and mailed it to all Michigan state and federal elected officials. Handouts with statewide numbers were distributed to the group.

#### Program Update

- New volunteers (16) Thank you for all the referrals from members of the Advisory Council!
- "Retired" volunteers (0)
- 147 "active" volunteers – up from 131 in October
- 121 are turning in timesheets (this number has increased from our last meeting, a good sign!)
- 1 new volunteer station: Mid-Michigan Transportation Connection/Roscommon County Transportation Authority. There was discussion on the need for volunteer drivers (non-emergency medical transportation) in Northern Michigan. The RSVP will start putting energy and resources towards recruiting for this purpose. Laurie, Alice, and Deb all expressed a need for non-emergency medical transportation.
- Blood Drives: At the RSVP sponsored blood drive at the Roscommon VFW on 6/19 & the Crawford County Commission on Aging is having one 6/28.
- Alice shared that the Dancing Dollies are looking for a new leader

## **New Business**

- Recognition Event: The event will be June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00. This has been confirmed with Kirtland Community College. It will be advertised in the newsletter and an invitation will be sent. It will be an ice cream social with a chocolate fountain.
- Volunteer Referral Program: We discussed initiated a program like this at the last meeting. Amy will introduce it in the May newsletter.
- Harry suggested moving the meeting location. There was not much discussion on this – it has been added to the July meeting agenda.

Submitted by: Amy Fuller, RSVP Project Director

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