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Community Advisory Groups
Meeting Highlights
Monday, February 12, 2018

FGP and SCP Advisory Group meetings were held on February 12th at the NEMCSA Alpena Annex.

Highlights from the November 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

Pat Rondeau provided NEMCSA Board updates including the recent evaluation of the Executive Director and how the agency as a whole is preparing for the future retirement of long standing staff in leadership positions.

Director’s Report, Heidi Powers, FGP/SCP Project Director:

- The part time Field Support Specialist position vacated by Michael Blewett in October remains unfilled at this time. A replacement was hired but resigned shortly thereafter to pursue full time employment with benefits. An offer of employment will be extended to another candidate from the pool of applicants received.
- Yearly, updated poverty guidelines were provided to the group following a detailed description of how income eligibility is determined with program applicants. Discussion included how the medical deduction allowance is applied to someone who may otherwise be over income.
- Copies of the FGP and SCP six month Program Progress Reports (the first of two annual reports submitted to our federal funder, the Corporation for National Community Service (CNCS), were distributed for review. At the time of the meeting, staff were still waiting for feedback from CNCS.
 - CNCS feedback received since the meeting indicated that both programs have been rated as “on track” which is the desired outcome however; we have been cautioned the stipend expenditures to date are running low for both programs, especially for Foster Grandparents. We have been encouraged to continue to focus on volunteer recruitment which continues to be a priority.
- Recruitment for both programs has slowed for the last quarter, October – December. Contributing factors to the decreased program inquiries include the natural slowdown during the holiday season, the loss of our Field Support Specialist, and the 12-week leave of another full time staff person.
- Initiatives for the next quarter include volunteer recruitment, the purchase and distribution of volunteer uniforms, and participation in the Michigan Association of Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs Volunteer of the Year initiative.
- Copies of the State of Michigan Proclamations for both programs were shared.

Round table updates from the membership were shared with the group.

Dates to remember include:

- Next meetings, May 7, 2018, NEMCSA Annex
- FGP Recognition Luncheon, May 15, 2018, Ramada Inn
- Michiganian Day, May 16, 2018, State Capital
- Senior Corps Week, week of May 13, 2018.
- SCP Recognition Luncheon, June 12, 2018, Ramada Inn

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Powers, FGP/SCP Project Director