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**Community Advisory Groups  
Meeting Highlights  
Monday, August 14, 2017**

FGP and SCP Advisory Group meetings were held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the NEMCSA Alpena Annex. Nancy Wedge chaired the FGP meeting and Pat Rondeau chaired SCP.

Pat Rondeau, as Vice-Chair of the NEMCSA Board of Directors, provided an agency-wide update including RSVP Project Director Amy Fuller's success in expanding RSVP services to an additional nine counties served by NEMCSA and Region 9 AAA. FGP/SCP Project Director Heidi Powers expanded upon the value of the expansion in that it completes the influence of Senior Corps programming throughout the northeast area and provides a referral source for FGP/SCP applicants who are over income or otherwise not suited for FGP/SCP.

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

- FGP is no longer under-enrolled and was successful in spending out 100% of the CNCS stipend allocation. As a result, FGP is no longer at risk of a permanent reduction of funding. This is contingent upon maintaining appropriate enrollment and related stipend expenditures.
- FGP enrollment remains steady and averages about 49 volunteers including new enrollments and retirements. Regardless, recruitment remains a priority.
- Three additional stations have entered into Memorandum of Understanding to provide additional summer placement for the FGP. Expanding into summer activities for FGP is highly encouraged by our funders.
- SCP volunteer enrollment and participation has been declining but not to the point of receiving an official citation or warning letter from funders. Action has been taken place to reverse the trend. Three volunteers transferred from FGP to SCP and several applicants are awaiting orientation.
- SCP expansion to increase in-home services is progressing slowly but coming along. Station recruitment to supervise volunteers is taking longer than expected.

Feedback regarding the recognition events held in May and June was overall positive. It was suggested seating be better managed (assigned seating) to accommodate those with mobility challenges and improvements made to the handing out of the certificates.

Next meetings: November 13, 2017. FGP beginning at 9:30 am and SCP beginning at 11:00 am at the NEMCSA Annex.

Other dates to remember:

- October 20, 2017, Michigan Commission of Services to the Aging meeting to be held in Alpena
- May 16, 2018 Older Michigianian's Day