



Community Advisory Group Meeting

AuSable River Center
October 26, 2017
10:30 AM – Noon

Minutes

Members present: Terry Tody, Hayley Fiser, Jim Tucker, Alice Snyder, Rose Mary Nelson, Laurie Sauer, Harry Wojcik, Albert Schultz, Michael Blewett, and Amy Fuller

Project Director's Report

- New staff and office locations: Michael Blewett, RSVP Services Coordinator, attended and was introduced to Advisory Council members. He is working out the Alpena office. Persis Sopariwala will start November 6th. The new office is located within the Roscommon Transportation Authority building at 132 Lake Street in Roscommon.
- New Advisory Council member: New RSVP volunteer, Helen Roznowski, has agreed to serve on our Advisory Council beginning spring 2018. She will be representing Alpena County.
- MARSVPD Retreat: Amy Fuller attended the Michigan Association of RSVP Director's retreat in Bay City September 12-14. RSVP Director's from around the state were able to share best practices and participate in training on recruiting new volunteers.

Program Update

- New volunteers (10): 7 new volunteers for the expansion program. 3 for Crawford and Roscommon County.
- New Stations: Alpena Senior Center, Ella White Elementary School, Wilson Elementary, Montmorency County Commission on Aging, and Oscoda County Commission on Aging. Amy will be presenting to NEMCSA Head Start Area Managers 11/15.
 - The group discussed the "Dinner Buddy" program at the Montmorency County Commission on Aging. RSVP volunteers will be used to transport MCCOA clients to the senior center for a nutritious meal and socialization.
 - Alice Snyder suggested developing a "friendly visitor" program to provide additional socialization for area seniors.
- Blood Drives: RSVP and the Crawford County Commission on Aging are having a blood drive at the Grayling Senior Center 11/22, RSVP is also having a blood drive 12/18 at the Roscommon VFW hall. Amy reported the October Red Cross blood drive was canceled.

New Business

- The RSVP is working with community partners to start a Veterans Coffee Hour at the Roscommon County Airport. The event will focus on providing networking and





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socialization for veterans of all ages. There will be no agenda and no speakers but plenty of free coffee and donuts. The first Coffee Hour will be Thursday, January 4th from 9am-10am

- 2 volunteers have signed up to help facilitate the event
- Advertising will take place in the local newspaper, AAA newsletter, Senior Center newsletters, Amy will contact Northern Focus, the Grayling and Roscommon VA's. Flyers will also be mailed to RSVP volunteers
- Alice Snyder shared that the COA can conduct robo calls to reach out to RSVP volunteers.
- Feedback from Recognition Luncheon: The group discussed and agreed that Kirtland Community College was a great location for the event, the food and space were great. The volunteers really like the fleece vests that were given out. The only thing to improve on next year would be more space between the seats.

Respectfully submitted by:

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