



Community Advisory Group Meeting

AuSable River Center
October 25, 2018
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Members Present: Jim Tucker, Terry Tody, Alice Snyder, Harry Wojcik
NEMCSA Staff: Amy Fuller, Rick Houchin and Persis Sopariwala

Project Director's Report

- New RSVP Services Coordinator, Rick Houchin started 9/17/18. Rick works out of the Alpena Office.
- Amy read the feedback report from the August CNCS monitor visit and reported that the monitor had been closed out satisfactory.
- NEMCSA's RSVP received a \$6,500 funding increase from AASA, in thanks to a \$100,000 statewide increase for RSVP.

Program Update

- Volunteer numbers: 259 total volunteers
- Rick and Persis reported on new partnerships with the Alpena County VA Office, Huron Humane Society, River House, United Way of NE MI, and the Villa of Rose City.
- Group provided feedback on the Recognition Luncheon, next year mileage reimbursement or a second luncheon will need to be considered to incorporate more volunteers from the nine new counties.
- Volunteer of the Year: suggestions for improving the nomination form were shared.
- Veterans Coffee Hour is funded through 2020 from private donations.

New Business

- Persis shared that the RSVP is trying to collect stories from volunteers. She is looking for leads on any volunteers who might be willing to talk with us about their experiences.
- The group discussed "other recognition" options, such as cupcake or pizza luncheons as another way to incorporate volunteers from all of the counties.

Submitted by: Amy Fuller, RSVP Project Director

