



Community Advisory Group Meeting

AuSable River Center
July 26, 2018
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Members Present: Debra Looney, Jim Tucker, Al Schultz, Mert Brushaber, Terry Tody, Flo Frank, Alice Snyder, Rose Mary Nelson, Laurie Sauer and Amy Fuller (RSVP Staff)

Program Update

- Staff Changes: Michael Blewett resigned, effective 8/7/18. The position has been posted and interviews will be conducted in August.
- New volunteers since last meeting: 40 for the expansion program and 6 for Crawford and Roscommon Counties. Total volunteers to date: 212
- New Stations
 - Friendship Room, Alpena / focusing on providing emergency food
 - American Cancer Society, Arenac, Iosco, Roscommon, Ogemaw Counties / focusing on non-emergency medical transportation
 - Tolfree Foundation, Ogemaw / focusing on Non-emergency medical transportation
 - Presque Isle District Library/ focusing on cursive writing program
- Recognition Luncheon
 - Group went over invitations and directions, minor edits to both were suggested. It was suggested to have guests register and pay in advance.
 - The group opted against providing mileage reimbursement to the event for volunteers this year. Amy to survey group on whether travel is/was a deterrent.
 - Amy and Persis to meet with Terry and Mert before event for layout suggestions
- Volunteer of the Year: Nominations being sought from volunteers and volunteer stations for a RSVP Volunteer of the Year

Project Director's Report

- Amy attended the National Senior Corps conference in Arlington VA July 15-18. She was able to attend valuable workshops on volunteer recruitment, retention, and telling our story.
- State Budget: The AASA grant is due 8/1/18. The Michigan legislature approved an additional \$100,000 for RSVP funding in FY 19. AASA has not announced how those funds will be distributed.
- Federal Budget: FY 2018 began July 1, 2018 for both federal grants. CNCS will be conducting a monitor visit for the expansion grant August 13-16.

Submitted by: Amy Fuller, RSVP Project Director

