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Community Advisory Groups Meeting Highlights Monday, November 11, 2019

FGP and SCP Advisory Group meetings were held on November 11th at the NEMCSA Alpena Annex. FGP was chaired by Nancy Wedge, SCP by Pat Rondeau. Highlights from the August 12th, 2019 meetings were reviewed.

The FGP group welcomed two new FGP volunteer members Madeline Hibner and Janet Callen representing Wilson Elementary School in Alpena.

Both groups discussed the revised proposed change of the pay out of unused annual leave time for volunteers enrolled for 90 days or less. The revision was approved and will be implemented the beginning of the CNCS program year July 1, 2020.

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

- Year end reports were submitted the Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA), our state funder, without any issues.
- Since August, 10 new volunteers were enrolled, 5 for each program and two disenrolled, 1 for each program. Of the disenrollments, a Foster Grandparent transitioned to Senior Companions and a Senior Companion passed away.
- We anticipate several disenrollments to be reported next meeting due to extended leaves beyond the allowable 120-days due to extending illness and transitions to paid employment.
- We have a current FGP census of 51 however 3 are currently inactive leaving us with 48 volunteers actively serving. We are funded for 49.
- Our FGP census by Volunteer Service Years (VSYS) is greatly exceeding expectations at 60 VSYS per pay period. Accounting for the reduced activity during the summer break, we need to average 56 VSYS to meet our grant requirements. In other words, we have the equivalent in hours of 60 FGP volunteers serving.
- We have a current SCP census of 41 volunteers and we are funded for 46. While this difference may appear alarming, most volunteers exceed the 20 hour per week requirement or exceed required VSYS.
- Our SCP census by VSYS is averaging 44.6. Short of our required 46. To meet our requirements we will need an average of 48 VSYS going forward. Our recruitment efforts continue to make up for the shortfall. On a positive note, our VSYS expenditures are exceeding those of the same time period last year.
- We continue to make progress in expanding In-Home placements. An account of the number of volunteers serving in-home will be provided at the February meeting.

NEMCSA board representative Pat Rondeau provided updates from NEMCSA's Board of Directors meetings to each group.

Round table updates from the membership were shared with both groups. Of particular note from the volunteer members was the excess chatter during formal in-service presentations and the need for additional assistance for volunteers with assistive devices being served lunch.



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Handouts provided to the groups included:

- 2020 meeting dates
- Updated membership rosters
- Winter driving tips.

Dates to remember:

- Next meeting: February 10, 2020 FGP 9:30 am, SCP 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Powers, FGP/SCP Project Director