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Community Advisory Groups  
Meeting Highlights  
Monday, November 13, 2017

FGP and SCP Advisory Group meetings were held on November 13th at the NEMCSA Alpena Annex.

Highlights from the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed.

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

- Part time FGP/SCP Field Support Specialist Michael Blewett resigned his position to work full time as one of two RSVP Service Coordinators. We are grateful for Michael's service with our programs and even though he will be sorely missed we're happy he is staying within the NEMCSA Senior Corps programs. A replacement for this position is being sought.
- FGP/SCP had a presence at the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging meeting met in Alpena in October. Foster Grandma Becky Kwilinski shared her poem reflecting on her FGP service to the group. Senior Companion Clara Gibbs shared her experience serving clients in Crawford County.
- Recruitment for both programs is going well and we anticipate enrolling a large number of volunteers before the New Year. Unfortunately, SCP attrition is outpacing new enrollments but we expect the trend to change direction the next quarter.
- Heidi represented our programs at the Michigan Association of FG/SCP Fall Training held in Escanaba in October and was able to bring back some interesting ideas for program outreach and recruitment.
- We have been very fortunate to receive \$150 and \$100 cash donations to help offset the cost of required TB tests for a small number of our volunteers. TB tests are not an allowable grant expense and if donations were not available, the cost would be at the expense of the volunteers.
- We received informal notice from the Corporation for National and Community Service (Federal funders) the SCP is scheduled to be monitored in August 2018.

2018 meeting dates for both program Advisory Groups were provided with the next meeting scheduled for February 12, 2018.

Other noted dates include Older Michigianian Day on May 16, 2018 and Senior Corps Week the week of May 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Powers, FGP/SCP Project Director