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AmeriCorps
Seniors

Foster Grandparent Program Advisory Council Meeting Minutes March 19th, 2025

Present: Foster Grandparents: Donna Saker, Victoria Rucker, Nancy Elwood

Community Members- Peter Fuerst, Youjung Lee

OFA Staff: Francie Keefe, Program Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions

- Francie welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Program Manager's Report

- **Current Foster Grandparent Status.** Francie reported current Foster Grandparent Status. The program is currently at 29 active grandparents with 1 on LOA.
 - Francie discussed the newest information on Federal Funding for the program. AmeriCorps Seniors has not provided any updated information; grant continuation was submitted on time. Will continue with business as usual. BCFGF met all requirements to remain in compliance with all Presidential Executive Orders.
- **Outreach Efforts.** Francie discussed the latest outreach efforts made by the Foster Grandparent staff. Field Supervisor Robin has been to several tabling events and plans to attend various community events with a Foster Grandparent. Events are primarily in districts currently requesting more volunteers. Flyers and yard signs to place in front of school. Nancy agreed to help were needed.
- **New Sites-** Wyoming Children Center Called to ask about program. Multiple volunteers are interested.
- **Recognition Dinner-** FGP is in the planning process for the recognition luncheon in June. Discussed location, door prizes and recognition gifts. Peter agreed to provide entertainment.
- **In-services** – Discussed the topics for the next two in-services. April will include a speaker from Binghamton Regional center for Autism Spectrum Disorder and will celebrate National Volunteer Recognition Month. May we will work with Binghamton University division of Physical Therapy and they will conduct fall assessments for interested volunteers.
- **Volunteer Panel-** Francie is working with VAST on a volunteer conference in April. Asked for volunteers to serve on a volunteer panel. Donna and Nancy offered, Victoria will fill in if needed.

Next Meeting: - TBD