

AYLF
October 21, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Host: Virginia

Lead: Jennifer (Oklahoma)

Minutes: Kara (Virginia)

On The Call:

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- Carl Enna (Arkansas) carl.enna@arkansas.gov
- Cheryl Mattson (Michigan) mattsonc@michigan.gov

September Minutes:

Approved- Christina; 2nd- Susan

New Business:

☞ **State YLF Alumni Associations:** How to start a state YLF alumni association. Staying in contact with alumni and getting them involved in the planning, outreach, and recruitment for YLF. Supporting alumni to be active in their communities and ways to develop mentoring opportunities. Connecting alumni groups from state to state.

California

- Alumni listserves; Social networks (Facebook, Twitter)
- California Foundation for Independent Living Centers started a support program for YLF Alumni- alumni volunteer at ILCs at least 16hrs/mo and receive a \$100 stipend from the foundation
- Youth driven campaigns

- Disability History Week-alumni return to high schools and colleges to do presentations, games, and other activities to recognize DH
- Currently campaigning to help students with disabilities in community college get the accommodations they aren't receiving because of budget cuts
- ILCs host different regional youth summits on transitional services, disability history, disability mentoring, and etc.
- ILCs host regular meetings with alumni and plan recruitment of new alumni

Current/Future plans:

- Updating demographic information to hold a 20 year anniversary celebration next year
- Video conferencing with other state YLFs

Missouri

- Establishing an Alumni Association with board members of alumni and a few parents
 - Needed to establish as a 501c3 for funding sources

Kansas

- Alumni listserves; Social networks (Facebook, Twitter); Mail
- Created a nonprofit organization (Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy) allowing them to do more follow up
- YLF Reunion every 5 years
 - discovered that youth still need help with transitioning and adult life – host weekend trainings every 3 or 4 months (future idea)
- Received funding for reunion from a foundation created by a local college basketball coach (foundation focuses on health and wellness- in order to receive funds reunion had to include seminars on health)

- Solicit donations from alumni for Justin Costco Scholarship Award given every year
- Solicit donations from parents of alumni to benefit programs their children participated in (YLF)

Massachusetts

- Social networking
- Alumni were involved with Act Today Influence Tomorrow to establish Disability History

Virginia

- Email (minimum response on avg.)
- Social networking (alumni keep in touch with each other)
- Recruit for alumni staff
- Small Committees (2011 YLF Planning; Est. DHAM 2009)

Arkansas

- Will email (too ill to communicate)

Michigan

- Email (minimum response on avg.)
- Social networking (alumni keep in touch with each other)

Oklahoma

- Social networking; publish quarterly newsletter; call; meet occasional with pizza and some training

Future

- Conference (get ILCs involved-*California*)

Disability Mentoring Day (extended for month of October)

Missouri- 8 reported events (Kansas City-largest) All day workshops in Employment (resume writing, interviewing) and Provider Services

California- job shadowing and mentor matching (Sams Club sponsored to cater events; Olive Garden sponsored mentor lunch for up to 30 people)

Missouri and California will share their reports

****Reminder: Don't forget to get your national surveys in!!** Please mail to: Stephanie Hill 611 South 17th Street
Clarinda, Iowa 51632

Old Business:

☞ No committee reports (5 Year Plan, Website/Newsletter/Communications, YLF Investigation, Budget)

☞ Executive Committee meet to discuss possibly waiving the membership fee this fiscal year since there is over \$5,000 in the AYLF account.

- Members asked for a concrete understanding of the purpose and privileges of paying dues
 - annual conference (biggest expense)
 - website maintenance
- Future Possibilities:
 - Teleconferencing (paying for own calls so no one state bares the cost) - Christina (CA) offered to host calls
 - Combining Conferences (would eliminate conference calls)
- Bel (MO) motioned to waive membership fee for 2010-2011; Cheryl (MI) 2nd; All Approved

☞ 2011 Agenda Topics Committee:
Bel (MO), Christina (CA), Jen (OK)

☞ AYLF Nominations

- Secretary and Treasurer (*spelling correction*) - not up for nomination
- Chair and V. Chair (state reps)- up for nomination
- Two Alumni Representatives- up for nomination

Stephanie (IO) or Jen (OK) will send out a call for nominations

☞ Connecting YLFs

- Jen (OK) will create a Google listserve and Facebook fan page
- Christina (CA) made a motion to: Have YLF Alumni from around the country compete in a Logo Competition for \$100 (AYLF budget) and use the logo to market and feature on the AYLF Facebook fan page and other marketing ideas. Cheryl (MI) 2nd; All Approve
- Tell alumni about the FB fan page to compete for contest (when details are finalized and posted)- contest details will include information about AYLF and link to website; where to submit entries (aylf2010@gmail.com) ; and deadline (12/9)
- Must receive at 5 entries to review/vote on the week of December 9th; Winner to be announced December 16th (Teleconference Call)

* Special Note: Jen will compile the YLF schedules she received into a Word or PDF file

Next Meeting: November 18, 2010 @ 2pm EST

Adjourn!