

On The Call:

Donna Foster (OH), Whitney Harris (FL), Kara White (VA), Alexis Nichols (VA), Judy MO, Anthony La Cava (FL), Beth Pinkham (RI), Jami Davis (ID), Nancy Bazanchuk (MA), Effy Francis (SC), Melissa Santora (AZ), Carrie Greenwood (KS)

Opening Round: Are you involved or a member of a council/board in your community?

- Donna- NAMI Family Council, Alexis- Virginia Advocates United Leading Together, Nancy- Independent Living Center, Effy- SC State Independent Living Council, Beth-, Melissa- Arizona Community Practice State Core Team, Anthony- Able Trust Alumni Committee, Carrie- State Rehab Council, Caucus planning committee, Whitney- APRIL Youth Steering Committee

Minutes from May and August

- Donna sent out May minutes
- May minutes were approved
- August minutes to be sent out and approved during October call

Treasurer Report:

- Jen was not on call
- No withdrawals or deposits to report
- \$3,591.97 in bank account

Formation of a Youth Council and collaboration with APRIL

- Past executive committee chair, Dawn started the idea of a youth council. Donna had brought the conversation to APRIL and started talking with Sierra about implementing a council together.
- Age range up to 26, up for discussion
- AYLF Youth Council for YLF alumni
- Potential once a month meeting, with once a year projects, possible mentoring
- How do you feel about the idea of a youth council?
 - Melissa- Great idea, difficult though for logistics, youth may be busy, likes the idea of collaborating with APRIL
 - Beth- active alumni group, ability to have others represented on the council
- How would members be selected?
 - Alexis- Each state suggesting 2 or 3 representatives
 - Kara- application process

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- Application to get the youth to be involved for their own reasons than being selected
- Carrie- States should appoint one person, that way someone doesn't have to go through and review applications
- Donna- states to nominate one or two, so that the council isn't too large, possibly a member from every state to nominate that are willing to nominate a member
- Carrie- send out a survey monkey to gather more people's opinions
- Nancy- making it more regional
- What types of goals would you suggest for a youth council?
 - Whitney- What is the purpose of why AYLF needs a youth council
 - Anthony- understands trying to define the purpose of a youth organization
 - Donna- what we think is great doesn't necessarily mean the youth want that.
 - Alexis- get the alumni to provide their own feedback
 - Donna- survey to alumni or possible Google Hangout
 - Melissa- not getting much feedback would be very telling

✍️ **Additional APRIL collaboration**

- Carrie shared the idea of having a national youth conference such as a national YLF
- YLF peer to peer mentoring

✍️ **Newsletter**

- Deadline to submit your state's recap for the newsletter is September 30, 2016. Send to Jen Randle Jennifer.Randle@okdhs.org

✍️ **Closing and Adjourn:** Everyone was thanked for attending.

- How do other states address having students still in high school at age 22 but be a peer mentor, which states that they must be out of high school?
- Kara- Virginia states that they must be upcoming juniors and seniors but with new age range.

Meeting time: 2:00-3:08 p.m. EST

Minutes recorded by Whitney Harris

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 2 pm Eastern Time

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