

Association for Youth Leadership Forums

Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2017

On The Call:

Donna Foster (OH), Whitney Harris (FL), Carrie Greenwood (KS), Wendy Molitor (MO), Zach Ford (CA), Elijah Fagan-Solis (NY), Jen Randle (OK), Mary (IN), Briana (NY), Cindy Kirschman (SD), Daniel Gounder (CA)

- **Opening Round:** What's the latest training you've attended? Is anyone planning to attend APRIL?
 - Donna- Excel training; not attending APRIL
 - Carrie- state disability conference; not attending APRIL
 - Zach- analytic work training; not attending APRIL
 - Cindy- NAMI; not attending APRIL
 - Wendy- employment training; will be attending APRIL
 - Whitney- IRLU SILC training; will be attending APRIL
 - Mary- systems of care, youth mental health; not attending APRIL
 - Elijah- CPR training; not attending APRIL
 - Jen- remote system work; not attending APRIL
 - Briana- conflict resolution training; not attending APRIL

- **Recap of YLF's**
 - How many applications did you receive? How many delegates attended? How many graduated at the end of the week?
 - Cindy- 49 applied, accepted 44, 42 graduated
 - Carrie- 35 applied, accepted 23 or 24, 18 graduated
 - Donna- accepted 30, 28 graduated
 - Jen- 30 applied, accepted 25, 20 graduated
 - Wendy- 36 applied, accepted 24, 24 graduated
 - Zach- pilot scheduled for Columbus Day weekend, funded by a grant from the Development Disabilities Council in NY; 10 people will be invited, these will be regional events around the state; goal for next year is to have 3 different "YLF" events, ages are 14-24 but will have a total of 45 people including volunteers; they will be quarterly and last about 4 days/3 nights
 - Whitney-50-60
 - Daniel- 60 applied, accepted 30, 28 graduated
 - What is something new that you tried?
 - Cindy- Unbreakable Drive, two gentlemen from Pittsburgh that presented
 - Carrie- volunteer training over the phone, 2 hours with staff before YLF; each small group used a small drawstring bag to collect cell phones at the beginning of each session, it worked very well
 - Donna- peer mentor program through DVR; had the talent show at the end of the week and invited parents to come and watch; each small group gave a presentation at the end of the week; PLPs in different format-powerpoint or electronically

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- Jen- moved from 3 groups to 2 groups; some scheduling changes
- Wendy- youth without disabilities as support staff and it worked very well; added an advocacy summit in November and partner with other youth groups to create a network
- Whitney- College campus tours and industry tours
- What is something that you learned?
 - Carrie- not all alumni were not ready to come back as staff members
 - Donna- didn't have a resource fair, but believe it should be added back; move around when the state house visit is in the schedule; contracted with an outside agency for medical services
 - Jen- more emphasis on mental health coping skills
 - Wendy- the inclusion with students with and without disabilities
 - Whitney- group bonding should include the facilitators
 - Daniel- had to adjust the shower time slots due to restrictions on ages of staff and minors
- What is something that you were pleased about?
 - Cindy- presenters
 - Carrie- fantastic staff and felt that the delegates learned a lot and were very impacted
 - Donna- had a smaller overall group and were pleased with how that felt
 - Jen- changed up leadership plans and it worked very well
 - Whitney- didn't have a talent show this year, but were able to have an "open mic" night that was very well received
 - Daniel- staff didn't complain about bathroom changes and were troopers
- What is something that you were concerned about?
 - Carrie- getting volunteers to return
 - Donna- concerned about the fidelity of the program since the ownership moved to DVR
 - Jen- struggle to recruit delegates
 - Wendy- meals at the college campus food court ended up being a problem with delegates mingling with students on campus
 - Whitney- some second year staff that ended up as facilitators and having for rearranged them

- **Topics for the year**

- Tabled for next meeting

- **Executive Committee members**

- Tabled for next meeting

- **Treasurer Report**

- Tabled for next meeting

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● **Closing**

- The next call will be Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 2:00pm Eastern.

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

Minutes recorded by Whitney Harris, AYLFF Secretary

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