

# Association for Youth Leadership Forums

## Meeting Minutes

### September 21, 2017



#### On The Call:

Donna Foster (OH), Carrie Greenwood (KS), Jami Davis (ID), Zak Ford (CA), Jen Randle (OK), Cameron Thaller (SC), Amy (MO), Dan Rounds (SD), Daniel Gounder (CA), Melissa Santora (AZ)

- **Opening Round:** How long have you been the coordinator or affiliated with your state's YLF?

- Donna (OH)- 9 years
- Carrie (KS)- since 2001, became coordinator in 2009
- Zak And Danny (CA) - 8 months, first YLF
- Jamie (ID) – one year, first YLF will be in 2018
- Dan (SD) – 11 years
- Melissa (AZ) – 4<sup>th</sup> YLF
- Amy (MO) – filling in for Wendy, first YLF for both
- Cameron (SC) – second year
- Jen (OK)- ninth year

- **Recap of YLF's recruiting strategies**

- Zak, California
  - For YLF 2017 -Ran out of time
  - Used DOR as source
  - Diversity was limited, need to improve
- Carrie - KS
  - mail out packets to disability organizations – etc.
- Donna, Ohio
  - VR sends referrals, go to local transition fairs. Email to disability organizations.
- Jen, Oklahoma
  - Have alumni recruit and practice the recruitment process,
  - PowerPoint of what they learned
- Melissa, Arizona
  - Recruiting is Successful
  - Statewide outreach
  - Disability conferences – different cultural events
  - Engage nontraditional partners- anyone who has youth
  - Recruiting contest – how many applications bring in – Amazon gift card
- Dan , South Dakota
  - Paper Excessive – have mailing list including: Dept. of Education, Independent Living Centers, Schools for Deaf - Blind, Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Ed.
  - websites

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- Conferences
  - Have video that is done by alumni used for recruiting
- Amy, Missouri
  - Email distribution with the video clip
  
- One issue with recruiting- others may determine that this is not appropriate for student – the student should apply and let the YLF selection team make the decision
  
- **Topics for the year**
  - Ideas included:
    - Key note speakers
    - Assistive Technology, Accommodations and supporting students
    - Staff Training
    - Things that work/don't work – how states have tweaked the YLF model
    - Self-Care for Coordinators
    - Using Social Media
    - Guest Speaker – on the federal level
    - Diversity of delegates
  
- **Executive Committee members**
  - Chair and vice-chair terms will expire at the end of 2018
  - Treasurer and secretary terms have expired and need to be filled starting Jan. 2018
  - If interested, please send email to [donna.foster@ood.ohio.gov](mailto:donna.foster@ood.ohio.gov)
  
- **Treasurer Report**
  - Jen gave balance update. The financial statement from August reflected a balance of \$4,319.77.
  
- **Closing**
  - The next call will be October 26, 2017.

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

**Minutes recorded by Donna Foster, AYLF Chair**

**Next Meeting: October 26, 2017**

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