



# for Youth Leadership Forums

## Meeting Minutes

### September 13, 2018

#### On The Call:

Donna Foster (OH), Whitney Harris (FL), Anthony La Cava (FL), Jen Randle (OK), Carrie Greenwood (KS), Susan Nicastro (MA), Elijah Fagan-Solis (NY), Rachel Rackers (MO), Joel Vander Molen (IA), Ciawa, Emily Beasley (SC), Jami Davis (ID), Alexis Nichols (VA), Zak Ford (CA), Daniel Gounder (CA), Darlene Owens (AR)

- **Opening Round:** – Tell us about a fun thing you did this summer
  - Donna- YLF and a beach wedding in Florida
  - Carrie- Being a part of Ms. Wheelchair USA
  - Jen- Family trip over the Fourth of July
  - Emily- Compete in a triathlon series
  - Joel- Volunteering with a camp
  - Anthony- Flying to Denver to watch a professional soccer game
  - Jami- Spending 10 days down in Belize
  - Susan- Spending a week out in Cape Cod
  - Alexis- Spent time surfing
  - Elijah- Spent time with family in Georgia
  - Whitney- Spent three weeks going to conferences
  - Rachel- Time off in between jobs
  
- **Recap of YLF's - How many applications did you receive? How many delegates attended? How many graduated at the end of the week? What is something new that you tried? What is something that you learned? What is something that you were pleased about? What is something that you were concerned about?**
  - Virginia - Alexis
    - How many applications did you receive? 26
    - How many delegates attended? 24 (target amount is 25)
    - How many graduated at the end of the week? 24
    - What is something new that you tried? 5 delegates to participate in trial testimonies
    - What is something that you learned?
    - What is something that you were pleased about?
    - What is something that you were concerned about? A lot of delegates that needed help with the PLPs, also had to fund the dance separate from the rest of the program
  - Missouri - Rachel
    - How many applications did you receive? 24
    - How many delegates attended? 17
    - How many graduated at the end of the week? 17
    - What is something new that you tried? Different registration process, changed the staff training to the day before instead of the night before
    - What is something that you learned? All about YLF, since it was her second week on the job

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- What is something that you were pleased about? Great group of delegates
- What is something that you were concerned about? Nothing of note, smoothest YLF to date!
- Idaho - Jami
  - How many applications did you receive? 11
  - How many delegates attended? 10
  - How many graduated at the end of the week? 10
  - What is something new that you tried? Financial literacy that simulated a \$10/hr 40 hrs/weeks job and had associated costs that they had to pay throughout the week
  - What is something that you learned?
  - What is something that you were pleased about?
  - What is something that you were concerned about?
- South Carolina - Emily
  - How many applications did you receive? 28
  - How many delegates attended? 26 (targeted amount was 25)
  - How many graduated at the end of the week? 26
  - What is something new that you tried? Online registration
  - What is something that you learned? Having break times for staff
  - What is something that you were pleased about? Passion that the youth had throughout the weekend
  - What is something that you were concerned about? Having the nursing staff more involved than needed
- Massachusetts - Susan
  - How many applications did you receive?
  - How many delegates attended? 33
  - How many graduated at the end of the week?
  - What is something new that you tried? Having to shrink down a four day event to one day because of a loss of funding
  - What is something that you learned?
  - What is something that you were pleased about? Please to accomplish a successful event even though it was limited to one day
  - What is something that you were concerned about?
- Oklahoma - Jen
  - How many applications did you receive? 36
  - How many delegates attended? 22 (target amount of 35)
  - How many graduated at the end of the week? 22
  - What is something new that you tried? Went downtown and did a canal ride with a lesson on accessibility, Mike Viny as a speaker
  - What is something that you learned? More emphasis on self-care and not being afraid to talk to someone to take care of yourself
  - What is something that you were pleased about? Pleased about how well the year went,

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was able to pay staff and alumni through DD Council and GOLT(?) Foundation),  
The Game of Life improved again this year, sexuality speakers were rated as the favorite speakers

- What is something that you were concerned about? The bill that they created was not appreciated that it was made up, small group time keep shrinking in the schedule
- Kansas - Carrie
  - How many applications did you receive? 30
  - How many delegates attended? 21
  - How many graduated at the end of the week? 21
  - What is something new that you tried? Cleaning up the schedule, changed up the order of the sessions with disability awareness being the first session then disability history then leadership and advocacy, even added a session on what the host organization does as an organization throughout the year
  - What is something that you learned? It was really driven home that each youth has their own story which ended up having a lot of drama this year, more training would be beneficial to deal with trauma
  - What is something that you were pleased about? A lot of success this year with sponsorships
  - What is something that you were concerned about? The trauma, and being prepared to deal with diversity. Keeping the staff/volunteers involved and returning
- California - Daniel and Zak
  - How many applications did you receive? 98
  - How many delegates attended? 45 (target amount was 50)
  - How many graduated at the end of the week? 44
  - What is something new that you tried? Scavenger hunt in place of the Olympic games, did the YLF survey onsite instead of online
  - What is something that you learned? Changed the program to cater more to the needs of the population that attends YLF
  - What is something that you were pleased about? Small groups and Capital visits were the highlights from the delegates perspective, some presentations felt long and more like lectures
  - What is something that you were concerned about?
- Arkansas - Darlene
  - How many applications did you receive? about 60
  - How many delegates attended? 45
  - How many graduated at the end of the week? 45
  - What is something new that you tried? Had a chance to write a law during the trip to the Capital, added a pool day
  - What is something that you learned?
  - What is something that you were pleased about?
  - What is something that you were concerned about? Funding for the event (Host Arkansas Rehab Services), was able to access funding under WIOA through VR, but the

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food and speakers had to come out of their own funding

- Ohio - Donna
  - How many applications did you receive?
  - How many delegates attended? 23 (10 returning delegates)
  - How many graduated at the end of the week?
  - What is something new that you tried? Instead of talent show, they did a showcase. Small groups did a skit on advocacy topics
  - What is something that you learned? Trying to keep in touch with alumni, such as a newsletter or conference call
  - What is something that you were pleased about? Overall was a good year
  - What is something that you were concerned about? Concern about regionalizing their YLF
  
- **Topics for the Year**
  - Susan- Funding sources for YLF
  - Jen- Appropriate scheduling and comparing schedules
  - Whitney- Small groups (how much time you allow, do you do have activities planned, etc.)
  
- **Closing**
  - The next call will be Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 2:00pm Eastern.

**Meeting time: 2:04-3:04 p.m. EST**

**Minutes recorded by Whitney Harris, AYL F Secretary**

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