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## Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, May 10, 2024

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Attendees: Kristin DiBiase, Chair; Dr. Marsha Cutting, Lucas Doelman, YLF Co Vice-Chair; Clarence Eskridge, Damiana Harper, GCDE Chair; Autumn Harris, YLF Co Vice-Chair, and Angie West.

Guests: Steven McCray, Lyn Sowdon, and Nancy Zellers.

Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz

### May YLF Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of January meeting minutes and May agenda. Marsha made a motion to approve the January minutes and the May agenda and Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes and agenda were approved as written.
2. Welcome, introductions, and housekeeping. All the members introduced themselves.
3. Other Pre-ETS Programs: Kristin gave a brief recap of YLF for the members visiting the meeting. Elaine shared some programs they are researching as possible YLF partners.

[Skills'kin](#) in Spokane has merged with [Skookum](#) in Bremerton. GCDE member Megan Mason-Todd who works at Skookum, said they are starting a Youth Career Camp this summer. It will be held for three days per week for three weeks. After that, they will have activities such as employer site visits. Elaine said she will visit the program and Marsha also offered to attend.

[WASILC](#) (Washington State Independent Living Council) is offering an overnight Youth Transition Summer Workshop July 7-12, 2024, held at the main campus of the University Washington. Attendees must be aged 16-24 years old and live in certain counties. Elaine will set up a meeting with Bek Moras, WASILC's Executive Director to find out more about their program.

A member asked if we could partner with more than one program. Damiana said it would depend on the staff's bandwidth. Kristin said we hope to get ideas from these different

programs. Elizabeth suggested partnering with [SAIL](#) (Self Advocates in Leadership). They were a GCDE coalition partner who worked on HB 1541 (Nothing About Us Without Us).

4. **State Legislative Youth Program:** Elaine gave an overview of [LYAC](#) (Legislative Youth Advisory Council). They have an annual Action Day every year at the end of January, LYAC brings youth from across Washington to the State Capitol in Olympia to learn about and engage directly with the legislative process. This may be another possible YLF partnership.

**GCDE Youth Council:** The members discussed the possibility of a GCDE Youth Council. Youth could attend GCDE meetings and possibly have GCDE members serve as their mentors. There was a discussion about whether youth would have time in their school day to do this type of program during the school year. Clarence said most schools give students opportunities to participate in programs like ASB clubs (Associated Student Body).

**Youth Survey:** A workgroup was created to create a Youth Survey with no more than five questions. Nancy, Lyn, and Clarence volunteered as members to design the survey. Damiana said we can reach out to the Department of Services for the Blind (DSB) and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to ask their Pre-ETS (pre-employment transition services) customers to get a larger target audience.

5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment

**Next Meeting:** June 7, 2024