



STATE OF WASHINGTON

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT

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**Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Meeting Minutes**

Friday, August 9, 2024

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://esd-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/83645886098?pwd=SXY0VjN6bUxwTjNILzFsUzl5cElnZz09>

Meeting ID: 836 4588 6098

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**Agenda**

1. Approve agenda and minutes. (Quorum = 4). Marsha made a motion to approve the minutes and Lucas seconded the motion. All voted yes and minutes were approved as written.
2. Report from ESD Staff on Visit to Skookum's Career Academy. Not discussed.
3. Recap of YLF Programming Meeting.
4. Report out on Subcommittee Action Items.
  - a. Kristin: Contact Sunshine Cheng; Nathan Hoston; Andy Song-Schierberl, and Steve Lewis. Kristin reported that she emailed Nathan and Sunshine and still needs to reach out to Steve Lewis.

- b. Elizabeth: WASILC. Elizabeth reached out to Bek from WASILC. She is meeting with them next Monday and will check in then.
  - c. Marsha reported that she mentioned the YLF event at last the Kitsap County ACAC meeting but they didn't have time to discuss it further.
  - c. **Vote:** Marsha made a motion to empower the curriculum and programming workgroup to make decisions and vote on their own without taking it back to the YLF subcommittee. Nancy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
  - c. Marsha: ACACs; Community Outreach Subcommittee
5. Continue brainstorming additional activity content and refining schedule.

- **Structure**

- Virtual event via Zoom on Friday, August 1, 2025, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
- Watch parties around the state. Invite partners to host youth that they already engage with to watch together (i.e. Centers for Independence). Youth can also attend on their own from home.
- Theme: Superheroes. "Your disability is your superpower."

- **Learning Outcomes:**

- a. Come away with a working definition of disability pride and what it is.
- b. Learn info about how to counteract the narrative of negativity around disability.
- c. Learn how to advocate.

- **Desired Objectives [SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic,**

- Timebound) Goals]:**

- a. Delegates to have fun.
- b. Partnerships with disability organizations.
- c. Connect youth with their community.

- **Draft Schedule**

Event from 1-5 pm

1:00 welcome, intros, housekeeping (10 mins)

What Is Ableism? – External and Internal. Moving from Ableism to Pride.

Lived experience sharing among participants. Folks will work together to discuss issues and strategies. [Use breakout rooms for virtual attendees]. Handout/download: Tips on counteracting ableism

Speaker 1 Keynote: Embracing Pride [Speaker TBD] (15 mins)

Elaine shared a website about superheroes with disabilities <https://www.cbr.com/more-than-able-15-disabled-superheroes-who-inspire-us/>. Theme: What is Your Superpower?

Lived experience sharing on disability pride. [Use breakout rooms]. Group share in breakout rooms, watch parties in person. Document on counteracting ableism. Delegates share ideas for countering ableism.

3:00 Bio break (20 mins)

3:20 History of The Disability Rights Movement

30 min. Lived experience sharing among participants about advocacy. [Use breakout rooms for virtual attendees] Handout/download: How to be an everyday advocate

Speaker 2 Keynote:

4:55 Wrap up, thank yous (5 mins)

[Short Video Featurettes on people with disabilities at some points]

[Roles needed for event: host, additional short presentations/videos

Tasks needed: create script for event; identify and test multimodal content; tech support; plan a walk through; create handouts and activities; create outreach materials]

6. Marsha discussed an article about power dynamic from San Diego University.

[https://www.pdcnet.org/socphiltoday/content/socphiltoday\\_2010\\_0026\\_0121\\_0134](https://www.pdcnet.org/socphiltoday/content/socphiltoday_2010_0026_0121_0134). The article from Joe could be one of our resources that we provide on disability pride.

7. Other suggestions:

- A speaker named Joe Stramondo <https://philosophy.sdsu.edu/people/bios/stramondo>.
- Is anyone who could talk about disability and the native communities? Or someone who can talk about intersectionality?
- How to get Involved and Advocate on the Next Level - Sunshine Cheng from Disability Rights Washington (DRW).
- King Khazm. <https://kingkhazm.com/>. If he charges to speak, we may need to think about sponsors.
- Lauchi: a singer. <https://lachimusic.com/speaking.html>
- Event name suggestion: Disability Power 2025.
- We need to be flexible with CILs if they have low budgets or limited technology. May need to hire a Spanish language interpreter. We should keep the event simple.

Meeting Adjourned 11:10 am.

**Next Meeting: Friday, September 6, 2024, at 10:00-11:30 am**