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Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)

Friday, November 1, 2024

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Kristin DiBiase, YLF Chair; Autumn Harris, YLF Co-Vice Chair; Marsha Cutting, Clarence Eskridge, Damiana Harper, GCDE Chair; Lyn Sowdon, and Nancy Zellers. Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz.

1. Approve agenda and minutes. (Quorum = 4). Minutes: Marsha made a motion to approve the minutes and Clarence seconded the motion. All approved and the minutes were approved as written. Lyn made motion to approve the agenda and Marsha seconded the motion. All approved and the agenda was approved as written.
2. Recap of YLF Programming Meeting. The October meeting was canceled.
3. Meeting with Washington State Independent Living Council (WASILC)/Centers for Independent Living (CIL) Directors. Kristin, Elizabeth and Elaine met with WASILC and Pierce County CIL directors. The goal of the meeting was to explore a partnership with CILs to host watch parties for the 2025 Youth Empowerment Program (formerly the Youth Leadership Forum). Watch parties at CILs would be difficult. The CILs having limited funding and don't currently have an active group of students. Rural areas also make it difficult to get youth together. Therefore, Kristin said we will need to brainstorm a new plan for watch parties.

Brainstorm Ideas:

- Partner with Accessible Communities Advisory Committees (ACACs)
 - Partner with school districts
 - Partner with DVR and DSB to host watch parties
 - Community Outreach is putting together a list of disability organizations
 - Possible future partnership with WASILC
 - Partner with YMCA or Seattle Parks and Rec
4. Report out on Subcommittee Action Items.

- a. Kristin: Contact Sunshine Cheng; Ivanova Smith. **Tabled until next meeting.**
 - b. Marsha: ACACs; Community Outreach Subcommittee; King Khazm. **Tabled until next meeting.**
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

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)

What is Your Superpower? Lived experience sharing on disability pride. [Use breakout rooms]

3:00 Bio break (20 mins)

3:20 History of The Disability Rights Movement

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

Speaker 2 Keynote: Ivanova Smith (15 mins)

How to get Involved and Advocate on the Next Level - Sunshine Cheng from Disability Rights Washington (DRW)

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]

Next Meeting: Friday, December 13, 2024, at 10:00 am