Youth Empowerment Subcommittee Minutes

Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment

October 2, 2026

10:00 am

Attendees: Kristin DiBiase, Youth Empowerment Chair; Lucas Doelman, Youth Empowerment Co-Vice Chair; Autumn Harris, Youth Empowerment Co-Vice Chair; Brit Nuckles and Lyn Sowdon. Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz.

Meeting Purpose: Updates on 2026 Youth Empowerment Program

Meeting Results:

By the end of the meeting participants will:

- Discuss the Youth Empowerment Program

Time	**Agenda Item**	**Person(s) Responsible**
10:00	Call meeting to order/roll call	Kristin DiBiase, Chair
10:05	Agenda/minutes approval (Q=5)	
	We didn't have quorum to vote.	Kristin DiBiase, Chair
10:10	Group Discussion About Youth Empowerment Program	
	Kristin said the virtual event we did last year didn't reach the people we wanted. This year, we will partner with Centers For Independent Living (CILs). There was a discussion about focusing on young adults rather than youth under the age of 18. Transition time during ages 18-22 is critical for folks.	
	Lucas asked that we look at past years and determine how this subcommittee made an impact on youth and build a plan based on that. How can we bring youth into better their lives? Brit suggested reaching out to established youth programs/organizations. Lucas and Brit will be attending the People First Conference. Questions they will ask at the conference: Does People First still have programs for youth/young adults and what programs are there? What type of outreach does People First do for youth/young adults. What programmatic activities do they ave for outreach to youth/young adults. Any younger leaders that would be interested in talking with us.	

Elizabeth said we could have a youth listening event and gather information to take to the legislature.

Brit suggested reaching out to Mockingbird. Mockingbird has programs for youth ages 13-26 who are in foster care/ homelessness. Building leadership and advocacy.

https://mockingbirdsociety.org/take-action/youth-leadership-summit

https://mockingbirdsociety.org/our-work/youth-programs-1

11:00	Adjourn	All

Next Meeting: Friday, November 6, 2026, at 10:00 am.