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**GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT**

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

Friday, December 15, 2023

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Subcommittee Attendees:** Kristin DiBiase, YLF Chair; Dr. Marsha Cutting, Lucas Doelman, Dr. Kevin Frankeberger, Dr. Nathan Hoston, YLF Vice Chair; Damiana Harper, GCDE Chair; Clarence Eskridge, and Kristina Sawyckyj.

**Guest:** Patricia Bauccio, GCDE Chair Emerita

**Staff:** Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz

**Absent:** Autumn Harris, and Ivyanne Van Der Peet.

**December YLF Agenda**

1. Approval of October meeting minutes. Marsha made a motion to approve the minutes and Kevin seconded. None opposed and no abstentions. Minutes approved as written.
2. Welcome, introductions, and housekeeping
3. 2024 YLF. Kristin reported that we will pause YLF for one year to do some strategic planning. A big focus will be hiring and training the counselors and volunteers. The training will take place before YLF.
4. Report from YLF Leadership Retreat. Kristin, Nathan, Marsha, and Elaine met last week for a one-day retreat. They focused on the following: (1) Reviewed the job descriptions for roles at YLF (counselor, nurse, peer counselors). Removed the category of co-counselor and will just have counselors and peer counselors. They felt the roles are similar and there was no need for subdivision. (2) Focused on the main takeaways from last year that will be applied to future YLFs. (3) Discussed reshaping the structure of YLF to better fit the types of disabilities of the delegates. They decided to standardize the schedule with a clearer set of expectations for the delegates.

Focus on Three pillars for future YLF events:

1. Independence and Personal Development
2. Leadership and Advocacy
3. Career Readiness/Transition

They discussed partnership with external organizations and better advertising for YLF. How can we best leverage Regional DVR staff's talents and abilities during the event. What are some large employers we can visit for a site visit.

Discussion from the subcommittee members: Have we considered partnering with the local school districts? Can we utilize teachers who are on summer break? DVR is supportive of YLF and wants to become more involved. Partner with video companies: Cut Productions and Jack Straw Productions have people with disabilities in front of and behind the camera. Did YLF send out surveys to the delegates to find out what they liked best? Having a timeline of YLF will help volunteers know where they can help.

5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment

**Next Meeting: Friday, January 19, 2024, 10:00-11:00 am**