

YAB Supporters Conference Call

08/24/2015

Attendees: Barbara Huggins, Melissa Moore, Leasia Ayers-Caswell (SC); Jennifer Hausman (NE); Pam Lessman (SW); Mandy Somerville (SW); Linda Rolley (NE); Amy Holmes (SE); Janice Reindel (NE)

- Reviewed action items – Barbara
 - Reviewed Action items, updated list is attached
- Summer Activities – Barbara
 - Please use updated tracking forms for any events such as;
 - Regional Meetings
 - Panel presentations
 - Conferences
 - Activities
 - We review each tracking form sent to help support our regional YAB's
 - Please remember to attach a sign-in sheet for reimbursements as needed
- YAB Statewide Meeting – Barbara
 - Save the Date, 09/17/2015
 - If you plan on attending please RSVP to Melissa Moore at mcm141@pitt.edu
 - WebEx will be available but it is difficult to participate in meeting via WebEx
 - Resource parent training is on hold due to Act 4980 implementation
 - Focus Groups were held at the 2015 Older Youth Retreat to receive feedback from youth on how to implement
 - Developmentally appropriate freedoms (DAF) and normalcy guide will be discussed at Statewide meeting
 - Youth will be trained on advocating for DAF and normalcy
 - Please have regional report out forms completed by Statewide meeting so they can be discussed
- Regional Updates
 - NE Updates;
 - Multi-county picnic was successful
 - Retreat and YAB panel to speak about experiences and convince other youth to attend
 - October date set for regional meeting
 - Karaoke night at Brandon's Forever Home
 - In transition, youth are aging out and no new members are joining
 - SC Updates;
 - Annual Ronald McDonald House event
 - Swim day scheduled in Perry County
 - 9/24/15 regional meeting scheduled
 - SE Updates;
 - Regional meeting scheduled in October in Chester County
 - Regional meeting used for 4980 focus group

- SW Updates;
 - Adopt a highway event in June, 5 youth attended
 - No regional meeting scheduled yet

- YAB Orientation Video
 - Use this video for prospective youth members
 - The video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjFHctHoeC4>

- Youth Transportation Issues
 - What does your region do to coordinate transportation?
 - County transportation – Same vans that will take you to medical appointments
 - County van is available for youth to use (Staff does not drive van)
 - Foster parents to help with transportation
 - VYH provides transportation

 - Youth Representative Expectations
 - What do you expect from youth representatives?
 - Youth to define their own roles
 - SC still uses YAB officers who create the agenda and sets the tone for the meeting and all roles are defined
 - Staff nomination is used to nominate youth for YAB officers

- YAB Social Media – Barb
 - There is an updated social media request form – Any submissions or requests for social media need to be sent to Barbara Huggins and Melissa Moore
 - Continue asking your local / regional boards for social media submissions
 - The YAB Blast needs articles, if you have a youth interested in writing a 1-2 paragraph article, please submit!

- Upcoming YAB Supporter Conference Call Dates;
 - Monday, October 26th Conference Room C