

## 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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> Conference Room C