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**Post-Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Activities Workgroup**

**Meeting Minutes – DRAFT**

Tuesday, January 11, 2021

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Committee Members:** Matt Baker (YLF Staff), Ashley Burrell (Department of Rehabilitation: DOR), Luis Mendoza (YLF Staff), and Jonny Vallin (YLF Alum and Staff)

**CCEPD Staff Members:** Maria Aliferis-Gjerde**,** Margaret Balistreri, Zachariah Ford, and Daniel Gounder

**Members of the Public:** Heidi Morales, Lorena Murray and Alan Cruz

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Co-chair Baker called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

1. **Approval of December 7, 2021, Meeting Minutes**

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Vallin/Mendoza) to approve the December meeting minutes. Motion was approved by 4-0-0 vote. (Yes – Members: Baker, Burrell, Mendoza, Vallin), (No – Members: none), (Abstain – Members: none)

1. **2022 Post-YLF Activities**

**2022 Calendar of Topics:** Project Manager Gounder began the discussion on the monthly topics for 2022.

All days and times would be Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m.

**June –** National Student Exchange Program

**August 25 –** Transitioning After High School/Self Advocacy/What to do When You Turn 18

**September 29 –** Career Development/ Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)/Work Experience

**October 27 –** Money Management

**November 17 –** Apprenticeships/Internships/Trade Schools

**December 17 –** Financial Aid

Other possible topics include College and Housing for people with disabilities. It was suggested that Financial Aid and College be combined. The group will further discuss next month on what should be included for presentation on the STEM topic.

The first part of the presentations will be from a professional speaker from an organization and the second part will be from YLF alumni until topics in the future can all be done by alumni.

**Panelists and Presenters –**

* June 29 topic– Justin Harford, National Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Exchange. If there are alumni who can assist in the discussion they should be included, if not possibly, some students who have participated in the program. Co-chair Vallin may have an alumni contact that may be able to present.
* August 25 topic– Possibly advocates from the Independent Living Centers and Dayle McIntosh youth advocates also including an alumni panel of recent years. Alumni presenters should be those who have recently turned 18 within the last 3-5 years.
* September 29 – DOR can possibly help to present this, and alumni will be included or presenters who work in the STEM positions. There can be two separate presentations, one on Work Experience and Career Development related to STEM. Research needs to be done to find out if alumni are in STEM programs, or ask a current youth in school taking STEM classes.
* October 27 topic– Reach out to Jen Harris for Mitchelle Pacleb to possibly present along with group of alumni will also share their experiences and pitfalls.
* November 17 topic – DOR can present with alumni.
* December 17 topic– Tentative ideas are to reach out for representatives from Sacramento State or California Department of Education.

The group will look at months when two presentations can possibly be held so that the housing topic can be added.

**Recruitment Strategies for Alumni Participations**

An idea was brought up to start a discussion in the YLF Social Hour event on how to recruit people with disabilities best and then see how to adapt that from there. Topics can be described as self-advocacy to get the alumni’s interest.

The current delegates can be polled to see is they plan on living on their own and then hold the housing presentation from their responses. If the audience isn’t planning on transitioning on their own, then this presentation can be done a different time in the future.

1. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

* Recruitment Strategies
* Further develop STEM (Work Experience and Career Development workshop)
* Confirmation of speakers/presenters

1. **Public Comment**

No comments were provided.

1. **Adjourn**

Co-chair Vallin adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.