**Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Governance Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 2024

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Video and Teleconference

This meeting was held via teleconference within the meaning of Government Code Section 11123.5. Members can be in-person or virtual (V).

**Committee Members**: Dani Anderson (V) (Technical difficulty at 3:11 p.m. for video), Benita Baines (V), Danielle Hess (V), Charlie Kaplan (V), Blair Webb (Virtual with Aide present), Jonny Vallin (V)

**CCEPD Staff Members:** Maria Aliferis-Gjerde (In-Person), Matt Baker, (V) and Margaret Balistreri (V),

**Members of the** **public:** Luis Mendoza and Logan Pendergraft

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Anderson began the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

1. **Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve (Hess/Kaplan) to approve meeting minutes; (Yes- 5 Anderson, Baines, Hess, Kaplan, Webb); (No – 0); (Abstain votes – 1 Vallin); Motion passes 5-0-1.

1. **YLF 2023/2024 Budget Updates**

Project Manager Baker gave current budget updates:

2023

* Final check from DDS was received so all funding commitments were closed out.
* Total operating budget of $153,498
* Pledged funding was $225,994.
* Budget is closed out with a balance of $72,496 to carryover to 2024.

2024

* Estimated cost of $253,700
* Changes include increase for estimate of AV for 2024 from $5000 to $15,000
* Invoice for Interpreting and captioning services for parent workshop in November
* Potential funding from State Partners is on hold until further details are received from Governor’s office if funds will be available.
* DOR funding is coming from Federal dollars so should not be affected.
* Estimated cost per student $4758 per student for DOR clients.

Questions:

When will we find out about the budget? The Governor announced proposed budget today and the final budget won’t be out until May. If our program falls under the mission critical category, the funding will be available to us.

DOR funding – does that still need approval? It currently sounds like it should be approved, and the final decision will be out by the end of week.

Does AV increased costs cover luncheon AV costs also? No because there are specific needs for the luncheon venue. The production AV for the luncheon will be included in the overall line item for AV. The AV (microphones, screens and projector) for the luncheon venue will be separate cost allocated in the line item for the luncheon.

Do we let applicants know about becoming DOR consumers? DOR outreach has reached out to schools to inform of DOR students and sign them up.

1. **YLF 2024**

Project Manager Baker next went over the following planning for 2024:

Student Outreach and Marketing

* Currently have received 102 applications for YLF 2024
* Interviews continue and will wrap up in early February for final selection. There are some ILC’s who would like to be involved and may currently not be. It may not be logistically possible to get all of them involved. There may be other opportunities to involve them in other aspects of YLF planning efforts.

Volunteer Staff Outreach and Marketing

* Yesterday staff applications were live and ready to submit. ILC’s could possibly refer some youth coordinators as staff.
* YLF Staff volunteers are not employees of DOR or YLF and are all volunteering their time. The YLF Staff information page was shared.
* There are some positions that are contracted such as the YLF Nurse, PCAs, Text Captioners and ASL Interpreters, and Night security which are paid positions. Other volunteers may be offered a stipend pending budget availability.

Week-At-A-Glance (speakers/logistics)

The document was shared with members, and they were asked to give any input or request for additional speakers.

Day 1 Opening session – Sarah Triano, Christina Mills, Local disability comedy troop (Nina G) and Jade, comedian from Oakland. Rates have not been discussed yet.

Suggestion to prioritize alumni who would be less costly due to budget.

Consensus to reach out to Sarah first and then Christina. 25 to 30 minutes.

Day 2 – Disability History Part 1 - Rosie McDonnel (Has a cost associated)

Disability History Part 2 – Alice Wong (May have a cost associated)

Potential to use Rosie for both sessions based on cost.

Christina Mills was suggested as a possibility.

Crip Camp - will be talked about by a staff member.

Day 3 – Moving Past High School – Rachel Stewart, Kylah Hervey, Peter Almond-Evans. Opportunity to add a 4th alumni speaker possibly from a staff member.

Independent Living and Self Advocacy – Gavin Su, (Alumni) Ana Acton, (DOR Deputy Director of Independent Living and Community Access Division) Leanne Libas, (Alumni) Allie Cannington (Alumni)

Mental Health and Peer Advocacy – Stephanie Ramos (CalVoices)

Titles/alumni status not included before this panel, should be consistent.

Students will have the option to attend one of the two presentations above.

Based on what they are most interested in, they can attend that session.

Will there be any additional speakers for the Mental Health panel? Other speakers can be suggested and added. Charlotte Rosario was recommended.

Members were asked if this should be presented as two separate presentations. This session will be further discussed and brought up again at the next meeting.

The reason it was offered as an option is for those that might be interested in participating in a Peer Mentoring program. It’s important for young people to know about Mental Health.

Jameela Jamil MH Podcast was suggested as a speaker.

Alumni Sharing – speakers to be determined among staff available.

Day 4 – Resource Fair – participants to be determined.

Mentoring Luncheon – Jay Luke Wood (CSUS President) Katie Estrella, (Alumni) Jenny Robert (Alumni) Kyla Aquino Irving (Alumni) Steven Auclair (Alumni).

Luncheon options are:

Option 1 at Student Alumni Center $5700. If a shuttle service is used it could add additional cost. This is not included in the use of the campus. It does accommodate wheelchairs.

Option 2 on lawn where the BBQ is usually had. There would only be cost for catering.

Option 3 is to not have a luncheon and use time for something else.

Option 4 would be to find another off-campus location which would incur additional costs including travel.

Suggestion to look at Scottish Right center – getting there would be a little difficult but could be possible.

Suggestion for informal Lunch/Mixer with mentors and delegates. Using the large group room, it would only accommodate 96 with tables.

The consensus is to go with Option 1 and have a final decision by next meeting. If shuttle service does not work, there will be extra time needed for getting the group to the center.

Day 5 – Capitol Day

There will be meetings later in month to discuss the potential speakers.

Closing session and graduation:

Potential speakers: Dani Anderson, Kyla Aquino Irving, Gina Semenza, Otto Lana - all alumni.

Suggestion for staff, students, and partners/sponsors to also speak. There is usually a thank you video made and presented at the closing. There will be the possibility for those who can’t attend to participate by video. It might be more appropriate for partners/sponsors to speak at the luncheon instead.

1. **Regional YLF Updates**

Project Manager Baker shared updates on Regional YLFs:

* Los Angeles still in conversation to host an event in the fall.
* Sacramento will meet later this month to plan the second event for the fall.
* San Diego confirmed a date in late June for their first event.
* There is outreach planned for other regions in the state to host their own regional events.

1. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Luncheon and Capitol Day to be discussed further.

1. **Public Comment**

None

1. **Adjourned at 3:39.**