

South Central Youth Advisory Board
January 20, 2010
Minutes

Meeting started at 5:00

Attendance: York, Adams, Huntingdon, Lancaster, 1 youth ambassador, 1 CWTP staff

Guests: Northwestern Human Services, Staff from Lancaster educational program

Courtney: Welcomed and opened with introductions.

Minutes approved

Letter of support; youth involvement in selection of Ombudsmen position

- Youth came to agreement that the youth want to be involved and support this.

ABA project involvement of fathers and how they've been included in youth's lives (or not)

- Completed survey and submitted to SC Regional Coordinator, Leasia Ayers-Caswell

Survey for concurrent planning

- Need feed back
- Concurrent planning are two plans happening at once to establish permanency

Family Group Conferencing

- Service offered to youths to find positive ways to make goals and have them keep them.
- Y.A.B. has been offered opportunity to utilize Family Group Conference format to get organized and identify goals
- Candace (from It Takes a Village) offered to provide YAB with this experience
- Y.A.B. voted to try this

Youth 18 years and older are being sought for a focus group on Monday, February 22 @ 4pm at CWTP.

- Focus group to study will address Youth Perception of Restrictive Living.
- All comments will be recorded and will remain in a locked file.

Data needed from all county Y.A.B. members on how many public speaking presentations/trainings they provided last year.

- Please submit data to Leasia Ayers-Caswell by Friday, January 22, 2010.
- Need data on type of presentation & training
- How many Y.A.B. members participated
- How many & type of audience present to

Statewide Y.A.B.

- Reviewed draft of by-laws. Discussion, but no recommendations noted.
- Next statewide meeting is February 4, 2010, 10am – 2pm

Discussion & Vote to Increase South Central meeting times to every 2 months

- Agreed to teleconference, if necessary
- Cumberland County will be asked to host next meeting

South Central Y.A.B. voted to lower the age of membership to 14 years old.

- 14 year olds are welcome as long as their coordinator feels they are mature enough.

Youth Ambassador Position at CWTP

- \$12/hour
- Must be enrolled in secondary education
- Application is on independentlivingpa.org website

Next Meeting

- March 2, 2010 4:30 – 7:00pm, Cumberland County

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney, Huntingdon County