

NORTHEAST REGIONAL
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2009

5:00 pm

(Facilitated by Soilymar)

ATTENDEES

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| Richard- Delaware | Chris- Northampton | Soilymar- Northampton |
| Josilyn- Northampton | Esther- Lehigh | Brittany- Lehigh |
| Jennifer- Luzerne | Shanise- Luzerne | Gabriel- Luzerne |
| Belinda- Carbon | Kiron- Northampton | Steven-Luzerne |
| Kymberlynn-Northampton | Barbara- Bucks | Heidi- Northampton |
| Linda (VYH staff) | Sara (VYH staff) | Janice (Luzerne staff) |
| Jackie (VYH staff) | Matt (VYH staff) | Marlena (Luzerne staff) |
| Jenn (VYH staff) | Louis (VYH staff) | Kevin (Luzerne staff) |
| Lori (VYH staff) | Gretchen (VYH staff) | Ryan (Luzerne staff) |

1. Introductions- What is YAB?
2. New officer elections (must be a northeast region youth)
 - 4 officers, 4 alternates
 - newly elected officers will shadow existing officers until July; year term will begin in July 2010
 - identify candidates
 - (brief speeches and voting will take place after the break)
3. Arley Styer- Educational Law Center
Survey regarding education for children and youth in residential settings
4. Holiday community service activity: Holiday Hope Chest (Sara)

TEN MINUTE BREAK

5. Officer candidate speeches
6. Officer election voting
7. Spring/summer fundraiser
 - Benefit softball game
 - Options: Where should we have it? **Jordan or Saucon Park**
 - Who will be players? **Youth, staff, related others**
 - How much should we charge to attend? **Youth fee less than adult fee**
 - T-shirt sponsor? (Need to discuss with Mac)
 - Sell food items?- hoagies, drinks,... **Yes**
 - Who should we donate to? **Local homeless shelter**
 - Other issues
8. Upcoming speaking engagements

- a. Berks County's IL group- need 2 aftercare youth to go with Lisa Weingartner on Thursday, October 29 for a panel presentation. Will leave the office at 2:30.
Chris and Josilyn
- b. Former homeless youth to give a 10 minute speech telling story followed by panel questions (one for each school)
 - Wednesday, November 18th 11:30 am-1:00 pm Lehigh Carbon Comm. College
Bobbi
 - Wednesday, November 18th 7:00 pm DeSales University
Steve
9. Election results
Officers- Soilymar, Esther, Jennifer, Shanise
Alternates- Christopher, Brittany, Steven
10. Statewide meeting (for existing officers): Wednesday, November 4th- Mechanicsburg
11. Next regional meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2010 5:00 pm