

NORTHEAST REGIONAL YAB MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2009
5:00 pm
(Facilitated by Soilymar)

YOUTH PRESENT:

Soilymar (Northampton)
Richard (Delaware)
Alyssa (Lehigh)
Kiron (Northampton)
Jason (Lehigh)
Jesse
Nicole (Luzerne)
Nicholas
Maritzabel (Northampton)
Kymberlynn (Northampton)
Shanise (Luzerne)
Melissa
William (Luzerne)

Tasha (Lehigh)
Ruby (Lehigh)
Juan (Lehigh)
Steven (Lehigh)
Adam (Northampton)
Mylanie (Lackawanna)
Katherine (Wayne)
Barbara (Bucks)
Belinda (Carbon)
Jennifer (Luzerne)
Ryan (Luzerne)
Kayla

STAFF PRESENT:

Linda Rolley- AAI- NE Coordinator
Janice Reindel- Luzerne County
Sara Saliby- AAI
Jackie Vinci- AAI
Matt Reeser- AAI
Jennifer Richter- AAI
Lori Habermehl- REAL
Andrew Palomo- REAL
Two Luzerne County staff

GUEST PRESENT:

Sam Waite- PA Partnerships for Children

1. What is YAB?
THE MISSION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD IS TO EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, AND FORM PARTNERSHIPS TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE SUBSTITUTE CARE SYSTEM.
2. Ice breaker- Name Game
3. Presentation by PA Partnerships for Children- Sam Waite
4. Election of a budget officer- **Bobby was elected.**

5. Recap of yesterday's presentation for Lehigh County CASA. **Five youth presented a panel presentation that was very well received by the audience.**
6. June 30-July 1 YAB training update- Tasha
7. Fall community service ideas (outreach committee) **Many suggestions were identified. A survey will be sent around this week to narrow the choices in selecting what our fall activity will be.**
8. Planned presentations (outreach committee)- **We have not followed through except for Lehigh Co. CASA; maybe we need to narrow our scope to one planned presentation for the next quarter.**
9. Legislative committee-Bill **Bill was unable to attend the meeting. Discussion was held until another time.**
10. Next meeting dates
**Local (Lehigh Valley area) Monday, August 17 4:00 pm Broad St.
Monday, September 14 4:00 pm Broad St.**

Regional- Thursday, October 8, 2009 5:00 pm Location tbd

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION
www.independentlivingpa.org

CREATE A YAB EMAIL ACCOUNT SO THAT YOU CAN RECEIVE THE BLAST FROM JUSTIN LEE (WHAT'S NEW WITH YAB). ASK YOUR COUNSELOR TO HELP YOU SET IT UP AND THEN EMAIL IT TO LINDA ROLLEY lrolley@valleyyouthhouse.org TO BE PUT ON THE MAILING LIST.

WE WILL SOON HAVE YAB BUSINESS CARDS.