

South Central YAB
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2010

The meeting started at 4:50 pm.

Jacquan opened the meeting.

Courtney started introductions and volunteered to take notes.

The last meeting minutes were approved.

Presentation at Dickinson School of Law:

- To be held on 3/22/2010 at noon.
- Franklin County has 3 youths who will participate on this panel.

Focus Group on placement restrictiveness:

- There will be a bad weather make up day on 3/22/2010 at 4:00.
- Let your IL Coordinator know and Leasia will let Cindy know.
- Must be 18 years or older.

Fostering Connections:

Reviewed draft letter to Secretary and obtained youth and staff signatures

This would allow youth to remain in care after age 18 if:

- Hold a job for 80 hours a month
- In training to get a job program
- Schooling
- Mental illness
- Secondary schooling

Youth members & staff should consider getting the petition signed in their own counties.

A dinner of some sort could be offered to local officials to advocate using our regional budget

\$50 per County for refreshments to get judges, staff, caseworkers, etc. was approved

Youth are encouraged to write their own personal letter including why you want the above added to the Fostering Connections; helpful hints are on the back of the agenda.

Pip work groups:

- Talked about the different workgroups
- Need more youth to attend

Letter regarding the Ombudsman position:

- Youth & staff signatures collected to support youth involvement in the process of interviewing and hiring for this position

Youth Ambassador:

- Still in need to fill 2 full time positions available for the summer

Next State YAB meeting is 5/4/2010 at 10 am- 2 pm at CWTP:

- Current & new Representatives should be in attendance

New nominations needed to fill Jacquan's position since he is now a Youth Ambassador:

- Counties need to inform Leasia of their youth candidates before next SC YAB meeting
- Campaigning and voting will take place at the next meeting

Meeting to plan for the change in leadership this July:

- for current and new representatives
- to be scheduled before the end of June
- Reps requested this meeting take place at a restaurant and include a meal
- \$250 was approved for this expense

YAB Overview for Cumberland County and youth new to the meeting

Concerns/issues that youth want to see changed and addressed by the SC YAB:

- Problems with insurance after discharge
- Being with a relative
- Guardian ad litem representing youth views
- Better ways to help with transition from care
- Separating siblings and more visitation rights
- Needing clearances to see your own family
- Being encouraged to stay in care
- Know Your Rights manual consistently acknowledged by all providers
- Youth in care through Children & Youth Services that are in shelters and are being strip searched.
- Age appropriate rules and regulations for youth 18 years and older

Next meeting 5/26/2010 from 4:30-7pm hosted by Adams County

Respectfully submitted,

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Huntingdon County