

# Youth & Family Subcommittee Minutes

## Development – Wednesday, September 7, 2016

### Present

- Mackenzie, Youth MOVE
- RD, Youth MOVE
- Josh Sprunger, NAMI
- Amber Becker
- Kelsey, Youth MOVE
- Maddie Z, Youth MOVE
- Heather Jacobson
- Kathy Riley
- Vicki
- Heather Rogers
- April Scruggs
- Keta Cross
- Erin Tock, NAMI
- Kim, Marion County SOC Coordinator
- Austin

### Ground Rules

1. One diva, one mic
  2. Land the plane
  3. Three then me
- We need resources for a BDDS individual whose mom passed away
  - Amber will re-send last month's minutes.
  - Tricia and Kelsey shared their personal stories.
  - Executive training with change matrix
    - September 12: 5pm – 7:30pm
    - September 13: 9am – 4pm
  - We need more youth voice.
    - Could we access their voice thru social media?
    - Let's come back to this topic.

### SWOT Analysis

#### **Strengths**

- Youth-friendly activities
- Breakout sessions
- "It was all great!"
- Tenacity of the group
- Came together as a group
- Saw each other in a new way
- Everyone felt valued
- Venue & location
- Planning committee w/ good networks
- Food

#### **Opportunities**

- Group experience in the park
- Move the retreat every year

#### **Weaknesses**

- Disseminating information
- Not as much participation as we might have
- Not enough planning time
- Some different visions
- We need clearer expectations
- What was the role of the kids being there?
- Communication
- Location was in Indianapolis
- Get everyone's input by making the process super clear
- Not aware of what resources were available
- Start planning way earlier, and define the process before we start
- Have breakout sessions to entice the public

- Consider local SOC coordinators in terms of communication

- \*\*\*Communication\*\*\*
- Same location
- Limiting the retreat to just YFSC
- Getting stuck in details (compromise instead)

#### **Threats** (things that may inhibit us in the future)

- Not planning well

#### **Heather Jacobson's story**

- Journey through foster care
- Foster Care Ombudsman
- California Youth Connection
  - The foster youth draft legislation every year
  - Advisory boards: "your youth should have a voice"
  - They figured out the local level... and then *what is affecting all of our counties that we need to address on a state level?*
- calyouthconn.org
- "Nothing about us without us."

#### **Social Media clarification**

- Lutheran group is considering a statewide LookUp website (they'd sponsor the info?)
- What can we do now?
- Facebook
  - We need a 'mission' so that we can have the 'About' section completely filled out.
  - Motion to make a private group passed.
  - Motion to begin a polishing a public page passed.
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#### **Strategic Planning**

##### Brainstorming next steps

- Direct impact / involvement
- Creating a prototype or structure that creates the ability for youth/family to move into governance board to share their story, then out of governance board, etc.
  - A lot of Youth MOVE members want to tell their story
  - Do we want to provide training?
- Return to the SOC language
  - "Any contracts... we need to return that language to that contract"
  - We want SOC values language written into ALL contracts across systems
- Our families need support groups
  - And those support groups need funding
- Bring YFSC strengths to Governance Board
  - Think about what your strengths are!\*\*\*
- What can we do outside of YFSC meetings?
- Recruit new people by having a sense of community
  - Incentives
- Telling the Governance Board what gaps we are faced with
  - Being turned down by Aspire
  - Identify gaps AND bring them up to Gov. Board
    - We could use the facebook group in order to identify gaps

- We need to make it personal
- Concentrated organizational development
  - Bring problems WITH your ideas for viable solutions
  - “Be solution-based in whatever you present”
  - We know the problems. We have the best solutions. Don’t make them solve it for us.
  - It’s NOT us against them. They are not our complaint box.

#### Taking Ownership

- Identifying gaps: Heather & Tricia w/ the facebook group
- Promotion: Amber & April
- Support groups: Vicki & Kim
- Moving locations: Kathy