

**Youth Leadership Ad-Hoc Committee Summary**  
**7/15/2021**

I. Call to Order

**Committee Members Present by Roll Call:**

Lillian Dejean (Chair), Randall Brown, Jill Hano, Nicole Flores,  
Melissa Bayham, Dylan Sonnier

**Committee Members Absent:**

Sharon Delvisco

**Attendees:**

Nicole DeJean, Steven Nguyen, Harlan Cowsar, Corhonda Corley,  
Kathleen Cannino, Kristie Curtis, Temisha Victorian

**Staff:** Amy Deaville, Ebony Haven, Brenton Andrus

A quorum is established and meeting is called to order at 1:02 pm.

II. Welcome, Member Introductions and Housekeeping

Committee Members introduced themselves.

III. Formation of Youth Leadership Ad Hoc

Ms. DeJean addressed the formation of the Youth Leadership Ad Hoc Committee and the importance of bringing the Youth Leadership Forum back to Louisiana.

IV. History of Louisiana's Youth Leadership Forum (LaYLF) (2000-2005)

Ms. Dejean explained the history of the past Youth Leadership Forum in Louisiana, including original funding sources, where it was located and topics covered. She also explained how the Forum disbanded in 2005.

V. Development of Committee Mission Statement:

**To create a Youth Leadership Forum that will teach and empower young people with developmental disabilities personal and systems advocacy skills and promote networking with other self-advocates so that they may become future leaders.**

## Format, Planning and Scheduling of Committee:

### Format

- Brainstorming Topics
- Length of Forum
- Location of Forum (hotel or college campus)
- Age Range
- Breakdown of the daily schedule

### Planning

- Determine funding sources
  - Reach out to prior funding sources (OCDD, FHF, etc.)
- Outreach (what avenues to conduct outreach through)
- Recruitment strategies
- Diversity strategies
- Notification to California Governor's Committee re: starting a La Forum
- Recruitment strategies for volunteers and staff

### Scheduling

- Committee will meet
- Possible dates for forum
- Location of Forum (specific location)

## VI. Topic Brainstorming for YLF

- Your Good Life Session
- Effectively tell your personal story (What's Your Story?)
- Disability History and Culture
- People First Language vs. Identity First Language
- Legislative Advocacy
- Sexuality, Dating and Relationships

- Mental Health Self-Care
- Finding resources and what resources are currently available
- Basics of self-advocacy
- How-to on advocacy meetings
- Employment and possibly work skills
- Suggestion to revisit California's manual on YLF's for any required topics

VII. Tentative Timeline Formation – This topic will be moved to the next committee meeting's agenda

A. 3, 6, 12 Month Goals

B. How often do we meet?

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Closing Comments – Committee plans to meet quarterly – the next meeting will be held in October

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.