

Youth Leadership Ad Hoc Committee Agenda

Friday, October 14, 2022

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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MEETING SUMMARY

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Madeline Young, Pamela Allen, Vivienne Webb, Jill Hano, Lillian DeJean (Chair), Bambi Polotzola, Melissa Bayham, Chaney Guidry

Committee Members Absent: Dylan Sonnier, Liz Gary

Attendees: April Young, Kierra Marks, Yolanda Marks, Brenda Cosse', Christina Martin, Harlon Cowsar, Wallace Johnson, Yiesha McFarland, Corhonda Corley, Kristie Curtis, Lynsey Hebert (Transcriptionist)

Staff: Amy Deaville, Ebony Haven

II. Welcome, Member Introductions & Housekeeping

Meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. with a quorum present.

III. Approval of [August 4, 2022 Meeting Summary](#)

Bambi Polotzola motioned to accept the August 4, 2022 meeting summary. Melissa Bayham seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

IV. Member Updates

Nicole Flores, Nicole DeJean and Harlon Cowsar resigned from the Youth Leadership Forum Ad Hoc Committee to submit a proposal to be the contract holder for the Youth Leadership Forum.

V. Review of [Proposals](#)

Two proposals were received. Both were reviewed. Families Helping Families Greater Baton Rouge (FHFGBR)

- Bambi Polotzola said that she had some confusion with FHFGBR's proposal because it didn't seem to be in line with what the Youth Leadership Forum Ad Hoc Committee meetings have been discussing. She also said that it didn't seem to be in line with what the Council wanted to fund.
- Melissa Bayham said that she couldn't tell if FHFGBR was proposing to add a component to YLF
- Lillian DeJean said that she interpreted the proposal as a behavioral health conference.
- Jill Hano indicated that she agreed with Ms. Polotzola's comments.
- Lillian said that any Youth Leadership Forum has to comply with the national standards. Her concern is that FHFGBR's proposal does not meet these standards and she is also concerned that the Association of Youth Leadership Forums will have a problem with this being called a Youth Leadership Forum. She also said that this proposal does not adhere to the decisions made by the Youth Leadership Forum ad hoc committee. Overall, a great project idea but it cannot be called a Youth Leadership Forum by the national standards.

Families Helping Families of Acadiana (FHFA) Proposal

- Jill Hano said that she thought this proposal was great because they have been to the YLF Ad Hoc Committee Meetings and have an idea of what the committee and the DD Council are looking for.
- Bambi Polotzola thought it was a great proposal and it follows the National Youth Leadership Forum components, it looks at diversity and it included the Youth Leadership Forum Ad Hoc Committee's partners Louisiana Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Education. She also liked the letters of support.
- Melissa Bayham asked if there was enough # of hours proposed for the Coordinator position and was concerned about the salary for the Coordinator position. It was discussed that more funding from other sources is likely, and the proposal was just for the \$30,000 allocated from the DD Council. Additional funding sources would likely change the overall amount of pay for the Coordinator position.
- Lillian DeJean commented that the proposal really reflects the tenets of the National Youth Leadership Forum standards as

well as reflecting the decisions made by the Youth Leadership Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion - Passed

Bambi Polotzola moves to recommend the Families Helping Families of Acadiana to fulfill the Youth Leadership Forum contract for the DD Council. Chaney Guidry seconded the motion. No objections or abstentions.

VI. Youth Leadership Forum [Schedule](#)

The proposed schedule was reviewed by the committee.

Motion – Passed

Jill Hano motions to accept the proposed schedule as is. Vivienne Webb seconded the motion. No objections or abstentions.

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Closing Comments/Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Chaney Guidry, seconded by Bambi Polotzola. Meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.