

WYAC Leadership Meeting April 8, 2025

WYAC website- Website changes: all approvals will go through Brian. The following have access but changes made will be approved by Brian.

- Szabre
- Nate
- Brian

WYAC meeting agenda- The group confirmed that future WYAC meetings would remain virtual.

- Debra confirmed with Michelle at Goodwill that right now WYAC meetings will not conflict with IL meetings
- Liz suggested that she and NJ could have group meetings the week after the WYAC meetings to discuss and support the youth
- Brian- do we need laptops to help attend meetings:
- [Agenda](#)

WYAC leadership/Cabinet -

- Keep members at odd number (3-5) (for voting purposes)
- How do we choose?
 - Develop information about WYAC Leadership and Leadership Cabinet
 - Brian and Deb will work on this.
 - Nomination process by the leadership team
 - Look at attendance and participation
 - Ask them why they want to be part of the leadership cabinet
 - Apply and answer questionnaire
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Strategic plan/setting goals- It was asked by this group if there is anyone who can help with strategic planning.

- Brenda was able to provide a contact: [High Ground](#)
 - Deb has sent to emails without response
 - Fostercare Club-meeting set
 - Proximate Solutions-meeting set
 - Ceteria-Brian has reached out to this agency/no answer
 - Trust fund Alliance-Nicole will reach out if we need
 - Friends-Nicole will reach out if we need

Bylaws- Deb will need to modify the Bylaws based on the updates of today's meeting

Updates were provided on the committee activities

Joint Symposium- WYAC Panel

- ☐ Nicole-
 - Panel is moved to Thursday and with everyone
 - ☐ Lived experience
 - ☐ Samantha Smith may be the facilitator?
 - Edi from Friends will be facilitating the meeting.
 - Develop a story-identify lived experience
 - ☐ Agree to meet for a full day to discuss
 - Friends has a parent advisory group
- ☐ There will be no Panel at the conference this year.

Update with Director Schmidt -Nate

- ☐ Meeting set for April 21.

Newsletter- Szabre

- ☐ There was no time for this update

WYAC In-person Conference-update

- ☐ Committee: Brian, Liz, Szabre, Nate, Abby, Kinsley, Zoey, and Zivanna and Hailey
- ☐ This week update:
 - We don't know if the cafeteria will be able to feed us. It is catered in and may cost \$16-18.
 - We may need to purchase food and have it delivered to the dorms as we may not be able to have it in the conference rooms due to a contractual clause.
 - 10 rooms reserved at a hotel for foster families who need a hotel.
 - Agendas not done.
 - The Youth participation survey was sent to the youth today. Brian will send it to the Leadership team.
 - ☐ Anything going to the youth shall be sent to the leadership team at the same time.
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- ☐ This is all of last week's updates:
 - Szabre Parker confirmed the in-person conference's location at Casper College, including dorm rooms and meals. Liz Davis confirmed the arrangements for food, meeting rooms, and housing. The registration deadline was set for April 18th.
 - There are 74 individual dorm rooms available at Casper College, potentially supplemented by a block of hotel rooms if needed. Debra Hibbard mentioned exploring alternative funding sources to cover hotel rooms and other expenses. The possibility of using student housing was also discussed.

- Szabre Parker presented a registration form for youth attendees, outlining details such as the need for guardians for minors, dorm room amenities (or lack thereof), required items to bring (bedding, towels, etc.), transportation arrangements, and health information. They also discussed the possibility of a pool day and alternative activities.
 - Szabre Parker will send out the youth registration application, and Brian DeTavernier will send one to independent living coordinators. The application will be reviewed by Sara, Stacy, and Debra Hibbard before being sent out. They will also discuss purchasing any needed bedding items. Additionally, they will explore the possibility of securing additional dorm rooms and hotel rooms.
 - Szabre Parker presented various pool options for an evening activity , including Mike Cedar Aquatic Center (with its proximity to a park and grilling area), Paradise Valley, North Casper Pool, and Washington Park Pool. They highlighted the cost of renting Mike Cedar Aquatic Center, which would cost about \$800.

WYAC Cabinet- Notes can be done by Gemini

- ☐ Nicole George was approved to be part of WYAC by the cabinet. This was updated via email

☐ Judges Resources- Draft Complete by March 31, 2025-update

- ☐ There was no time for this update

Cookbook- Should be ready by June 6, 2025

- ☐ There was no time for this update

Policy Committee-

- ☐ There was no time for this update

Foster Parent Exchange-Nate

- There was no time for this update