

**Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board Development**  
**September 18, 2011 Minutes**  
**BCCHP Conference Room, RYH**

*Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board is a youth based, youth led,  
youth driven board that provides grant funds to youth organizations for  
the betterment of Buffalo County communities.*

Present: Zane Peterson, Bryan Wietjes, Maranda Kegley, Justine Bauer, Dalton Meier, Trenton Hoffman, Olivia Hyde, Maddison Hyde, Griffin Mims, Jenna Martin, Adam Ripp, Kaden Zwiener, Michael Steele, Katie Schambach, Lance English, Chase Erwin, Andrey Gallegos, Mariah Henninger, David Mueller, Clayton Stoppkotte, Sarah Teichmeier

Staff and Mentors: Denise Zwiener, Jessica Carter, Tara McCaslin, Kaylee Troyer, Christina Rice

Excused Absence: Mariah Henninger, Saul Aguilar Spencer Lowe, Alex Lowe, Garrison Lowe, Jack Anderson, Hannah Loseke

Absent: Molly Klingensmith, Isabel Thalken, Rosamand Thalken, Armando Tapia

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approved August Minutes
3. Established ground rules for meetings
  - No talking over people
  - Everyone gets involved
  - Clean up after yourself
  - Have fun!
  - Don't spell check recorder's notes
4. Discussed how to take good notes
  - Capture main points/topics of discussion
  - Record important names and dates mentioned
  - Dialog
  - Next steps
4. Discussed the Board Mission Statement and new amendments to it
  - Youth led
  - Youth driven
  - Provide grants
  - Community Service
  - Make a difference in the community/county
  - Inform people about problems
  - Help solve aforementioned problems

5. Collaborated on edited mission and purpose and reviewed Board's 4 main purposes. Then the board broke down the 4 main purposes to see where we were meeting each of these purposes:
  - Community Outreach: Youth day at the Capitol, Visible presence, ~~Youth Summit~~, Fund at least 5 new projects, Secure money for project
  - Education/Training: Board training, New members, Send members to National Youth Conference, Strengthen ties between youth and adults
  - Partnering/Collaboration: Network with other groups, Connect group with fiscal agent, engage additional youth
  - Empowering youth to make good decisions: Take a Stand, Be a responsible parent
6. Matt Mims presented an opportunity for the Board to increase visibility in the community and possibly raise some funding. He is willing to collaborate with the Board to put together Scholarship workshops that would be made available to high school students and their parents to teach them about searching for college scholarships. November 20<sup>th</sup> was the proposed date of at least the first workshop. The Board also formed committees for putting the workshop together:
  - Planning Committee: Dalton Meier, Michael Steele, Bryan Wietjtes, Zane Peterson, Kaden Zwiener, Adam Ripp
  - Media Committee (to work with Kaylee): Griffin Mims, Chase Erwin, Jenna Martin, Andrey Gallegos, Katie Schambach, Maddi Hyde, Sarah Teichmeier, Olivia Hyde, Maranda Kegley, David Mueller, Mariah Henninger
7. The Board brainstormed ideas on how to spend the \$1500 that was supposed to go to Youth Capitol Day which was snowed out. Discussed Summit on a Budget, Volunteer Day, YAB visibility project in the community or at UNK. The Board decided on a UNK visibility project and will look at the options for sponsoring a football game or volleyball game.
8. The Board decided to rewrite the grant to Region 3 and formed a committee to do that:
  - Trenton Hoffman
  - Griffin Mims
  - Jack Anderson
  - Isabel and Rosamond Thalken
9. Chase, Katie, Trenton, Michael and Maranda shared their StrengthsFinder results.
10. After discussing what to do with the signed footballs, the Board decided to continue to brainstorm ideas on how to use them promote the Board and raise funds at the same time.
11. The Board discussed final details for the picnic on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Members were assigned to bring either chips or a dessert.

#### Next Steps:

1. Meet with other members from your school to come up with creative, organized method of distributing footballs
  - Network w/ YAB members from your school.

- Determine how you want to distribute footballs and contact other groups involved.  
Ex: cheerleaders, dance team etc.
  - Meet with school administrator/athletic director to get approval.
  - Bring written plan to October 16<sup>th</sup>, YAB meeting to report.
2. Complete Strengths Finder and bring results to October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting
  3. Sign & Return Consent to Photograph
  4. Join BCYAB on Facebook
  5. Brainstorm ideas on how to promote scholarship workshop
  6. Brainstorm ideas for sponsoring UNK game

**Next meeting:**

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00PM, Elm Creek High School**

Upcoming Dates:

9/25/11 – YAB BBQ at Lowe's Cabin