**York CAN Steering Team Meeting Notes, August 17, 2021**

**Attendees:**

* *Present*: Laura Elder; Lily Asaad; Liz Duda; Grace Lewis; Samantha Krieghauser; Michelle Shaeffer; Mandy Wolff; Grace Lewis
* *Absent*: Frank Keel; Crystal Guyton; Jordan Hayes; Julia Khaled; Warren Norman

**Decisions:** Voted to approve articles of collaboration. Group agreed on the website going live.

**Followups:**

1. Suggest board members
2. Next meeting – September 21, 8am – important!

**Discussion Highlights**

**NDEA Mayor Proclamation Work Group** - Michelle is making introduction to mayors and Laura Elder will follow up from there. Goal to have introductions made to all Mayors by September.

**Disability Employment Awareness Month Activities** – Laura is working with people to identify individuals (success stories) and businesses (employing people of differing abilities) to recognize. Kickoff team also is working on ideas (including life-size cutouts of people to highlight successes and generate interest). Are compiling names in a google drive. Michelle asks if agencies would be willing to purchase them, Samantha suggests maybe at the business where the person works? This group will determine finalists and run by steering team.

**Lunch and Learn Work Group** – Have identified people to serve on work group, and group met to discuss potential topics. Two types of groups emerged, the traditional Lunch and Learn like Greenville has. Since loneliness and isolation is a big area of need, could start a circle of friendship group and have breakouts with fun discussion topics. Maybe we bring different folks/entities in to present or host, with us the catalyst to starting the group (e.g., NAMI or school guidance counselors).

**York CAN Kickoff Team** – Will use Miracle Park. Will not use food trucks (potential for overstimulation). Have t-shirt prices. Need to finish list of providers to participate by September 1.

**Outreach materials**

* Laura created a one-page brochure. Lily shared the newsletter.
* Laura showed website; group agreed for it to go live.

**Steering Team update** - Seth Zamek has moved and will need his spot filled. Warren Norman will remain a board member but unable to attend all meetings. Jordan Hayes got a full-time job but aspires to stay on steering team as a Clover resident! Lily was hired as a graduate assistant at Winthrop University (but wants to continue here). Potential names:

* Steve Yaffe, a transportation consultant, Yaffe Mobility Consulting, Bike/Ped Coalition of York County member and strong advocate (Liz) ([LinkedIn profile](https://www.linkedin.com/in/steve-yaffe-b935288/); [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/steve.yaffe.3))
* Sheila Caldwell, York County Interagency Coalition; The Heart2Heart Foundation (Laura)

**Articles of Collaboration and Organizational Structure** – Unanimous approval.

**Areas of priority** – employment has been naturally one since the beginning; transition also has been a focus. We have ad hoc project groups (e.g., cutouts). A future topic could be “ADA friendly” vs “ADA compliant,” as discussed by Michelle and Laura with mayors.

**Transition (Transition Advisory Council) update** - Laura will meet with school district representatives soon. The group agrees with keeping it simple upfront.