

Westmoreland County Local YAB  
January 13, 2019  
5:00pm – 7:00pm  
WCCB  
Minutes

**Ice Breaker** – Basic introductions, name and what you got for Christmas.

**Training:** Everyone was provided with the YAB Youth Questionnaire and an overview as given by staff.

**Activity 1:** Strategic sharing: Discussing personal experiences with child welfare and ideas to change things for the better.

- Foster parents should be trained more on the impact placement has on older youth.
- It would be nice if people that worked in the system were there for the right reasons and truly invested in the wellbeing and outcomes of youth.
- Caseworkers and JPO's should be required to impromptu tour facilities where they are placing youth because often it's scheduled and the facility and staff do not present like they do on a typical day.
- Youth would like to be more informed about CPS/GPS investigations because often they assume things are just not looked into and it's very confusing to understand what is abuse and what is not.
- Foster parents should not be allowed to hold past behaviors against youth, especially when it's something that happened before youth was placed with them and they only know about it because of the placement agency telling them about it.

**Activity 2:** Everyone worked together to review a section of the KYR manual. Consent to health care treatment was reviewed and feedback was provided on the form provided to be sent back.

**Activity 3:** Everyone worked on making more valentine's for Vets. Staff will bring them to Mandy at the Statewide.

**Next Local Meetings: All will start at 5pm**

**February 10, 2020**

**March 30, 2020**

**April 27, 2020**

**Next Regional meetings: All will start at 5pm**

**March 4, 2020** – Indiana County

**May 6, 2020** – Westmoreland County – Community service – Sorting and cleaning donated books for kids

**June or July Picnic?** Armstrong county – Crooked Creek Park

**Community Service Project on May 6<sup>th</sup>** - We will sort, clean and label books for Children's Hospital Community Library.

**YAB Team to Do List:**

- Create agendas for upcoming local meetings
- Create an Ice Breaker for the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Create letters to send to youth to remind them of upcoming meetings