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The Northeast had three regional meetings in the month of June on the 2nd, 16th and 30th. On June 14th drop-in was really fun with Bingo, music and the game Two Truths and a Lie. We hope you'll join us for our next one on July 12th.

We are planning our Summer Gathering for August at Salem Willows. Everyone is ready to get together in person. Paula contacted Salem Willows about renting the Gazebo in early August. We are hoping for August 4th!

Our group talked about ideas of what to work on:

- How to get the kind of help you want from job coaches and others.
- Learn more about the Rainbow Support Group.
- Teach younger people about self-advocacy.
- Transportation.
- Changing attitudes about us.

Pauline, Fran and Oscar are joined us to present on June 30th for Pride Month.

Therese went to the NE Regional Advisory Committee meeting and spoke up about day programs – she believes many people there could be using their skills. She also spoke up about people going to Hogan and Tewksbury hospital when they are sick – why can't they go to a regular hospital? Everyone should have a choice.

Mindy is helping Nicole's group shared what self-advocacy means and how to set goals for yourself. We talked about What is Your Dream. We met with Nicole and Amanda to brainstorm the kind of advisor they want. Joe and Mindy are working on a Self-Advocacy Escape Room to teach young people to be self-advocates.

Donna testified at a hearing to create a Commission on the History of Intuitions on June 21st online.

Here's a link to the hearing:

<https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/3790>

Donna represented the Northeast for a Statewide Leadership Summit on June 25th. Planning team member Cynthia described it as a place where “we can work as a team and make things happen. We need to put our heads together

and create our own path.” Our next meeting is July 9th at 2PM.

Our upcoming Regional Meetings are: Wednesday, July 14th and 28 at 4PM. Looking ahead our group wants to hear more stories from other regions, learn about healthy relationships.