

**July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | 12:00-1:00PM | ZOOM MEETING**

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**Information highlighted in red is time sensitive**

**1. Resources for website**

- a. Didn't have time to discuss, will bring up August Meeting

**2. New member application**

- a. Melanie Wood @ Thrive Counseling was approved for the Provider Directory, will be listed under mental health in Sedgwick county starting 07/30/2020

**3. Upcoming events**

**a. WASAC- Tuesday/ Thursdays Lunch and Learn**

- a.i. Every Tuesday/Thursday for the foreseeable future, WASAC is hosting a Lunch webinar on various topics! **The next one is 07/30/20 focusing on Incarcerated Survivors.** Learn more by visiting their events page [https://www.facebook.com/Wichitasac/events/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/Wichitasac/events/?ref=page_internal)
- a.ii. If you'd like to partner with WASAC for a Lunch and Learn, you can reach out to Jenny at [jenny@wichitasac.com](mailto:jenny@wichitasac.com) (or her personal which she gave in the meeting, but I did not get wrote down...will send that out ASAP).

**b. Positive Directions – AIDS Walk 2020**

- b.i. This will include a live stream, telethon, and more! The event will run from October 2-4 with the live stream on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Details to follow.

**c. Bike Walk Wichita**

- c.i. Different walks/rides each week visiting the parks and paths around the city. You can download the Bike Walk Wichita app to learn more about what Wichita has to offer!
- c.ii. There are also small groups being formed on different walks/rides around the city. Check out their Facebook page for more info <https://www.facebook.com/BikeWalkWichita>

**4. Support groups**

- a. **Wichita Prime Timers-** social group for gay/bi men  
[https://www.facebook.com/Wichita-Prime-Timers-144036912296998/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/Wichita-Prime-Timers-144036912296998/?ref=page_internal)
- b. **The Center**
  - b.i. Get Connected – youth group ages 12-18 (currently virtual)  
<https://www.thecenterofwichita.org/get-connected/>
  - b.ii. Q Family – Support group for children under 12 and parents of LGBT children (currently virtual) <https://www.thecenterofwichita.org/q-family-connection/>
- c. **Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center** – multiple support groups, now have a new provider that will be able to assist with LGBT.  
<http://wichitasac.com/>
- d. **Trauma Underground Project** – Group therapy focused on emotional, physical, sexual exploitation/abuse exclusive to the Adult Trans Community, contact Heather Hayden for more information at [heatherhayden@simplybetherapy.com](mailto:heatherhayden@simplybetherapy.com)

**e. Do you know of a support group not listed? Please send to [wichitalgbthealth@gmail.com](mailto:wichitalgbthealth@gmail.com)**

## **5. Project updates**

### **a. Provider Directory – Updating the website**

- a.i. Kim brought up a fantastic idea of looking into organizational applications. The coalition discussed doing some more research and figuring out what the best way to approach this would be. Certain organizations would be harder to review including places that have 50+ employees, multiple locations, etc. We will keep brainstorming!
- a.ii. Buttons have been added to the Provider Directory page that are direct links to the National Suicide Hotline, TrevorLifeLine and the National LGBT Hotline. View them here <https://wichitalgbthealth.org/select-your-county-to-see-providers-near-you/>
- a.iii. A new tab will be created to include support groups on the Provider Directory. For now, this will go under Sedgwick County tab as all of the support groups are located in Wichita. If you have a group to add anywhere in the state, please email [wichitalgbthealth@gmail.com](mailto:wichitalgbthealth@gmail.com) with the information!
- a.iv. Donation button for The Center will be added onto the homepage

### **b. Healthcare Experience Project – LGBT Healthcare Experience Survey and Focus Groups with WSU School of Social Work**

- b.i. Judi checked in with Dr. Shamrova at WSU and stated that 81 responses for the survey. The push in June significantly helped the total numbers.
- b.ii. We are hoping to have a final breakdown report end of August/first of September.

- b.iii. The small group will be meeting sometime in the fall to analyze the findings and begin brainstorming/researching follow up research projects and collaborations.

## 6. Homeless shelters in Wichita

- a. The coalition spent some time talking about the lack of affirming homeless shelters for LGBT individuals, especially Trans individuals. Recent events nearly caused an individual to go without shelter because some places identify based on the person's identity, others go off of identification material (i.e. state issued driver's license, etc.). There is no standard procedure for this that we are aware of.
- b. Proposed this to be a goal of 2021, focusing on homeless LGBT individuals and resources/education.
- c. The Children's Home is extremely limited on their beds as they wait their new house to open-they also have 30 day crisis beds.

## 7. Other important updates –

- a. **CARES Act** – You can now donate up to \$300 and have that as a write off for your taxes without having to fill out itemization. You can donate to places like The Center... \*hint\*. This is good through December 31, 2020. They will give you a form to use in Jan 2021. This includes monthly donations!

### b. Good tips for donations during COVID

- b.i. What is your story? Knowing how to tell your story is one of the best ways to grab your audience for donations. Look into options such as a written statement, video (make sure you add captions!), testimonials and more

b.ii. TikTok will be adding a nonprofit donation button. Using other platforms such as Instagram and Facebook also have direct donation buttons

b.iii. Any time your organization has a post, add in the donation button!

**c. Telehealth**

c.i. As insurances, providers and more are navigating telehealth options. Per Judi, insurance companies should be reimbursing the same amount of money regardless of telehealth vs in person.

c.ii. There is still no Medicaid Expansion in the State of Kansas

d. **Oberlin College is offering a micro-internship** to students in their Junior Year of school. Each nonprofit can sponsor one individual – It will run from mid-October to December and can include the following –

d.i. Work on an independent project

d.ii. Join an ongoing project

d.iii. Engage in traditional work in various departments

d.iv. Anything else you feel would fit!

d.v. Some ideas discussed during the coalition were social media planning/posting/programing, advocacy, research project.

d.vi. **Deadline to apply is THIS MONDAY!** Visit <https://www.oberlin.edu/career/set/junior-practicum-program/sponsors> for more information

**e. CARES Act- community needs**

e.i. Judi is in two groups for Sedgwick County including Suicide prevention and decreasing ER visits. Discussions were made focusing on different ways to make impacts in the community. Victor with the Health

Department is looking to take some of the money from the CARES act and make mini grants that organizations can use during COVID.

- f. **Stop Suicide ICT-** Stop Suicide ICT offers different trainings tailored to your organization. Possibly in October we will use our lunch hour to have one of these trainings? You can find out more here - <https://www.stopsuicideict.com/training/> . they provide these trainings at no cost.
- g. **Wesley Medical Center** – The Wichita LGBT Health Coalition was invited to help a committee of individuals focus on the health equality index project at Wesley Medical Center. Details to follow
- h. **United Way** – The coalition is looking for ways for organizations to be listed when someone dials in to 211 (United Way, primarily focused on COVID currently). The Center is the only thing listed for LGBT services. We will start work to have others listed and have an update next month.

**Next Meeting Date: August 26, 2020 | 12:00-1:00PM | Location ZOOM**