

July 29th, 2020 | 12:00-1:00PM | ZOOM MEETING

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1. Community Partner Updates:

a. GLSEN

- a.i. **Rainbow Library Kansas-** GLSEN Kansas is currently collecting donations and sponsors to help GLSEN send LGBTQ-inclusive book sets to 120 kansas school and public libraries. K-12 schools or library staff can apply to be selected. Find out more by visiting their website: <https://www.rainbowlibrary.org/kansas?fbclid=IwAR3i1i3PpSIhfwioSMREP9b6VYH1iEf2yvyzW6c4ieN4gFk79NulQC1qqUKs>
- a.ii. **Sparkle Glitter GLSEN-** Save the date! Sparkle Glitter GLSEN is going virtual this year! November 8th from 6-8PM. Watch for updates on their Facebook Event page: https://www.facebook.com/events/320138695943003/?active_tab=discussion

b. Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

- b.i. **Purple Mile-** October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and the Wichita/Sedgwick County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition will be having their annual Purple Mile virtually during the month of October. Please go to the Wichita/Sedgwick County DVSAC facebook page for daily updates. <https://www.facebook.com/KCSDV/>

c. Wichita Family Crisis Center

- c.i. **Purple Mile-** Each October, domestic violence agencies across the country host a mile long walk where community members come together to honor those who have lost their life or whose lives have been affected by domestic violence. Purple is the color chosen to honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month, so people are asked to wear purple during the Purple Mile annual event. We encourage you to participate virtually this year and to tag us in your picture or send us a message with your total distance walked/ran. We will make a collage at the end of the month of all who participated. See more here:
<https://www.facebook.com/WichitaFamilyCrisisCenter>

- d. **Positive Directions**
 - d.i. **World AIDS Day Cornhole Tournament** – Positive Directions will be hosting their annual event at Chicken N’ Pickle to raise awareness about HIV. Any profits will be used to purchase technology to increase their capacity for outreach and education. 2 person team for \$100 includes 2 shirts, 2 lunches, several local coupons and more! First prize wins \$1,000 and more! Learn more here:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/362134365163906>

- e. **M-Care Healthcare**
 - e.i. They are gearing up to open up at their new location with some exciting news! Kathryn Thiessen who is well known in Wichita for her work at Trust Women will be joining Amanda at M-Care Healthcare. Please continue to spread the word that M-Care is taking new patients! You can find them on several social media platforms by searching M-Care Healthcare.

- f. **Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center**
 - f.i. They continue to work virtually and are doing really well. All of their education classes online for the foreseeable future. You can learn more about WASAC by visiting their website at <http://wichitasac.com/>

- g. **Central Plains Area Agency on Aging**
 - g.i. upcoming training! The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging had the opportunity to interview Toni Calasanti and Brian De Vries about their recent research award from the National Institutes of Health. This award provides an opportunity to learn more about the needs of Gay and Lesbian caregivers of a spouse or partner with Alzheimer’s and

other dementias. To learn more about this important research and how you can be involved, see the Q&A interview: [The Importance of Gay and Lesbian Spousal and Partner Caregiver Research.](#)

- g.ii. Aside from this training, the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging is a great resource for LGBT Aging individuals. You can view their website by visiting <https://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/>

2. Project Updates

- a. **Coalition Website-** The website is pretty much complete and has been built and is ready for expansion as needed. Will need to talk more in depth about launching a state wide coalition at the December meeting including branding, outreach, etc.
- b. **Provider Directory-** Lisa Kilmer of Ascension joined Stephanie Kreutzer and is working to finalize the application now that it has been used a few times to work out some of the glitches. Certain questions will be changed for better understanding for the providers, and specific questions about what services they provide- especially trans individual services so that those can be listed. They are also working to create a plan of what will happen when a provider receives a complaint. The plan is to have this finalized prior to the end of the year. Interested in joining? Email wichitalgbthealth@gmail.com
 - b.i. **Shelters-** Nolin has reached out to multiple shelters and is still waiting to hear back on any update from them. We will continue to work on this until we can get a clear answer on what their current policies are and how we can work to educate/change those to include LGBT+ individuals.
- c. **Healthcare Experience Project-** First part: see attached document of the finished product for the 2020 collaboration with the WSU school of social work class! (Internal screaming of excitement, enter here). Lots of good information available that we will go over more in depth at the early December meeting. Second part: Next steps for the project group. Judi B & Dawna R have begun working to see what the next project will be. They will be looking at and talking with other faculty members of both local and state colleges. This may include capstones, practicums, PHD dissertations, etc. So if you know of anyone who might be interested please reach out to them at:

dawna.raehpour@gmail.com or jpellegrinobrown@gmail.com. Some things suggested were the marriage and family therapy practicums, nursing programs, psych classes, etc._

- d. **Transgender Insurance Guide-** Judi B and Tori G have begun the planning for a transgender insurance resource guide to be on our website. Rather than create something that already is out there, they plan to create a committee to research what's already out there and pick and choose from there what is listed. There will be a range of information available.. If you're interested, you can email them at: jpellegrinobrown@gmail.com or dr_gleason@hotmail.com

I cannot stress it enough, if you're interested in joining a small group, please reach out to the coalition at wichitalgbthealth@gmail.com or the email specifically listed! Many of these small groups meeting outside the normal 8-5, so even if you're unable to attend these meetings its likely you can join in and help there.

**Next Meeting Date: October 28th, 2020 | 12:00-1:00PM | Location ZOOM*Our
October meeting will be a FREE training on behalf of Stop Suicide ICT***