

Wichita LGBT Health Coalition

Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2021

### **Minutes**

Alex called the meetin to order and introduced Tiasia Saunders at 11:59AM on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Members in Attendance: Dawna Reahpour, Tiasia Saunders, Alexander Baity, Nolen, Astrid Gutierrez-Jones, TJ Miller, Jaime Gilliland, Judi Brown, Kim Neufeld, Patty, Myfy Jensen-fellows, Shelly Rich, Stephanie Kreutzer, Storm Dial.

#### Tiasia's Project:

Requesting feedback from providers and administrators on how to best focus and target the LGBT populations. Tiasia will be reaching out to everyone in the coalition later regarding her survey. Expect to see this survey in the summer.

#### Tiasia is asking for these areas of feedback

- What type of questions would be useful?
- Example questions
- Different perspectives
- LGBT inclusive language on intake forms
- Questions related to the facilities inclusivity

Email feedback to [tiasia@ksu.edu](mailto:tiasia@ksu.edu)

- TJ Miller

- When it comes to intake forms, I try to stay neutral because not everyone is comfortable sharing their sexual orientation on a paper. I may ask them when they feel more comfortable later on.
  - M, F, Trans, other listed on forms.
- Requested informational brochures and LGBT friendly information to provide to patients in his office.
- Shared the perspective of sharing office space and how hard it is to include pride flags and safe space stickers.
- Jaimie Gilliland
  - Defensive about queer people need a queer therapist because cis-straight therapists will never understand. Part of the time between a cis-straight therapist and a queer individual is spent educating the therapists.
  - Tiasia: Asked “ What will be helpful for straight-cis therapists to make an inclusive atmosphere?”
  - Safe space stickers and rainbow flags.
- Astrid Gutierrez
  - Suggested putting preferred pronouns on the paperwork forms to disarm people.
- Dawna Raehpour
  - Added that posting a nondiscrimination policy that included sexual orientation and gender expression.
- Nolen
  - Health Starts here posters will be available at the Center if everyone wants one.
- Judi Brown:

- I think that lifting up these challenges ex. Faith based practices/multi provider is really important to share in the research.
- Brought up PEP and PrEP financials and gender confirmation surgeries
- Sliding scale/ Medicaid
- Jaimie in Chat
  - “Legal issues like name changes”
- Nolen
  - Shared the Q-card project for providers that helps providers better understand their patients. [qcardproject.com](http://qcardproject.com)

Alex’s Project:

Shared his resource pages and is asking for feedback on any further improvements that can be made. There are 20-25 pages posted. Would like feedback at the end of this week.

Make recommendations to [lgbtstudent@gmail.com](mailto:lgbtstudent@gmail.com) or [alex.baity.09@gmail.com](mailto:alex.baity.09@gmail.com).

Dawna: KU Study / WSU Study

- Passes to Judi because she can speak more on the project
  - The survey has been halted due to a bot filling out the information.
  - We will be regrouping and seeing if there is a way to better filter who is filling out the survey. These new plans must be reviewed by a board. Probably June or July before anything resumes.
- Dawna:

- Groups of students are compiling many different resources and informational settings for providers to learn how to better target LGBT populations.
- The students have found 98 different trainings so far.
- They will be presenting their projects if you would like to watch they you can email the main email and Dawna will get you the link
- Email [wichitalgbthealth@gmail.com](mailto:wichitalgbthealth@gmail.com) if you are interested in watching the presentation by Wichita State capstone students

Alex:

Does anyone have any projects they would like to share?

Nolin:

The old leather group WOLF closed and gave their funds to the center for funeral expenses. These will be used in case someone dies that can't pay for a funeral.

Kim Neufeld:

Bike walk Wichita has WTF (Women Trans Femme) that will be starting up soon. This will be an opportunity to give away free bikes or fix your old ones.

Shelly Rich:

Hi everyone, it is good to be back on this monthly call! The contact email for the Health & Wellness Coalition is [hwcwichita@gmail.com](mailto:hwcwichita@gmail.com). Contact me with your physical activity or healthy eating needs.

Judi Brown:

Is there anywhere for trans individuals to find new clothes.

Nolen: The center is working on it.

Kim Neufeld:

Can we add binders to that.

Nolen: Yes.

Alex:

Point of Pride.org has binders that will ship through the US discretely.

We need to background check this group because they require “Proof”

Dawna:

I heard back that Pride during June will not be happening and September will hopefully happen.

Stephanie:

Dr. Nicestrom has relocated and nobody knows where

We are looking for providers who can do

Astrid:

WASAC is having their community walk this Friday for sexual assault.

Alex:

I got a job in Kansas City as a health care recruiter! Im super excited. I will remain on the coalition and help from a different perspective.

Stephanie:

Thank you Dawna! Dawna will be taking over for the coalition while I am on leave.

Nolin: I need a recap of the Minutes so that I can produce those to the board.

Dawna:

I will finally own my own practice. Thank you for all of your help.