

## 5.26.2021 MINUTES FOR WICHITA LGBT HEALTH COALITION MEETING

### ATTENDANCE:

Kim Neufeld	Brett Hogan	Myfy Jensen-Fellows
Dawna Raehpour	Anthony Mai	Marty Toland
Tiasia Saunders	Judi Brown	Ericka Jobe
Jenny Pierce	Tori Gleason	Jessica Huber
Lorrie Kessler	Jaime Gilliland	Yifang Hao
Patty Steever	Astrid Jones	Adam James
Paige Bailey		

1. Tiasia Saunders, an MPH student at KSU, gave a brief recap of her upcoming project. She is researching what steps providers take to make their practices more inclusive. She will send out her survey to providers as soon as she receives IRB approval.
2. Dawna Raehpour gave an overview of upcoming Pride events in the state. McPherson is having their event on June 26 and has asked for the Coalition to send materials, if possible. Manhattan has their Little Apple Pride picnic on June 26 as well. Salina's event (North Central KS Pride) happens June 18-20. Jim Hall said the Wichita event will happen September 18-19 at Century 2. KC Pride happens August 21-22.
3. Brett Hogan talked about the June 26 National HIV Testing event being sponsored by PDI, Community Walgreens, and M-Care Healthcare. It will take place at M-Care from 9 am to 9 pm. Other community partners can table as well. HIV and STI testing will be offered, as will PEP/PREP. A drag show will happen in the evening.
4. Information was shared from the American Heart Association. Kari Rinker sent a flyer showing a June 9 event, Hearts With Pride, featuring Dr. Rachel Levine as guest speaker.
5. Kim Neufeld talked about the upcoming event on June 5, ICT Field Day. It will take place at the Wichita Boathouse and is co-sponsored by Bike Walk Wichita, Wichita Urban Professionals, and Young Latina Professionals.
6. Lorrie Kessler shared about the June 11 event in Newton sponsored by Healthy Harvey Coalition from 5-8 pm. It will feature food trucks, games, ballet classes, and other events at Athletic Park.
7. Judi Brown shared that her employer, Cigna, sponsors LGBTQ/Ally resource groups. She has been invited to write a blog for the group, which will help foster understanding among employees about transgender and gender non-conforming people. Judi urged others to seek out employee resource groups at their prospective companies.
8. Judi, Ericka Jobe, and others talked about whether some coalition providers can or should advertise sliding fee scales. Though it would be helpful to those seeking services, BlueCross and other insurance providers may frown upon such practices.
9. Jessica Huber from Central Plains Area Agency on Aging is starting a support group for LGBTQ+ women, ages 60 and up. It may be hybrid with Zoom and/or in person meetings. The meeting will likely occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month at 271 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St between Waco and Main in Wichita.
10. Jessica Huber is a licensed clinical social worker and offers up to 10 free sessions for mental health support.