



The Center of Wichita

September 8, 2021

This meeting was held via Facebook Messenger group video conference.

- **Call To Order at 6:15 PM**
- Board Members Present:
 - Brent Kennedy ... Present
 - Sara Moesel ... Present
 - Nolin Christensen ... Present
 - Gary Kelley ... Present
 - Jessica Jones ... Present
 - Cassidy Snow (Phoenix) ... Absent (excused)
- Attendees:
 - Luke Sangster (Phoenix) ... Present
- Approval of Current Agenda
 - **Agenda moved as amended by Gary Kelley, Seconded by Nolin Christensen; approved**
- Approval of Minutes from the previous board meeting:
 - **Motion to accept minutes: Moved by Gary Kelley, Seconded by Nolin Christensen; approved**
- Public Forum
 - Randolyn from "Unite Us"
- Reports
 - ◆ Chair (Brent)
 - general discussion
 - ◆ Vice Chair (Sara)
 - general discussion
 - ◆ Secretary (Gary)
 - general discussion
 - ◆ Treasurer (Nolin)
 - General Report and Discussion
 - **Report moved by Nolin as presented ... Accepted**
- Current Committees
 - ◆ LGBT Health Coalition (Nolin)
 - report attached below
 - ◆ Library (Sara)
 - general discussion
 - ◆ Fund-raising, Endowment, Grants
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 - ◆ Q Family Connection {{ Member: National Network of LGBT Family Groups }} (Jessica)
 - general discussion
 - ◆ Get Connected (12 to 18)
 - General Discussion
 - ◆ Phoenix
 - General Discussion

- ◆ Events Planning and Recruitment Committee
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- Old Business
 - general review of current covid safety requirements
- New Business
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- As Arises
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- Announcements / Upcoming Events
 - Wichita Pride ... September 26, 2021 (parade only, all indoor events have been canceled due to Covid)
- Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, October 6, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
- **Moved to adjourn ... Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM**

Minutes prepared by Gary Kelley
09/08/21 07:55:00 PM

LGBT HEALTH COALITION

August 2021 Wichita LGBT Health Coalition Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Dawna Raehpour	Kayla Del Rio	Judi Brown
Tara Nolen	Denise Vann	Shylee Johnson
Randolyn Haley	Sarah Vaughn	Tori Gleason
Sandy Hill	Stephanie Kreutzer	Jody McClure
Paige Bailey	Nolin Christensen	Aaron Walker
Steve Burt	Kim Neufeld	

- The meeting opened with an update on Wichita Pride regarding exhibitor booths and parade entries. The deadline was August 20th but has been extended to the end of August. There are still some spots available.
- Randolyn Haley from Unite Us presented information about the new platform being built out in the Wichita area. Unite Us (and Unite Kansas) addresses the social determinants of health through agency and provider networks for those seeking services. The platform will launch September 14, 2021 in 5 area counties, including Sedgwick, Butler, Harvey, and Reno. It's already live in the KC area and 44 other states. It is a free referral network able to connect people to services in a trauma-informed way. It is free to community-based organizations. There is no cost for provider's to be listed. Sarah Vaughn, Aaron Walker, and Nolin Christensen were interested in receiving more information from Ms. Haley.
- Aaron Walker pointed out that a similar pilot program has been in use for about the last two years in the Sedgwick County Health Department: IRIS. However, IRIS has an annual cost for use. It has 40-50 participating agencies and providers.
- Ms. Haley was familiar with IRIS. She reported that Unite Us has a stronger feedback loop and no cost. It also provides data on co-occurring needs. Useful reports can be generated as well from the data. Information sessions for Unite Us are going on now and scheduled for the next few weeks. Check their website for dates and times.
- Stephanie Kreutzer said that she and Lisa Kilmer, who both update the directory listings, will soon be adding telehealth resources. Provider Michael Baker will be offering telehealth services.
- Nolin reminded us about the upcoming NDO discussions. There is lots of noise from the religious right at the listening tour meetings and DAB meetings where public comment is allowed. We need to all be adding our voices to the discussions. It would be especially helpful if affirming churches would become involved as well.
- Kim Neufeld shared that Bike Walk Wichita is hiring a part-time person from the LGBTQ community to lead walks and keep people active. It has great potential to be a safe, affirming space with healthy activities and networking opportunities. This grant-funded position is for one year and requires someone to work a few hours a week. Those interested in applying should be outgoing, comfortable on social media, and able to share about community resources. Kim will send a job description that can be distributed to the coalition mailing list.
- Stephanie mentioned upcoming conferences by SYNC2020 and GLMA. She will also be posting about directory providers during the weeks leading up to Wichita Pride 2021. Those interested in being featured should contact Stephanie with their information.
- Judi Brown updated us on happenings at Cigna Insurance. They are currently adding a section to their provider directory that allows providers to self-identify as LGBTQ-friendly. Interested providers can go to the Cigna credentialing site to sign up. Some other insurance carriers also utilize the same site. Cigna also has an employee support group for the LGBTQ community and their allies. There's also a telehealth expansion initiative. Facebook and Google will help build out transgender and nonbinary health benefits in Asia, thus expanding health equity.
- Aaron Walker, Executive Director of Cairn Health, let us know that his organization is doing an all-

remote model and will likely stick with that going forward. Cairn Health offers prescription and vision services. They are moving their offices to North Broadway. He is also part of the Health Alliance of Sedgwick County, another coalition that meets.

- Steve Burt is the CEO of Bel Aire Recovery. He and his husband are new to Wichita as of October 1, 2020. Bel Aire Recovery is a residential treatment facility. They serve LGBTQ clients. They are a for-profit facility. Steve wants to network with other providers. His email is sburt@belairerecovery.com.
- Denise Vann from the Alzheimers Association asked about filling out the provider directory application. Their association is LGBTQ-friendly. Most people at the association are currently working remotely. Stephanie will email Denise with more information about the application.
- Tara Nolen of Hunter Health noted that her COO expressed concern about setting up a booth at Wichita Pride. Dawna let everyone know that masks will likely be required at the indoor portions of the festival.