

2/23/2022 Wichita LGBT Health Coalition Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Nolin Christensen	Kayla Del Rio	Mary Gonzales
Kim Neufeld	Jenny Pierce	Mariah (WASAC)
Dawna Raehpour	Olivia Kaufman	Shelley Rich
Patty Steever	Lydia Tilton	Olivia Stineman
Will Rapp	Kari Rinker	Jessica Huber

1. Meeting opened with introduction of new co-leaders of the coalition: Mary Gonzales and Kayla Del Rio. Both work at KU Internal Medicine. Mary will be answering mail.
2. Will Rapp of GLSEN Kansas shared that there may be a GLSEN activity tied to the June Wichita Pride events. It could involve some sort of performing and/or visual arts festival and will likely take place outdoors in a park setting. GLSEN will also sponsor a state-wide prom on May 7, 2022. Venue information will be forthcoming. Volunteers are welcome, as well as donations for swag bags given to the attendees.
3. Soma Therapy has 2 new locations on the east side and near New Market Square.
4. Kim Neufeld of Tobacco Free Wichita Coalition announced a partnership with the American Heart Association (Kari Rinker) and the Sedgwick County Health Department (Sierra) to address youth possession of tobacco products. The goal is to eliminate penalties for possession of these materials and make the response less punitive. Youth will instead be referred to the Health Dept. for education. A presentation is available for groups.
5. Kayla Del Rio talked about the upcoming drag show at XY Bar. It will be on Sunday, February 27 at 8 pm. This fundraiser will benefit Positive Directions and the Donna Sweet Emergency Fund.
6. Jessica Huber at Central Plains Area Agency on Aging highlighted the list of LGBTQ+ friendly nursing homes, which was compiled by Martin Toland. The facilities are in Sedgwick, Butler, and Harvey counties. Jessica is also able to offer up to 10 free therapy sessions to LGBTQ+ older adults. Her email is Jessica.huber@sedgwick.gov. Her phone number is 316-660-5244.
7. Nolin announced that Friday night LGBTQ+ youth group is back on in person at the Center of Wichita. Meetings are from 6-9 pm every Friday evening for ages 12-18. He also offered information about another long-term care facility north of Wichita that is Mennonite.

8. Dawna mentioned the upcoming Gender & Sexuality in Kansas conference hosted by Wichita State University. It will be virtual on March 11. Registration is free.
9. Kayla Del Rio has compiled a list of resources for LGBTQ+ patients. She will share those if anyone needs them. Nolin asked if the resources/providers on the list could be vetted and added to the coalition website. This will be added to the to-do list.
10. Nolin reported attending the Western KS coalition meeting a few weeks ago. Brett Crandall, who organized PlayChella Pride in western Kansas, is also part of that coalition. They are looking forward to doing the event again this year. Will Rapp noted that Brett Crandall wants to travel to small towns across Kansas and help host Pride events.
11. Kim will be in Hutchinson on 3/1/2022 and will inquire about upcoming Salt City Pride plans. Will is presenting to Hutch Community College's GSA group soon. His contact is Janelle Voth.
12. Dawna will compile a list of Pride events across the state to be shared with coalition members.
13. Jessica Huber mentioned that a gay pastor has been ordained at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita. For information on LGBTQ+ affirming churches, visit gaychurch.org or churchclarity.org.
14. Meeting adjourned early around 12:40 pm.