

2.22.2023

Wichita LGBT Health Coalition Meeting

Attendees:

Dawna Raehpour

Liz Hamor

Nolin Christensen

Mary Gonzales

Jim Hall

Jay Moncada

Rachel McDaniel

Tara Nolan

Mariah White

Kayla Del Rio

Shelly Rich

Na'Tianna Stocker

Keith Dockter

J. Singleton

Liz Hamor from Center of Daring gave updates on Kansas legislature happenings:

- HB 2238—anti-trans sports bill. This passed the house education committee; this week it goes to the house floor. It probably will pass and go to veto. Work will be done to sustain the veto in the house. There's not enough support in the senate. Action alerts will hopefully increase engagement.
- SB 12—this bill makes it a felony for providers to give gender-affirming care to those under 21. It has recently been changed to SB 233. The bill will be worked this week.
- SB 180—women's bill of rights. This bill narrows the definition of sex and attempts to erase intersex and transgender identities.
- HB 2376—sponsored by Patrick Penn. The feeling is that it pits Black and LGBTQ folks against each other. Section 1 of the bill addresses racial discrimination by housing boards and HOA's. Section 2 attempts to remove local control of discrimination by removing or nullifying local nondiscrimination ordinances, such as the one passed in Wichita.
- Other anti-LGBTQ legislation has no traction at this time.

Jim Hall noted that Pride Prom, hosted by GLSEN, will be on 4/8 at the Wichita Art Museum. Ticket sales launch 3/1. Last year about 200 students attended.

Trust Women reports that they will attend a collaborative lobby day at the capital with ACLU, Planned Parenthood, and URJE.

Mary noted that if anyone is interesting in volunteering for local organizations, they can reach out via the coalition email.

Mariah from WASAC shared that the next Lunch & Learn session will be on Barriers to Reporting.

Jim Hall gave a run down on June Pride events, which are listed on the Facebook page.

Trust Women is having a community care drive to collect items for the community.

Tara from Hunter Health reports they have grant funding for HIV prevention aimed at cis and trans Native American women. They also want to connect with other women of color. This will last the whole year.

Liz Hamor updated regarding the Kansas Health Institute's community advisory boards. The task force will be looking at long term care. They are looking for caregivers to attend a focus group. They are hoping specifically for LGBTQ+ participation and greater representation. Jim will share the information with the Prime Timers group.

Nolin noted that Bethel Long Term Care has LGBTQ+ affirming policies. Dawna referenced CPAAA's support group for lesbian women over 50 that was formed as well.

Nolin reported that M-Care's support groups will be starting up again at their new location. He stated that there hasn't been a lot of hype among youth at the Center's groups regarding the anti-LGBTQ legislation.

Will from GLSEN mentioned that Equality Day will involve students at the end of March.

Liz stated that she can help parents and students who want to learn to speak up and advocate.

Will emphasized WSU's online event hosted by Spectrum and Dr. Jenny Pearson. A conservative group on campus hosted a movie night featuring, "What Is a Woman?" Spectrum had an event celebrating trans and nonbinary voices; it included a panel discussion, research presentation, etc. Over 100 people attended.

McPherson Pride is June 10.

Dawna shared info about Wichita Pride's need for volunteers. We discussed promotion of the Wallflower event.