



11:00 AM- 12:30 PM | February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
Johnson County Public Health | 855 S Dubuque St # 200, Iowa City

## February 2018 Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Attendance:** Tristin Johnson (United Action for Youth), Abby Lee (United Action for Youth), Shawna Meyer (Eastern Iowa Health Center), Natalie Harwood (Planned Parenthood), Kurt Berke (Iowa Primary Health Association), Katen Siles (Friends of the Family), Kimmie Andresen-Reed (Transformative Healing), Genevieve Bern (Planned Parenthood), Alison Oliver (UI School of Social Work), Seth Owens, Alicia Steines (LCPH), **Phone:** Lindsey Elam (ASAC), Nichole Baker-Jones (Ryan White Program)

### Welcome, Introductions, Approve January Minutes, and Announcing New Board

- After voting, the board positions are as follows: Seth Owens (President), Tristin Johnson (Johnson County Representative), Katie Reasoner (Linn County Representative), Abby Lee (Treasurer), Kimmie Andresen-Reed (Secretary), Natalie Harwood (Historian)

### Community Updates

- United Action for youth has their Pride CON Youth Summit coming up on February 17<sup>th</sup>. This event goes from 10-4:30 pm and is open to youth only! Free lunch included!
  - They are also starting the Courage Project, an 8 session empowerpoint course on Saturdays for middle school (grades 7 and 8) girls that focuses on print making. The first session is February 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Links to both of these events are located in the upcoming events below.
- Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC) is hosting Faces of ACE's and Resiliency Art Show at the Downtown Cedar Rapids Library on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10-1pm. Link to facebook event is in upcoming events.
- Transformative Healing in partnership with RVAP has begun planning for the second iteration of the Queer Thrift Shop Pop-Up, which will be April 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> at the Wesley Center. April 15<sup>th</sup> will be a Resource(ful) Fair, which will involve about 10 non-profit organizations selling crafts, baked goods, and art to benefit their organizations. Please contact Kimmie at [Kimberly@thiowa.org](mailto:Kimberly@thiowa.org) if your organization is interested in having a table at the Resource(ful) Fair.
- Friends of the Family had events for Human Trafficking Awareness Month and is working on more awareness and outreach in Linn County for these services.
- The Eastern Iowa Health Center provides family planning, STI testing, as well as sliding fees for costs and transportation options and is working on getting the word out.
- Linn County Public Health events and updates:
  - LCPH is continuing their new partnership with the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition!
  - Weekly testing is starting at Bridge Haven
  - Working to partner with Area Ambulance to provide outreach
  - Working with Cody Schaffer on Teleprep work flow
- Southeast Iowa Health Center is doing treatment pro-bono.

**2018 Event Planning, Part 1: Audience** SHA members discussed goals for event planning this year, starting with brainstorming an audience to focus on. Due to STI increases in Johnson and Linn County, particularly for chlamydia and gonorrhea, the group agreed to focus on testing and outreach events.

The increase is highest amongst 20-24 year olds, with the second highest age group being 15-19 year olds.

For the target audience, we want to connect in an organic way and be mindful of stigma. Through events: focus on comfort of environment, empowerment, and peer to peer, not othering.

We also talked about access to non-college populations and interacting with neighborhood associations. We want to make sure that we're able to reach out broadly, not just to students in colleges. Challenges include building trust with people in neighborhoods and being transparent about privacy and discretion. There may be culturally specific considerations to consider as well that impact individuals' trust with institutions.

Things that have worked well in the past included being discrete, not asking for insurance.

## **2018 Event Planning, Part 2: Allies/partners needed**

For an event we would need free, site specific testing kits. At this point, kits available are largely self-collect. Testing at remote locations is available in Linn County. In Johnson County, due to a position opening, this is not available. The group talked about problem solving to get testing at events already going on through SHA members, namely the Queer Thrift Shop Pop-Up.

We talked about potential ideas for places to have testing, including indoor testing at the Downtown Farmer's Market in Cedar Rapids and outreach with neighborhood associations.

An additional goal was to rekindle outreach with Kirkwood Community College in Linn County to provide testing to students.

The group agreed to work toward these two goals:

- Restore testing at Kirkwood Community College in Linn County
- Provide testing at the Queer Thrift Shop Pop-Up in Johnson County (event is in April)

## **Upcoming Events and Continuing Education Opportunities**

- [Pride CON Youth Summit](#)—February 17<sup>th</sup>, put on by United Action for Youth at Eastdale Plaza and is a youth-only event!

- [The Courage Project](#)—8 week empowerment workshop using printmaking for middle school girls 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade! Starting Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- [Faces of ACE's and Resiliency Art Show](#)—Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> 10-1pm at the Downtown Cedar Rapids Library.
- [Queer Thrift Shop Pop-Up](#)—April 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> at the Wesley Center in Iowa City, benefiting Transformative Healing and RVAP.

See you in March!

Thursday, March 1st  
11am-12:30pm at Linn County Public Health

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