



The Sexual Health Alliance is a collaborative group that promotes and supports healthy relationships and sexual behaviors in Linn and Johnson counties through community engagement

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: 7- Katie Reasner (Linn County Public Health), Alicia Steines (Linn County Public Health), Anya Ogilvie (Planned Parenthood of the North Central States), Abigail Lee (University of Iowa MPH Student), Rebecca Price (Eastern Iowa Health Center), Amelia Slaichert (Johnson County Public Health), Kim Andresen (RVAP/Transformative Healing)

Community & Program Updates

- **Eastern Iowa Health Center** has hired a new Social Worker, Rebecca Price, who is new to the Alliance. Welcome!
- **Johnson County Public Health:** Amelia has been busy with World AIDS Day activities. 52 individuals were screened for HIV during The Mirage event for WAD and JCPH held 4 additional screening events. JCPH is also partnering with “The Center” (Senior Center of Iowa City) to offer screening. This population provides a great opportunity to do some Hep. C work as well.
- **Linn County Public Health:** Alicia screened 14 individuals for HIV at Belle’s Basix in Cedar Rapids for World AIDS Day and is working with Foundation 2’s Youth Shelter to provide monthly screenings, etc. Alicia recently began working to form a partnership with the new LGBTQ Youth Center, that launched in October, to offer HIV screening:
 - The Gazette: [Tanager Place offers space for LGBTQ Youth Center](#)
 - The Gazette: [Southside Boys & Girls Club launches LGBTQ inclusion initiative](#)
 - KCRG: [LGBTQ Center opens in Cedar Rapids to create safe place for area youth](#)
- **Planned Parenthood of the North Central States** has recently combined with neighboring states and is no longer named Planned Parenthood of the Heartland. This is due in large part to funding. The group welcomed Anya, PPH Health Educator, back to her second meeting!
- **Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP)** at the University of Iowa is seeking a full time [Bilingual Direct Service Community Advocate](#). Additionally, the Queer Art Healing group continues and Transformative Healing is partnering with United Action for Youth to provide LGBTQ services to youth. Contact Kimmie, Kimberly@thiowa.org, for additional information.
- **National Updates**
 - Title IX: [Comment](#) period on [Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972](#) is open until January 28th. More information can be found at [Know Your IX](#):
 - Permitting schools to adopt a “clear and convincing” standard in campus adjudications
 - Allowing schools to deny survivors the right to appeal
 - Lifting the probations on mediation and direct cross examination
 - Removing accountability measures that ensured prompt investigations
 - AIDSvU: [2017 State-Level Data Visualizing PrEP Users Across the U.S.](#)
 - GLSEN: [2017 National School Climate Survey](#)

Vision Discussion: After a brief discussion, the group settled on the vision below. This new vision will be incorporated into the proposed by-law changes, attached, and voted on during the January meeting.



The Sexual Health Alliance is committed to being a leader in creating a positive culture of sexual health and safety in our communities. By collaborating with organizations within Linn and Johnson counties, the SHA will be a reliable sexual health resource and will present a unified effort toward meeting the goals of our alliance as well as our community members.

By-Laws & January Elections

Katie presented the proposed changes to the by-laws (See Attached). This includes the Mission and Vision Statements, as well as the structure of the Executive Body. The main changes include 2 Facilitators, filled by Linn and Johnson County Public Health staff. The Secretary position remains mostly unchanged, the Treasurer and Historian position are combined, and an Online Coordinator position has been created. Anyone from the Alliance would be encouraged to run for these offices. In the event that the aforementioned positions remain vacant after elections, a representative from Planned Parenthood and United Action for Youth will step in to fill them. Staff from these organizations can also run for these positions with their fellow Alliance members. If you would like to vote for or against these by-law changes, you MUST have a 2019 organizational or individual commitment letter, attached, returned to [Katie Reasner](#) before the January 3rd meeting or have the letter in hand as is written in Article III of the by-laws, see below. Those who come to Alliance meetings on work time typically represent an organization and are required to complete a **Statement of Organizational Commitment** in order to vote. Those who attend meetings on their own time typically do not represent an organization and are required to complete a **Statement of Individual Commitment** in order to vote:

Article III: Membership/Voting

B) Membership shall be open to all people who live, work, or volunteer in Linn or Johnson Counties who maintain a vested interest in combating STD and HIV infections in their local communities & promoting sexual health. This may include members from the fields of public health, sexual health, general medicine, nursing, student health services, aging services, and health promotion as well as representatives from support fields such as the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities, art communities, minority communities, and communities of faith. Individual members will need to sign a statement of individual commitment when they first join the Alliance in order to be able to vote and be considered an official member of the Alliance.

C) Community Based Organization (CBOs) and local agencies will have no limitations on the number of members that may be sent to represent their organization at coalition meetings. However, voting will occur on an agency basis requiring that each agency appoint one voting member who will maintain voting responsibility. The appointment of said voting member shall be reported to the coalition Secretary for recordkeeping and should be updated promptly in the event of change.

a. In the event of a voting member's absence from a voting meeting, a proxy vote must be submitted via email or in writing to the coalition secretary no later than 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time.

D) Membership is open to any member of the public, who lives, works or volunteers in Linn or Johnson counties, who has a vested interest in the cause and mission of the coalition. Seated members are expected to actively recruit new members from their respective communities to take part in the coalition. Membership revocation, while unanticipated, will be handled by the executive board on a case-by-case basis.

January Agenda Items

- Voting: Proposed By-Law Changes
- Call to fill 2019 Executive Positions, voting in February
- Strategic Plan and Subcommittees
- Presentation: Human Trafficking, Teresa Davidson

Adjourned at 11:58am

Upcoming Meetings

January 3 rd	11am-12:30pm	North Liberty Community Library Room CD
February 7 th	11am-	North Liberty Community Library Room CD
March 7 th	11am-	North Liberty Community Library Room CD

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