



*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*

## OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

### 11:00 am Introductions

### 11:05 am Updates, Barriers & Opportunities

- Human Trafficking: A Community Response - Wednesday, October 23rd from 11:30 AM - 1 PM at Mercy Cedar Rapids
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
  - Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) held "Shop for Shelter" fundraiser (October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019)
- Amelia (JCPH): Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition held a conference in Iowa City (October 3-5<sup>th</sup>, 2019)
- Stanzy (UAY): The CAPP grant manager and supervisor from UAY will be in attendance next month
- Abby (Community Member/Treasurer): Research Week is coming up; attend Spotlight Sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays over lunch <https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/spotlight/>
- Emily Parker: Presentation about vaping for faculty and parents in Center Point/Urbana
- Fatima (RVAP): RVAP has a new address (108 River St.); open house will be held in November
- Alicia (LCPH): LCPH moved to a new office on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Elaine (Mt. Mercy): Kirkwood is looking for more materials and interactive activities for STI education
- Sarah (Eastern Iowa Women's Health Center): Providing sexual health education at Kennedy and Washington high schools in Cedar Rapids. Working on getting into Prairie high school.

### 11:15 am Sub-Committee Updates

- Community Outreach Sub-Committee:
  - Met on Monday, September 16th
  - Anne Kiche, African Networking Association visited in September
  - Continued conversation about intergenerational tensions between parents and children in some African communities. Parents have more traditional expectations related to dating and romantic relationships, these conflict with what children are wanting to do.
  - How do we engage with community leaders to potentially impact this issue in the most appropriate way possible?
  - Reached out to organizers who said that we might need to wait, not use the mental health event.
    - Got feedback that we might burden relationships already being made to address this issue
    - Questions were brought up about who is controlling this moving forward, it was highlighted that not a single person or couple of people speak for the entire community.



- Planning process continues, this will take more assistance and conversation moving forward.
- No plan made for another meeting
  - Plan for a November meeting to readjust and establish new trajectory
  - Doodle Poll will go out to establish this
  - Before next meeting reach out to contact from Linn County Public Health that sent email requesting that SHA hold off.
- Education Sub-Committee:
  - No new updates
  - Current STI Presentations have been well received
  - Action items:
    - Plan another sub-committee meeting for the end of the year (Amelia)
    - Reach out to University of Iowa contacts about incorporating the presentation again before the winter holiday (Amelia)

**11:30 am      Presentation by Sumaya Rabee (RVAP)**

- Information about the local Sudanese and Congolese communities
- What is the best way to reach out to members of these communities?
- **Please reach out to Sumaya if you would like more information about this presentation**

**12:00 pm      Adjourn**

**Upcoming Meetings**

November 7	11am – 12pm	North Liberty Community Library, Room AB
December 5	11am – 12pm	North Liberty Community Library, Room AB
January 2	<b>No Meeting</b>	

