

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

# MARCH MEETING MINUTES

### 11:00 am Introductions & Updates

### - Upcoming Events:

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- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)!
  - More information on local events to come
  - RVAP (Fatima Jayoma and Kimmie Andresen-Reed)
    - Working on events for SAAM
      - Deadline for getting an event on the SAAM calendar is Friday (3/6)
    - Friendship Sewing Cooperative Fundraiser
      - March 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 PM at RVAP
      - Potluck to raise funds to pay for a sewing instructor for this group that supports survivors
- JCPH (Amelia Slaichert and Kate Klefstad)
  - Clinical Services is hoping to start providing Title X services by the first week of June 2020
    - Will cover Johnson, Iowa, and Washington counties
    - There is no age restriction for services
    - Please spread the word!
- Eastern Iowa Health Center (Sara Olmstead)
  - In the process of starting sex education in Prairie High School in Cedar Rapids
    - Also provide education in Washington and Kennedy high schools
    - Has not been able to get in the door at Jefferson High School
  - Title X grant recipient in Linn Co.
    - May be some changes coming in regard to adolescents' access to birth control without parental consent
- Mount Mercy (Elaine Cook)
  - Distributing condoms to groups and individuals on campus
- LCPH (Alicia Steines)
  - ITS grant (HIV & HCV prevention and testing) that covers Linn, Benton, Jones, and Tama
    - Health fair in Benton on April 4<sup>th</sup>
    - Health fair in Tama on May 13<sup>th</sup>
  - IDPH will release the "Stop HIV Iowa" plan in April
    - Alicia is a co-chair for one of the focus areas in the plan
- UAY (Stanzy Sheetz and Jessica Huffman)
  - Welcome Jess! Stanzy's new intern
    - Paraeducator in IC school district; studying education and interested in the intersection between disability and sex education
  - 2020 PrideCon was very successful

- Iowa City school district has stopped separating sex education classes by gender, so Stanzy is supporting the teachers in new curriculums that are gender and LGBTQ+ inclusive
- UI College of Public Health (Abby Lee)
  - Signs of Health Equity conference on April 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Criminal justice focus
- ASAC (Emily Parker)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year holding a new grant; mostly in assessment phase

#### 11:20 am Sub-Committee Updates

- Education Subcommittee: Met on February 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Working on creating a comprehensive sexual health and healthy relationships education resource list for Linn and Johnson counties
    - Please fill take the time to look at and fill out this document: <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1j\_pylEWZTDe0S2SOHrlMntRZZ1Q39QbDgdpB8E-UiN4/edit?usp=sharing</u>
  - Next meeting: TBD (April)
- Outreach Subcommittee: Met on February 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Focus on relationship building
    - Do this by attending events in Linn and Johnson counties and existing in the same spaces as the people and communities we want to build relationships with
    - Let us know if there are events you know of that members of SHA should attend
    - Please sign up to attend events here: <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1avq6Uju7jpm6M9JS7DiACpkd0I9EWlgyyUt3AX-Kbx4/edit?usp=sharing</u>
    - After attending, we will ask you to share what was discussed, what you learned, who you
      met, and any other important information
    - o Pride events
      - As of now we are planning on attending both Iowa City and Cedar Rapids Pride events as a coalition
        - Iowa City Pride (June 20<sup>th</sup>) Parade and vendor table
        - Cedar Rapids PrideFest (July 11<sup>th</sup>) Vendor table
      - Please consider signing up to help represent SHA!
        - We are working on a volunteer sign-up sheet
      - Ideas for swag, activities, and SHA gear for volunteers:
        - Gear/swag: buttons, fanny packs, bandanas
          - Hold a separate button making party (several orgs have button makers)
        - Activities: flavored lubricant tasting, dildo ring toss, make your own button
    - Next meeting: Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30 PM at Capanna Coffee in North Liberty
      - Please let Amelia know if you would like to be included in the outreach subcommittee

#### 11:45 am Discussion about SHA meeting times

- The current meeting time seems to work well
- o Consider having an open house once a quarter in the late afternoon/early evening
  - Provide food (could reach out to Deluxe or Table to Table for donations)
  - Need to make it worth their time (have planned outcomes for each meeting)
  - May help get people involved who can't make time during the business day (i.e. teachers, community members, etc.)

12:00 pm Adjourn



## Upcoming Meetings

April 2	11am – 12pm	North Liberty Community Library, Room AB
May 7	11am – 12pm	North Liberty Community Library, Room CD
June 4	11am – 12pm	North Liberty Community Library, Room TBD

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