



*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*

## FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

### 11:00 am Introductions

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

- Johnson County Public Health
  - o Expanding HIV testing and STI prevention work into surrounding rural counties (Iowa, Louisa, Poweshiek, Wapello, and Washington)
  - o Clinical Services is looking into being the Title X service provider for Johnson County
    - Would start in June
  - o Clinical Services also provides immunizations (including HPV)
- Linn County Public Health
  - o Expanding HIV testing and STI prevention work into surrounding rural counties (Benton and Jones)
  - o Presenting outcomes of the pilot program with Emergency Departments to the Iowa Department of Public Health and at the Governor's Conference
- Planned Parenthood:
  - o Renovating their health center – open house to come!
  - o Meet Markie – new Advocacy Strategist for Eastern Iowa
  - o Upcoming Lobby Day on the Hill!
    - Send volunteers their way
- Iowa Cancer Consortium
  - o Working to increase HPV vaccination
  - o New website <https://canceriowa.org/>
- Area Substance Abuse Council
  - o New grant to provide NARCAN supplies and training to EMS
  - o Working on peer support recovery projects
- Rape Victim Advocacy Program
  - o Planning fundraiser for a sewing class
- College of Public Health
  - o Conducting a research project to look into how dentists can help increase HPV vaccination rates
- Upcoming events:
  - o Green Flag Fair hosted by RVAP at the University of Iowa on Tuesday, 2/11 from 11 A – 1 P
    - Education fair in honor of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
    - Theme is about identifying the “green flags” in a relationship that indicate it is healthy
  - o Healthy Relationships Workshop at the Cedar Rapids Police Department – Thursday, 2/20 from 6:30-8 PM
    - Learn more about healthy relationships and how to talk with teens about dating violence
    - Contact Sgt. Laura Faircloth to attend ([l.faircloth@cedar-rapids.org](mailto:l.faircloth@cedar-rapids.org); 319-286-5425)



- Black History Month events at the University of Iowa  
<https://multicultural.uiowa.edu/celebrations/black-history-month/>
- PrideCon 2020 hosted by UAY on Saturday, 2/29 at Tate High School
- UI Lecture Series <https://lectures.uiowa.edu/lectures/>
- Equity conference hosted by UI College of Public Health on Monday, 4/6
  - Theme is on criminal justice as a health equity issue
  - Open to the community
  - Save the dates will be going out at the end of February

**11:15 am Sub-Committee Updates**

- **Education Subcommittee:**
  - Follow-up on the possibility of conducting a survey about what kind of sexual health education (i.e. safe sex, consent, healthy relationships, etc.) is being provided in Johnson and Linn Co. schools
    - Katie has started looking into resources in Linn Co.
    - Thoughts:
      - Involve neighborhood associations
      - Incorporate funding sources, demographics, and STI rates
  - Expect a doodle poll in order to schedule a meeting in late-February/early March
  - If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please reach out to Katie or Amelia
- **Community Outreach Subcommittee**
  - Discussion about how we should shift the focus of this committee
    - Thoughts:
      - Possible event with Monsoon and Planned Parenthood
      - Invite Sumaya's contacts and other individuals who represent refugee, immigrant, and minority populations to tabling events
  - Start planning for Pride attendance
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**11:30 am Organization Wish List for the Holiday Season**

- What do SHA organizations need support with in the coming year?
- Bring a list of 3 "wishes" that the organization would like help with
- Vanessa McNeal's non-profit called Story Maven Media <https://www.storymavenmedia.org/>
  - Vanessa McNeal filmmaker of the Gridshock documentary on sex trafficking in Iowa
  - They are working on creating short documentaries on sexual health related issues every month
  - Also have an Indiegogo campaign for a documentary on the child pornography industry  
<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/little-ones-documentary-about-child-pornography#/>
    - Please share out on social media to increase funding
- RVAP:
  - Gas cards, bus passes, art supplies
  - Visit Haveli Indian Cuisine in Coralville and tell your server you are there to support RVAP
    - Percent of proceeds will go to fundraising efforts for the organization
- ASAC
  - Needs to interview Linn Co. providers for their Integrated Provider Network (IPN) grant
  - Reach out to Emily Parker for more information ([eparker@asac.us](mailto:eparker@asac.us))

**12:00 pm Adjourn**



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**Upcoming Meetings**

March 5	11am – 12pm	North Liberty Community Library, Room CD
April 2	11am – 12pm	North Liberty Community Library, Room CD
May 7	11am – 12pm	North Liberty Community Library, Room TBD

**My Notes:**

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