

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, October 19, 2014

Call to Order

Announcements

- Any announcements?

Reports from Officers

President

- DTSH update
- Health Fair update
- TransVisible update
- Inmate advocacy update (1 TDCJ, 1 fed, 1 Taylor County)
- NCAVP update
- **Report items since last meeting (not going over individually, ask if questions)**
- STAR Court several times (July - September), participant now in hiding
- 7/9: Meeting with Feleshia, Reatta, Raf, me on prison policy
- 7/9: UTD class
- 7/10: Trans* Network meeting
- 7/14: individual assistance, STAR court
- 7/16: LGBT Task Force meeting
- 7/16: RWPC meeting
- 7/20-23: HIV/HEI conference presentation Trans* Identity and Public Health
- 7/24: individual assistance, treatment program (ongoing)
- 7/25: Individual assistance, client to Parkland
- 7/28: individual assistance, STAR court
- 7/28: started trying to encourage folks at UTSW to plan for 2014 health fair
- 7/28: individual assistance, housing
- 7/28: start working on TDCJ inmate issue on referral from SRLP
- 7/30: meet with Genesis counselor on access
- 7/30: Chat and Chew
- 7/31: meet with Kim Whatley, Icon Hospice, some good info on housing/connections
- 7/31: meet Doug Kershaw on harm reduction
- 7/31: individual assistance, housing
- 8/1: meet with Dr. Klemow at Parkland
- 8/4: HIV Syndicate call
- 8/6-9: NCAVP workshop
- 8/10: meet with Cheryl Orr (Dallas E & D officer) and Patti
- 8/13: RWPC meeting
- 8/13: RWPC presentation Trans* Identity and Public Health
- 8/15: health fair meeting at Parkland
- 8/19-21: DSHS HIV/STD conference presentation Trans* Identity and Public Health
- 8/22: individual assistance, housing
- 8/25: individual assistance, STAR court
- 8/26, SMU diversity class
- 8/27: RWPC Planning and Priorities meeting
- 8/27: health fair meeting @ Parkland
- 8/27: meet with Colleen at AIDS Arms, housing resources
- 8/28: NCAVP reports work group call
- 8/29: meet with counselor on TDCJ inmate issue

- 8/30: individual assistance, treatment facility tour
- 9/3: Les Martin with MetroCare, housing
- 9/3: NCAVP general call
- 9/4: T*NA meeting
- 9/8: meet with Sharyn and Harriet
- 9/8: individual assistance: control meds
- 9/10: RWPC meeting
- 9/10: Dallas Domestic Violence Task Force meeting
- 9/10: finish editing NCAVP IPV report
- 9/14: individual assistance: control meds
- 9/15: meet with John Carlo, Gilbert, and Justin at AIDS Arms
- 9/17: RWPC planning and priorities meeting
- 9/17: Dallas LGBT Task Force meeting
- 9/18: meet Dr. Renee McLaughlin at Cigna in Plano
- 9/21: individual assistance: control meds
- 9/21: individual assistance (for a group), restroom access issue (Disco v Retro)
- 9/22: individual assistance: restroom complaint, Boxer Properties; discussed SA complaint and Ch. 46 exemptions as well
- 9/26: presentation at Genesis Women's Shelter
- 9/28: individual assistance: control meds
- 9/29: health fair meeting
- 9/30: AIDS Arms Network Affiliates meeting to talk about health fair
- 9/30: respond to DPD inquiry about Flower Mound schools nondiscrimination policy
- 10/1: NCAVP general call
- 10/1: teach class at UTD
- 10/2: RWPC interim work plan meeting
- 10/2: call ABC Behavioral Myra Humphreys about housing
- 10/2: contact Lisa Blouin (Dallas) about housing, did not call back.
- 10/5: run LifeWalk booth
- 10/5: started exploring "Give Me a Chance" group housing
- 10/6: ACA navigator meeting, United Way, Out2Enroll, Fairness Fort Worth
- 10/6: Dallas Domestic Violence Task Force film Private Violence
- 10/7: GE LGBT Symposium, on panel
- 10/7: individual assistance, housing
- 10/8: RWPC meeting
- 10/8: individual assistance, connection to healthcare
- 10/8: GEAR Men's Group talk about health fair
- 10/8: individual assistance, discrimination and connections to support
- 10/9: RWPC interim work plan meeting
- 10/9: meet with UTSW consumer advisory group on trans identity
- 10/10: Health fair conference call
- 10/10: meeting to prepare for Dept. of Ag panels
- 10/11: USDA rural violence panel
- 10/11: Texas Latin@ Gay Pride booth
- 10/13: contact Shelley Knight Sheriff's office to prompt movement on policy
- 10/13: individual assistance, gender-segregated facility access (Planet Fitness)
- 10/13: research for Fair Housing Office
- 10/15: RWPC meetings
- 10/15: Parkland CAB, health fair
- 10/15: individual assistance, court
- 10/15: LGBT Task Force
- 10/16: RWPC strategic planning
- 10/16: Gilbert @ AIDS Arms bookkeeping
- 10/16: Equality Texas meet Eric Johnson
- 10/17: Meet with Jan Langbein (Genesis Women's Shelter) and Chris Packard (Austin Street Shelter)
- 10/17: Meet with Zack and Sarah of UTD Galerstein Women's Center
- 10/18: coordination on DPD complaint
- 10/18: organize presentations, health fair
- 10/19: health fair press release

Secretary

- Acting Secretary: Approval of minutes from July 7, 2014, meeting

Treasurer

- Progress report
- Provide list of persons or organizations contacted about audited financial reports

Unfinished Business

The following items all need someone to take on or help with unless otherwise noted.

Fundraising and Donations

- Research grants at Gilead and other big pharma companies (Arianna Lint said TransLatin@ Coalition had luck with that)
- Amazon wish list (and others): create, maintain, and advertise wish lists for goods donations
- STOPP and OVW has local funding through states that TPI may qualify for
- Do more to promote AmazonSmile use

Volunteers

- Develop better ways to engage volunteers and allow them to work
- Make list of volunteer duties and needs (started, needs to be finished)

Healthcare goals

- CME/CEU workshops for medical professionals (include Dr. Klemow)
- Healthcare for healthcare professionals updates
- City health insurance project—Cheryl Orr
- Healthcare: GEAR Trans Healthcare Program writeup for Dallas Way

Housing goals

- Finish the community center/shelter plan for the Dallas TEA House (Trans* Empowerment and Advocacy)

Dallas Trans* Shared Housing Project

- Needs one person or a group to focus on it more
- Develop a better registration and notice/bulletin board system
- Develop a way to do shared apartments (work with Give Me a Chance?)
- Develop a media campaign to promote DT*SH

Shelter work

- Volunteer: work on identifying corporate sponsors for shelters.
- Folks willing to keep in touch (phone) with those on the streets? Is this beneficial or not?

Prison work

- Pen pal network (outside our scope? But no one else is doing in Texas)
- Become a third party contact for Dallas County Jail
- Need someone to research Haverkamp Final Judgment in Washington County

Anti-Violence work

- Develop a documentation plan NCAVP reports (who to reach out to, MOA/MOU templates)
- Develop/train volunteers to do documentation
- Foldout info card (business card size) with english/spanish, inside ACLU's know your rights
- Start contacting persons we've worked with on violence issues for 2014

Employment goals

- City transition protocol—Cheryl Orr is possibly workin on, but keep encouraging her
- Talk to Pride Staffing, Obox Solutions, and Pride Source about working with trans persons
- Make info about companies that hire ex-offenders more available and place on website
- Learn more about vocational rehabilitation programs that might be suitable for some trans* folks with mental or physical challenges (Department of Assist. and Rehab. Services)
- Meet with Workforce Solutions folks about working with trans* persons; recommended by Melvin Baker: Terra Nunn (972-709-5377, x 7301); also Randall Wier and Melissa Lloyd at the downtown Dallas office

Education goals

- GED program—some pieces in place (venue, probable relationship with DISD), but really needs someone to take charge.

Documentation

- Update Dallas County judges guidelines (Ginsberg memo) for name and gender marker changes—Judge Ginsberg wanted Lambda Legal to write/update a brief, and Lambda Legal has not been responsive. Katie Sprinkle is working with Dallas County judges when she can. This hasn't resulted in addressing problems with the Ginsberg memo.
- TPI name and gender change document updates. Needs to be maintained as things change
- Stonewall Democrats candidate endorsements indicate most judges willing to have an LGBT Liaison, so why not incorporate this into a liaison role?

General efforts

- TransVisible
 - no movement within LULAC, doing on my own (still partnered with them)
 - local organization may be able to support the catering
 - Currently looking at Texas Theatre, Samson's catering, January 10, 4-6pm
- New brochure—“it's ok to be cis”? Still need to do. Have asked Dori, wasn't interested.
- Online training offered? Loose plan to work with Evan Martinez to record sound when time.
- Bios update on trans* persons in arts, sports, and science to Patti for police training presentation. Comments: needs more work, Nell has done some additional work for a July presentation.
- Compile the various resources so we can do a better job of referral and remembering what is available. probably needs to be a database. Would be nice if we could have subject area specialists so we have a go-to person for various resouces such as housing, healthcare, mental health services, etc.

- Still need someone for Secretary and Treasurer positions. Suggestions?
- Develop module for DPD presentation using Gil's files

Individual Assistance

- A few people to help with peer support – taking folks to appointments, bus/rail stations, company, general support

New Business

- Board expansion: Pocahontas Duvall, Terry Allen, Sharyn Fein, Harriet Cohen, Bret Camp
 - how to do: all at once or spread out over several months?
 - how to avoid tokenism of any identity
 - other considerations?
- Would first Thursdays at 6, Center for Community Cooperation work for board meetings?

General future needs

- Housing: Need to enroll as a vendor for the City of Dallas (tried, ran into problem)
- General: talk to 211 information services about referring folks on trans issues such as shelter providers and other LGBT/GSRM services.
- Buy a projector (Nell's personal laptop being used now)

Open End

Action Items

President

Treasurer

Others

Adjourn meeting