

BeYOU Advisory Board Meeting
January 30, 2021
Meeting Notes

Welcome & Introductions

Beverly Anaele	Joshua Andres
James Falcon	Jason Grueneich
Krissie Guerard	Kayla Hochstetler
Jacqueline Hoffarth	Melissa Kainz
Jorden Laducer	Justin Lien
Kristin Nelson	Barry Nelson
Tracie Newman	David Newman
Kristin Rhen	Kristi Rosselli-Sullivan
Anna Schimmelpfennig	Faye Seidler
Heidi Selzer-Echola	Cody Severson
Kevin Tengesdal	Sara Upgren
Jenna Vanhorne	Christopher Wegner

Why the Advisory Board:

- The BeYOU Health Board will provide recommendations regarding the LGBTQ2+ health issues and topics to the North Dakota Department of Health. Board members will also assist the NDDoH in ensuring the LGBTQ2+ perspectives on incorporating and planning the decisions for the state, as well as community partnerships. The BeYOU Board will also incorporate the seven components, which are led by representation of the LGBTQ2+ community, and maintaining consistent and structured meetings, fostering community building, offer a safe place for the LGBTQ2+ to share their opinions on health-related matters, describe the unique needs of the LGBTQ2+ community, analyze workplace community and healthcare settings that presents biased descriptions, and emphasize on planning, executing and focusing on the meaningful projects and topics to help improve the well-being and minimized the health inequities in the LGBTQ2+ communities.
- The Board will consist of 21 individuals who represent the LGBTQ2+ community, that reside in North Dakota or in the realm of North Dakota. The Board will consist of a diverse group that will represent various backgrounds. All members will be asked to commit to at least two years of service. Meetings will be in person, by phone or via Teams.

Guiding Principles:

- Review of guiding principles and Jorden asked if there were any other items that should be included. The ideas given are listed below:
 - Be open to opinions of others and opinions you may not always agree with - be respectful.
 - Speak with one voice after a decision is made – unified voice.
 - No meetings outside of the meetings. All discussions should take place with the whole group.
 - Use discretion when using people’s names.

Lindsay VanderBusch – Director of Division of Sexually Transmitted and Blood Borne Disease (updates)

- Currently in the middle of a needs assessment year and part of that is collecting information and starting the process with three assessment needs. These include people living with HIV, people at risk for HIV and other STI's, and health care provider needs.
- If you can give any feedback in these areas, please let Jordan know and he will relay to Lindsay.

Krissie Guerard – Health Equity Director (sub-committee)

- In December, Health Equity was asked to develop a Health Equity Strategic Plan in response to COVID. Looking to add in a few other populations: persons who inject drugs, homeless population and LGBTQ2+ population. Looking for volunteers to have a conversation in regard to the LGBTQ2+ community and what's going on with COVID. Those who volunteered were Jacqueline Hoffarth, Dr. Justin Lien, Jason Grueneich, and Kristi Rosselli-Sullivan.

What are some topics you would like to see discussed? What health inequities are you seeing in ND?

- HIV decriminalization
- Collective advocacy
- Transgender health care needs
- Inviting/engaging other state agencies to meetings to discuss health inequities.
- Health disparities within hospitals/medical field.
- Mental Health services for the LGBTQ and homeless youth
- Screening for sexual health and gender orientation to be standardized in pediatric and family care

Ongoing Meetings:

- Discussion on how many times the board will meet, quarterly vs once per month.
- A survey will be sent out in the next week.

Chair / Co-Chair:

- The Chair will oversee the board, create the agenda, and lead the meetings. The position will be a two-year term and will serve as a liaison to other state agency's and organizations.
- The Co-Chair will assist the Chair and lead meetings if/when the Chair isn't present.
- If interested of being the Chair or Co-Chair, please let Krissie and/or Jordan know.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.