

## Meeting Minutes from Illinois Commission on LGBTQ Aging 09/06/2023

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

2:00pm-3:30pm

Via WebEx

### Members in Attendance

Paula Basta, Donald M. Bell, Billy Rogers, Charles Koehler, Kristin Kartsaw, Stefanie Clark, Angela Simmons, Christian F Castro, Virginia Quinonez, Phyllis Johnson, Aneesha Gandhi, Jennifer Epstein, Danie Muriello, Keith R. Green, Kathleen Robbins, Britta Larson, Kim L. Hunt, Dulce Quintero.

### Members Absent

Daisy Feidt, Taylor Tefft, Dairy Mien, Caprice Carthans, Jeff Berry, Michael Maginn, Kim Mank.

### Guests in Attendance

Iris Schweier, Lisa Zuurbier, Selma D'Souza, Becky Dragoo, Caronina Grimble, Emma Bessire, Kate Maley, Mary Anderson – AARP, Glenda Corbett, Pamela Martinez Ruiz.

### Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
  2. Updates
  3. Commission Work
  4. Public Comment Period
  5. Closing- Summary and Next Steps
1. **Call to Order** – Donald A. Bell and Glenda Corbett
  2. **Motion to Open Member Spot** – A motion to remove Alexis Martinez from the council was presented by Commission's Co-Chair, Donald Bell. Britta Larson made the motion, Phyllis Johnson second the motion. No oppositions and motion passes.
  3. **Approval of 6/7/2023 Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve 6/7/2023 meeting minutes, motion carried.
  4. **Mandatory Trainings:** Everyone should have log in information. Commissioners have been completing them as they are receiving the log in information. DEIA training was offered in a paper version to all Commission Member if they are having issues to log into OneNet yet. Pamela will do a follow up with Commission Members who are still having issues with log in information.
  5. **Updates:** Billy shared that the Commission was present in the State Fair in Springfield but did not attend the Du Quoin State Fair. Donald (Co-Chair) attended Pioneer Collision Submit in Springfield and Billy (Advocate) will be attending the Down State

Pioneer Collision Submit. The Commission has Informal Meetings for all Commission Members to talk to each other about the work to be done and share resources with one another. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the months when the Commission does not have Formal Meetings.

6. **Guest Speaker** – Emma Bessire, Manager of Civic Engagement at SAGE presented regarding the Older Americans Act and the updates on what is going on in the federal level and why several advocacy groups are trying to expand the rule to cover other important aspect for the aging community. Emma updated the Commission regarding the priorities for the Final Rule of the Older Americans Act which include topics of interest for the Commission such as LGBTQ+ and HIV Aging, families of choice and inclusive data. The slides Emma shared during their presentation will be shared with the Commission. Access and read the public comments regarding the Older Americans Act Expansion here: [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

7. **Subcommittees Updates**

**Healthcare Subcommittee** (Kristin H. and Angela S.) shared that they did not meet for July, but they will be regrouping and continue to meet on a monthly basis; bringing ideas and examples from other states and to work and develop something together.

**Training and Outreach/Community Engagement Subcommittee** (Kim H. and Virginia Q.) did not meet during August but during the July meeting the group decided to read the report from the Commission in Massachusetts. The subcommittee created a list of question for the person who is coming to present to the Commission in one of the upcoming meetings.

**Housing Subcommittee** (Britta L. and Danie M.) shared that they are meeting monthly, they are finding information regarding housing and anything that would be helpful for the Commission. The Housing subcommittee are also working on new policies and legislations from other states that can help the Commission.

**Older Adults Living with HIV/AIDS and Long-Term Survivors**, (Mike M and Jeff B.) the Co-Chairs were not present during the meeting due to being out in a conference.

8. **Headshots and Bios** – Glenda C. gave a reminder regarding the request for headshots and bios from Commission members to share in IDoA's website.
9. **Meeting was opened for Public Discussion and Questions** – No public comments or questions were made.
10. **Next meeting was announced for December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 2 pm virtually.**
11. **Meeting Adjourned**