

Meeting Minutes from Illinois Commission on LGBTQ Aging 06/07/2023

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Approval of March 14, 2023,

Meeting Minutes / Approved

Members in Attendance

Paula Basta, Donald M. Bell, Christian Castro, Britta Larson, Kim Hunt, Taylor Tefft, Phyllis Johnson, Dr. Virginia Quinonez, Aneesha Gandhi, Billy Rogers, Stefanie Clark, Danie Muriello, Michael Maginn, Dr. Keith Green, Jeff Barry, Kristin Hartsaw, Angela Simmons.

Members Absent

Charles Koehler, Daisy Feidt, Dr. Kathleen Robbins, Kim Mank.

Guests in Attendance

Mary Anderson-AARP, Georgia Burke- Justice in Aging, Natalie Keen-Justice in Aging, Gloria Simmons, Selma D'Souza, Caronina Grimble, Bennetta Davies, Becky Dragoo, Iris Schweier, and Michael Pessman.

3:00pm-4:30pm Via WebEx 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 and Minutes Approval:** Donald A. Bell
 2. **Mandatory Trainings:** Glenda Corbett advised that one-net accounts were created for Commission Members. Bonnie and Pamela are working on obtaining temporary passcodes for logon. Pamela/Bonnie will send out training notifications with log in instructions which will include the temporary password and reset information. Glenda shared the following completion date deadlines:
 - July 31st - Ethics Training
 - August 31st - HIPAA Training
 - September 30th - HDP Training
 - October 31st - Security Awareness Training
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on hold until further notice.
 3. **Upcoming Events/updates:** Billy R. requested volunteers for Senior Day's at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield on 8/14 and Du Quoin 8/30. We have been approved and are working on parking passes. Spots have been allocated for us to table. Need to identify if the Commission will have its own logo, tablecloth, swag gear. It was also requested that members attend the Illinois Pioneer Coalition Summits in Springfield 8/1 and Marion 8/2 from 8am to 5pm. Billy announced he will attend the Marion location. Registration fees

are required and asked if the Commission would allow the expense 400 dollars for table fees 750 for 2 locations. Don asked Billy to send a memo listing dates, times, and location of events to obtain response from participants.

4. **Announcement** (Glenda C): Notice was provided that the Illinois Council on Aging is recruiting new members include with a special request for a transgender or gender-expansive individual and an individual living with HIV. Central and Southern Illinois representation is needed. Send recommendations to Lisa Zuubier, ICoA Liaison at Lisa.Zuubier@illinois.gov.
5. **Guest Speakers:** Mary Anderson, AARP was introduced by Don Bell and presented on Disrupting Disparities. Georgia Burke and Natalie Keen, Justice in Aging presented on Data and Impact of Regulations on LGBTQ+ Older Adults.
6. **Commission Co-Chair and Sub-Committee:**
 - Healthcare** (Kristin H. and Angela S.): Purpose statement was created. Two priority areas selected- Provider Training and Premature admission to long-term care settings.
 - Outreach and Training** (Kim H. and Virginia Q.): Developed an action plan and prepared a statement identifying goals and focus. Work will focus on strategy areas E, F, G, and I.
 - Aging with HIV** (Mike M and Jeff B): Focus is on reaching out in rural area to garner information on the needs of those living with HIV. The “virtual village study” was discussed as well as working in tandem with “Getting to Zero Illinois”.
 - Housing** (Britta L and Danie M.): Group is meeting monthly and has created a workplan and are in the middle of reviewing existing resources, tools, reports, and existing reports. Taking a deep dive into the Housing crisis. Next phase will include talking to key stakeholders and completing interviews.
7. **Meeting was opened for Public Discussion and Questions** – No public comments. Questions: Question presented by Georgia/Natalie- Are we aware of the data collection model that has been created for aids data collection? Can the Commission leverage the data? Getting to Zero web address shared <https://dashboard.gtzillinois.hiv/>, Virginia Q asked if there could be a repository that everyone could have access to documents. Glenda mentioned that Kim H expressed the need for a shared space in which the members could share information, create a platform for sub-committees to share documents and merge as thought partners. Pamela and Glenda will look into Microsoft teams or Kristin H recommended SharePoint. Paula Basta advised that Aging would be keeping files on all information. Kim H. clarified the reasoning for the request for shared space which is not a data collection space only. Don B. requested that he be added to the sub-committee invites, he encouraged the sharing of information, agreed that quarterly reporting data should be shared and maintained in a central location and advised he will be looking into creating an optional meeting to have informal discussion on the work and its progression. Sub- Committees continue to meet regularly to flush out the information gathered in preparation for the Final Governor and GA Report. Glenda reminded the Members that short bios and photos were still needed by July 17, 2023 and advised a reminder email would be sent.

8. **Next meeting was announced for September 6th, 2023 @ 2 pm virtually.**
9. **Action Plan Items:** Share Videos and presentation slides (Pamela), send out training log-in instructions (Pamela), Sub-committee Co-Chairs will add Don B to invite.
10. **Meeting Adjourned**