

Meeting minutes from Illinois Commission on LGBTQ Aging 06/05/2024

Wednesday, June 4, 2024

2:00pm-3:30pm

Via WebEx

Members in Attendance

Mary Killough, Donald Bell, Billy Rogers, Jeff Berry, Keith R. Green, Michael Maginn, Dary Mein, Kristin Hartsaw, Daisy Feidt, Phyllis Johnson, Charles Koehler, Kim Hunt, Stefanie Clark, Angela Simmons, Eva Trampka, Danie Muriello.

Members Absent

Christian Castro, Aneesha Gandhi, Britta Larson, Virginia Quinonez, Taylor Tefft, Caprice Carthans, Kim Mank, Channyn Lynn Parker, Kathleen Robbins, Dulce Quintero, Jennifer Epstein.

Guest in Attendance

Selma D'Souza, Bonnie, Becky Dragoo, Iris Schweier, Michael Stone, Caronina Grimble, Arnold Aprill, Cassie Armea-Warren.

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 & Roll Call** – Donald M. Bell and Pamela Martinez Ruiz.
 2. **New Commissioners** – Welcome to new Commissioners, Mary Killough – IDoA Acting Director, and Channyn Lynn Parker.
 3. **Approval of 03/06/2024** – Motion to approve 03/06/2024 meeting minutes; motion carried.
 4. **Mandatory Trainings** – These trainings are annual and need to be completed for all the years the Commission is active. If any issues arise, please reach out to Glenda and/or Pamela. List of trainings for this year:
 - a. Harassment and Discrimination Prevention Training 2024.
 - b. Ethics Training Program for State Employees and Appointees 2024.
 - c. LGBTQIA+ Equity and Inclusion 2024.
 - d. HIPAA & Privacy Training 2024.
 - e. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Training 2024.

- f. Security Awareness 2024.
5. **Updates** – Billy Rogers, LGBTQ Older Adult Advocate: Billy did a presentation at East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging with APS in April. He presented about what the Commission is doing, and the disrupting disparities report. Billy has also been working with Carolyn Austin from AgeLinc on the Outsafe Training Project. He has three training lined up on southern Illinois. GRIS had a spring listening session, where they heard the voices of LGBTQ 50+ community members in southern Illinois. Transcripts will be available and used for the Commission’s report.
 6. **Motion to support Mayor’s Advisory Council of the City of Chicago** – A decision was made in the City of Chicago that reduced the time established for the Pride Parade was done. The decision also reduced 37% of the number of participants allowed in the parade. The motion is to support the letter the Mayor’s Advisory Council is sending out requesting that the community is included and consulted in important decisions related to the LGBTQ+ community. Motion approved; two Commissioners abstained from voting.
 7. **Guest Speakers**
 - a. **Cassie Armea-Warren, PRIDEnet; the PRIDE Study and the *All of US* Research Program:** PRIDEnet is an organization that catalyze LGBTQIA+ health research by connecting with community members with ways to participate in research and share input throughout all the stages of the research process. The PRIDE Study is a national long-term health study of LGBTQIA+ physical, mental, and social health. An annual survey is taken online, and it has approximately 29,000+ participants. The organization has community partners that represent major communities and regions around the nation, to engage underrepresented populations on research. There is a chance for partnership with the Commission moving forward and it will be discussed and arranged with the Leadership Team. Access reports from PRIDEnet: [Reports — PRIDEnet](#)
 8. **Subcommittees Update** –
 - a. **Older Adults Living with HIV/AIDS and Long-Term Survivors** (Mike M. and Jeff B.). The subcommittee is identifying current resources and gaps on services for people aging with HIV and long-term survivors in the state. The subcommittee is looking at the state of Illinois and how it can be more comprehensive to include LGBTQ plus and HIV positive individuals aging. The group is collaborating with Federal Aids Policy Partnership.
 - b. **Housing Subcommittee** (Britta L. and Danie M.). The subcommittee is gathering data from stakeholders in the community that live in apartments and housing facilities, shelters and other places that support the community. They are keeping track of this information in a GoogleDoc spreadsheet.
 - c. **Training and Outreach/Community Engagement Subcommittee** (Kim H. and Aneesha G.). The subcommittee is working on understanding feasibility of

training and outreach protocols statewide and in IDoA. Building provider awareness and examining access to funding to training.

- d. **Healthcare Subcommittee** (Kristin H. and Angela S.). The subcommittee is gathering information on the area of preventing premature admission to nursing homes. They are planning a listening session to learn more from the community and their experiences.
9. **Final Report** – subcommittee co-chairs should be prepared to have their final report for the next Commission Meeting on September. The report should include what the subcommittees have done, things that were challenging and the issues for the future. The reports are just rough drafts, do not need to be structured or in legislative language. There will be a six month period where these will be edited and put together for the final report due on March 2025.
10. **Meeting was opened for Public Discussion and Questions**
11. **Next meeting was announced for September 4th, 2024 @ 2pm possibly hybrid.**
12. **Meeting Adjourned.**