

CCSLGBTQPA Meeting Notes
November 13, 2015
1-2:30pm 2750 UH

I. Introductions

- Present: Bernie Santarsiero; Michelle Manno; Chloe Gurin-Sands; Shay Phillips; Carrol Smith; Megan Carney; Dan Dicesare; Steve Whitley; Adrienne Williams

II. Gender-Inclusive/Gender-Neutral Campus Restrooms Update

- Shay has uploaded gender restroom document on Box
- Bernie has created a second document of what's available on the west campus and outlined locations on map (will upload map to Box folder soon)
- Megan: went to all zone facilities meeting last week. Gender-neutral restrooms issue was on agenda. There are a lot of single stall restrooms designated as male/female. Question about replacing signage. Zoning issue. What we don't know is why they were zoned in that particular way. Campus Facilities is looking into this issue. Megan also discussed myths of "security" with all-gender restrooms.
- Perhaps students interested in this issue could go to each location and verify
- State and city codes play a role in this issue (how many restrooms for each gender do you need; distance between restrooms; etc.).
- Consider education campaign/centralizing unit to deal with roll out of new restrooms/change of current restrooms.
- College of Pharmacy is looking to renovate bathrooms- has "bathroom committee." Bernie is on the committee.
- LHS is also doing renovations and is planning on having gender-neutral bathrooms. Steve will bring up signage at next meeting.

III. Lavender Research Forum

- Need volunteers to develop this event
 - Megan and Carrol interested (should hold event on West campus)
- Bernie will contact other CSCs and see if there are people interested in this on those committees

IV. Radical Public Health (RPHS/SPH) (Chloe)

- RPH is student org started by PH students in 2012. Mission is to get to root causes of things: what are root causes of health inequities/public health issues in general? Six praxis areas: curriculum change, community outreach, cultivating org from inside, radical public art, and first responders. Anyone who wants to be a facilitator and take on leadership role can do that.
- In January had forum on police violence and police brutality, very well attended.
- Presented on curriculum change at American Public Health Association conference
- 1-2 big forum events/year and as many smaller ones as possible: book club, pop up events (Charleston vigil), etc.
- Group of students working on putting together an LGBTQ interest group at school of public health. Chloe will connect the committee with this group so that we can talk about partnerships.

V. Campus Healthcare Issues

- GAP Update (Shay)
 - No gender-affirming surgery dates given in December.
 - GAP Advocates (9 advocates) met and discussed next steps; training will happen in January; also brainstorming other avenues (training, self-care, etc.).
 - Bernie and Michelle will meet with Dr. Bud Pygon on Monday to discuss scheduling issues.
 - Can we get out-of-network surgeries covered as in-network since we may not have the capacity to deal with high priority gender affirming surgeries at UIC
 - What is our ask to Dr. Pygon? One reserved date a month? Once a week in key months: December, March, June?
- Development of IPE program on LGBTQ Healthcare
- Committee resolution
 - What can we do as a chancellor's committee? Can we write a resolution outlining short term and long term solutions to present to new VCHA?

VI. Students Experiencing Housing Instability Project Update

- Subcommittee met with Willie Rodriguez and Tom Moss
- GSC working on resource poster; Dean of Students office will create poster and create online presence for this project
- Tiny Homes Summit in April being hosted at UIC
- SPH students working on student hunger project. Can this subcommittee partner with this group?
- Also partner with CSRC (commuter student resource center)- Steve will connect with Bernard and send info about this
- Laura is working on a proposal to the Chancellor to request funding for this project
- Housing quality a major issue across campus- work with other CSCs on this

VII. Creating Change Proposal Funding Request

- 10 students already on list wanting to go
- Can we ask students to give presentation/written summary/news release of experience at committee meeting after conference?
- Unanimous committee consent
- Committee will email students who are going and ask them to attend January meeting and go over details of what we would like them to do after conference.

VIII. New/Old Business

- Website- Hilary Short (OOD) will update website, Bernie will give access
- Social Media- Michelle will create Facebook page; other platforms (IG, Twitter, etc.)
 - Can we develop/promote a hashtag? #UICsomething

IX. Next Meeting Date

- Friday, December 11 2-3pm 2750 UH
- Should we plan a "queer throwdown" party? (Megan's idea)