

Somerset County LGBTQ+ Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

7pm on Thursday, February 11, 2021

Zoom:

Meeting ID: 510 343 3488

Passcode: 381285

I. Attendance – 7:05pm

- A. Present: Charles Eader, Michele Kidd, Frank Morano, Roberta Walters, Commissioner Marano
- B. Absent: Michael Poreda, Syd Rosen
- C. Motioned by: Frank & Roberta

II. Discussed January event

- A. We had over 100 people sign up. Over half showed up. Great participation.
- B. We're able to connect with those individuals from the contact info.
- C. Contact student who was interested about the open RVCC spot on the board

III. Outreach

- A. One of our meeting guests, Meg, will try reach to out to Richard Hall / other mental health services about being more connected with the LGBTQ community
- B. Partner with business alliance?
- C. Commissioner Marano will reach out to Commissioner Sooy about the Business Partnership

IV. April Event (law in the LGBTQ+ community)

- A. April 14 at 7pm?
- B. Frank will work with Michael for the format of the event & find speakers
- C. 3-4 breakout sessions? Give more time for the breakouts.
- D. Potential opening – i.e. Introduce speakers & saying how being a member affects their practices
- E. Potential topics are: family adoption, discrimination, emancipation, young adults being kicked out, birth certificates/ids/passports, medical directives, workplace discrimination, youth rights, divorce, transgender rights, family planning, how things have changed then & now, what are your rights vs what do you do.
- F. Get started with the information so we can send out a PR ahead of time / get posts ready for socials

- V. Pride month
 - A. Should we have a booth at Asbury or stay local in the county?
 - B. Possibly have a booth downtown in Somerville?
 - C. Have a small gathering at a nearby county park (depending on COVID status)
 - D. Reach out to County Graphics Dept. about a display for events / 4H
 - E. Get Board flags for Pride?

- VI. Additional collaboration with Human Services?
 - A. Have board members come to mental health board meetings
 - B. Be a part of the Stigma Free campaign
 - C. Establish connections with clients

- VII. Meeting ended at 8:28
Motioned by: Frank & Roberta