

# Somerset County LGBTQ+ Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

7pm on Thursday, March 11, 2021

Zoom:

Meeting ID: 510 343 3488

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- I. Attendance - 7:02pm
  - A. Present: Charles Eader, Michele Kidd, Michael Poreda, Syd Rosen, Roberta Walters, Commissioner Marano
  - B. Absent: Frank Morano
  - C. Motion by: Michael & Roberta
  
- II. Brief discussion on President Biden's new policy on gender policy
  - A. Does it look as though Biden's new law overrides other laws i.e. Alabama, RI?
  - B. Has anything materialized at this point?
  - C. Is it somewhat symbolic?
  
- III. April's Law Event
  - A. April 14, 7-8:30
  - B. Virtual webinar on the legal issues affecting the LGBTQ+ Community
  - C. The webinar will cover 3 main categories, including:  
Family law & adoption – Deb Guston, Discrimination & employment – Luanne Peterpaul & Stephanie Giranda, and Estate planning – Bill Singer
  - D. 10min intro, 40min breakout, have a high-level overview of what was discussed, 10 min Q&A
  - E. Look into getting a keynote speaker?
  - F. Breakout sessions can be recorded & posted to our socials
  - G. Remember to have a follow up after April's event
  - H. One of our public guests suggested less time for the keynote but the previous virtual event was well received.
  
- IV. Charles and Michele discussed their meeting with the leaders from the Richard Hall Center in response to participant feedback from our health services webinar.
  - A. They want to make sure they're partnering with us & they are sensitive to the LGBTQ community
  - B. We can sit down & talk about what we're hearing about the community & mental health issues
  - C. How to we make sure we get the word out about Richard Hall
  - D. How we think that we can address it & make the website more inclusive about our community

- V. Social Media update (Syd and Lucia)
  - A. Get event board flyer on socials
  - B. Try to be more active on the board's platforms
  - C. Can we also chat about the listing and presence of our Advisory Board on the County's website
  - D. We need to be more inclusive about what we share on the board
  
- VI. Additional thoughts
  - A. Bi-monthly email blast? Things can include things like resources, friendly small businesses in somerset, upcoming events, etc, using the list we've been starting to make, is a good start
  
- VII. Meeting ended at: 8:15
  - A. Motioned by: Roberta & Michael