

Safe Schools Coalition Meeting
DRAFT Agenda 8-16-2011, 2-4 p.m. PDT
Facilitating: Mo Lewis; Recording: Frank Couch

Present by phone: Beth Kelly Program Supervisor, learn& serve America OSPI

Present in person: Beth Reis SSC Co-Chair, PHSKC/ Mo Lewis SSC Co-Chair, KCSARC/Frank Couch SSC, SAMA/Charlie Shealy SSC Co-Chair, NWNnetwork/Chris Johnson CRC/ Matthew Wilson OASIS Youth Center

HELP NEEDED in red.

INTROS

(1) SHARING TIME

- a) **COLOR coordiNATION** is “a newly resurrected organization in Minneapolis, MN that focuses on building community, leadership and wellness for queer people of color.” They wrote us seeking grant funding, which of course the Coalition doesn’t do, but the programs they wrote about are likely of interest to our members and friends: a youth committee composed of youth ages 14-25, a play group for “gender creative children and preteens ages 3-13, and a group for Black Lesbians ages 18-45 and their partners and allies. More info: www.colorcoordination.org Contact them at colorcoordination@gmail.com or 612-382-5072.
- b) Charlie reported that **Outspoken** is collaborating with OASIS to help create a handouts and curriculum for youth panels to use when doing LGBT youth panels.
- c) Mo Lewis reported that she has helped create a tri fold hand out that educates on **age of consent and the power dynamics** in the therapeutic relationship. This material is available electronically by emailing Mo at mlewis@kcsarc.org
- d) Matthew reported that **OASIS** is involved in providing LGBTQ educational trainings and Panels in Pierce County.

(2) HEALTHY YOUTH SURVEY – Beth

Reported that one of the questions about sexuality that SSC worked so hard to get included in the survey – the one about genders of partners -- was omitted in the final draft administered fall 2010. Because of a funding glitch, the fall 2012 survey has already been printed. Beth suggested that we form a committee to offer to the Department of Health to reach out to the schools that opted out of the survey in the past based on the questions of sexuality (or other reasons) to educate them on the importance of opting in and the inclusion of such questions. **HELP NEEDED: We need someone willing to convene such a committee the meeting; Beth Reis, Mo Lewis and Matthew Wilson said they would be willing to sit on the committee.**

(3) HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN AWARD! – Beth

SSC will be receiving a service award from HRC on Sept 17th. If you are able to attend to support SSC please do. There are specials on the price of the tickets for students and educators the price for adult educator is \$150 and students are \$125 (The coupon code is EDUCATOR11) you can register for a table at www.tablecaptian@HRC.org or order individual tickets at www.HRCseattle.org/dinner

(4) FISCAL REPORT – Michelle

- a) **Thank you to these recent donors:**
 - Jay Galligher, in honor of Tira & Jamie Schwartz
 - Pam Jensen

(5) SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT for May – Heather for Briana and Gabi

- Trainings Pending:** Concord International Elementary School
University of Puget Sound
Brettler Family Place
- Recent Outreach:** 8/5-8/7 Gender Odyssey Conference, Tracy Flynn+
- Upcoming:** WFHB Radio Segments – monthly starting in September – see
Below, #9
GSBA Mixer 10/12

(6) WEB SITE(S) REPORT – Gabi

HELP NEEDED: SSC wants to invite anyone who finds broken links on our website or finds out dated language that might be offensive to please report this to Gabi. Also if there is member org content that needs updating please contact Gabi at Gabi@safeschoolscoalition.org

(7) MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Gabi

- a) Thank you to these recently renewed member organizations:**
- GLOBE (sponsored by Everett/Snohomish PFLAG)
 - Vista Youth Center, Kennewick
 - SGBA (the Greater Seattle Business Association)
 - PFLAG Bellevue
 - PFLAG Seattle
 - **If there are any member organizations that have not yet renewed due to their ability to pay the membership dues in these harsh economic times we would like you to know that the SSC believes that there is value in our diversity and that there are many opportunities for in kind commitments. Please do not let the ability to pay stop your organization from membership participation.**

(8) INTERVENTION TEAM REPORT – Penny

- a) In the first 6 months of 2011 intervention requests we've handled have:**
- come from Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Oregon, and Virginia and from many counties in Washington State. [NOTE: When there is one, we always offer contact information for a local safe schools coalition and sometimes for a PFLAG chapter or, if requested, to Lambda Legal and/or the ACLU.]
 - included problems in public and private schools in urban and rural areas.
 - included families with gay, lesbian, bisexual, gender variant and transgender children as well as situations related to alleged racial bias, anti-immigrant bias and disability discrimination.
 - involved as many as 12 students assaulting a single child.
 - involved consequences including a hospitalized child and some who are being home schooled to escape the abuse.

(9) UPDATE RE: WFHB RADIO PROGRAM – Beth for Briana

The SSC will be hosting the following radio segments on WFHB radio, in Minneapolis and on the web:

- September -- Beth –Teaching EVERYBODY-making teaching inclusive
- October -- Tracy- Impact of bullying-what caring adults can do about it
- December -- Gabi- Overview resources related to creating Safe Schools
- January -- Rosalinda-

February -- Tracy- Starting the conversation early...Welcoming schools
 March -- Beth-Classroom conversations about marriage
 April -- Gabi-Impact of suicide-prevention and response
 May -- Rosalinda-
 June -- Beth- What a principle /schoolbaord member needs to know about LGBT issues
 July --Tracy-Policy
 August -- Gabi- parents of LGBTQ students
 September, 2012 -- Rosalinda-

Other possible topics are: Shifting language –managing “that’s so gay” and the word “queer” in schools/ issues faced by LGBTQ teachers/Hate crimes/how homophobia, racism, sexism, support each other/ supporting queer youth leadership.

(10) LISTSERV REPORT – Beth

- a) Thank you to Tara DeZao for the gift of the time you have given this year to the Coalition. Tara was managing events digests for the listserv and has had to step down.
- b) We will eventually launch separate listservs for news, events, etc. and ask everyone to resubscribe. We will let you know when the time comes
- c) We now have subscribers in at least:
 - **11 countries** (Australia, Belize, Canada, China, Finland, Pakistan, Serbia and Montenegro, South Africa, United Kingdom, the U.S. and New Zealand)
 - **5 Canadian provinces** (AB, BC, NB, ON, QC)
 - **46 U.S. states** (AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY) plus **Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.**
 - **27 Washington State counties**
- d) Big thank you to Beth Kelly from OSPI for being willing to help out with the listserve.
- e) **Welcome to subscribers** in the last month or so from:

→ <i>Arlington, VA</i>	→ <i>Northport, WA</i>	→ <i>Lacey, WA</i>
→ <i>Washington, DC</i>	→ <i>Chicago, IL</i>	→ <i>Hartsdale, NY</i>
→ <i>Seattle, WA</i>	→ <i>Mukilteo, WA</i>	→ <i>Bellevue, WA</i>

(11) PAID OPPORTUNITY: Seattle /King County Coalition on homelessness (SKCCH) is looking for peer leaders for youth Summit!!

6 youth will be accepted for peer leaders they must be under 27 years of age be able to work in teams, have a interest in advocacy and leadership. No experience necessary. Compensation is \$25 for completing the training \$50 for completing both days of youth summit. Contact Tim Candela at 253.350.0836

(12) Charlie is stepping down from the leadership due to new opportunities opening for him in NY. We want to thank Charlie for his service. **HELP NEEDED: Fourth Co-Chair. If you think you might be able to devote a few hours a month, please contact Beth to chat about it: beth@safeschoolscoalition.org or 206-296-4970.**

(13) HELP NEEDED: Mo Lewis is asking folks to try and bring youth that you work with to the next SSC meeting. Youth interested in activism on behalf of LGBT-safe schools. She and Matthew both have agreed to bring snacks for the youth.

UPCOMING MEETINGS ... contact the chair if you have agenda items to suggest or if you need instructions about attending (in person) or calling in (by conference call). All are welcome - you do NOT need to be a Coalition member to attend.

Sept 20th, 3-5 pm (**NOTE: Back to SCHOOL YEAR HOURS**) **Charlie** facilitates and **Penny** records. Charlie: 206-568-7777; charlie@nwnetwork.org

October 18th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Heather M** facilitates, **Heather C** records. Heather: 206-616-6361; hmurphy@u.washington.edu

Nov 15th, 3-5 pm Pacific Time. **Mo** facilitates and **Frank** records. Mo: 425-226-5062; mlewis@kcsarc.org