



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Committee to the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs Meeting

Agenda

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, 2000 14th Street NW
2nd Floor Conference Room, Office of Latino Affairs (enter via Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs)
Washington, DC 20009

Agenda:

1. Call to order– David M. Pérez, Chair (1 min.) Meeting started: 6:35pm
2. Roll Call– Nicole Armstead-Williams, Secretary (1 min.)

Staff:

Sheila Alexander-Reid
Ben deGuzman

Advisory Committee:

David Perez
Dr. Imani Woody
Julius Agers
Thomas Sanchez
Nicole Armstead-Williams
Andrea Sharrin
Victoria Kirby-York
Jim Slattery
Adbur-Rahim Briggs
Reginald Greer
Sheldon Scott
Dwayne Bensing
Randy Downs
Desiree Lucky

Saymende Lloyd
Michelle Parkenson

Community:

Brett Parson
Desiree Walker
Michelle Garcia
Indira Henard
Mackenzie Becker
David Mariner
Machell Bridgeman

3. Review February Meeting Minutes– Nicole Armstead-Williams, Secretary (3 mins.)
4. Report by Sheila Alexander-Reid, Director, Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ Affairs (25 mins.–6:35-7PM):
 - a. Introducing Ben De Guzman, new Community Outreach Specialist
 - b. Recent Vigil held for victims on U Street
 - c. Upcoming Events (May and June)
 - d. Budget Oversight Hearing
 - e. Expiration of Service for some Adv. Committee members
 - f. Grantees funded for doing work w/ Homeless Youth Service Providers
 - g. Pathways Project update – Mentors Needed for participants
 - h. Increased request for trainings: add to website & Train the Trainer for DC agencies
 - i. Supplier Diversity contracts for LGBT, Veteran and Disabled-owned businesses
5. Public Comment (40 mins. –7:00-7:40PM)
 - a. Sgt. Brett Parson, Strategic Change Division, Executive Office of the Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department + Q&A (30 mins.)

Discussed special liaison units. Trends of violence is increasing that is bias-related. LGBTQ is traditionally the 3rd nationally, but in DC it is number 1. The question becomes: do we have a problem? Is this bad? Reasons possibly include: 2015 comprehensive re-training on bias-related crime and educational campaign in communities; Increased competency; More crimes are being reported by third party and by the internet/social media. The more success we have with reported cases, the more likely people are to come forward and report. Additional research to understand why DC remains the highest in statistics for LGBTQ-related crimes. When crimes happen, Sheila Reid-Alexander will be contacted directly. This will support activating a collective response to care. Discussion about protecting LGBTQ identity — this may limit how a report is made or investigated.

- b. Additional Public Comments (15 mins. –7:30-7:50PM)

Director Michelle Garcia, Office of Victim Services. Mission is to increase public safety — provide grant funding to programs that support survivors of crime. Resources that are available: DC Victim Hotline (24/7 by phone/text/chat) with option of warm hand-off to increase ability to access connections 1844-4HELPDC, private security program rebate program — also available for residents on voucher program, ASK DC and ASK U. New programming developed as a result from attention being brought up re: number of missing youth. Community-based projects are encouraged to apply for funding.

Indira Henard, Executive Director of DC Rape Crisis Center. Oldest rape crisis center in the nation. Provides individual and group counseling on sexual assault, as well as secondary survivors. FREE services. 24/7 hotline. Community engagement and prevention work. Majority of clients identify as people of color and LGBTQI. If you need support engaging in conversation around sexual violence issues. Issues raised: sexual assault from gay men on dating apps. Increased awareness is encouraged. Therapists are licensed, trauma-informed, and survivor centered.

Other public comment:

McKenzie Becker: Children's Law Center — Fellow discussed issues facing LGBTQ youth in foster care. Additional work on how CFSA places youth — especially LGBTQ youth. Emphasizing how attorneys can improve services for LGBTQ youth in foster care.

David Manier, Executive Director of DC Center: summary of services provided as a result of Office of Victim Services, in collaboration with DCRCC. Encouraged further partnership. Taking the Stage, Taking the Stand (Busboys and Poets). Expression nights. V-PART Meetings. This committee can play an active role in de-criminalizing sex work.

6. Old business— David M. Pérez, chair (5 mins.—7:50-7:55PM)

Quarterly meetings only, please encourage attendance of all meetings. VOTE SEPTEMBER 11 MEETING.

7. New business (35 mins. —7:55-8:30PM)

- a. Review Next Meeting Dates (add July 10 or Sept. 11 to calendar) & Topics (10 mins.)
- b. 9-1-1 Safety—Julius Agers (5 mins.)
- c. Announcements (5 mins.)
- d. Toast & Thanks to Honorees & Committee Members (15 mins)

8. Meeting Adjourns (8:42PM)