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The State of LGBTQ Youth Health and Wellbeing: Strengthening Schools and Families to Build Resilience Working Group Meeting

June 30, 2017

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[Background: The State of LGBTQ Youth Health and Wellbeing Symposium](#)

The annual Symposium on June 29th, 2017 informed the conversations of the following day's Working Group. The Symposium intended to identify what we know and don't know about LGBTQ youth health regarding HIV, substance use, mental health and suicide, and violence in the systems of schools and families. Over 120 leaders in LGBTQ health, researchers, advocates, students, and community members attended the Symposium.

Drs. Francesca Gaiba and C. Hendricks Brown began the Symposium by welcoming guests and explaining the goals of both the Symposium and Working Group. Keynote speaker Dr. David Purcell, JD, deputy director for Behavioral and Social Science at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, then spoke about how the CDC addresses youth health education and disease statistics (including HIV) among persons under 25. Dr. Guillermo (Willy) Prado, Dr. Dorothy Espelage, and Dr. Brian Mustanski then each presented their research on family/parent interventions for sexual and gender minority (SGM) youth, bullying and violence amongst SGM youth, and the effects of parenting on SGM adolescent health, respectively. Youth leaders from the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health then hosted a panel with speakers Aisha Chaudhri, Elon Sloan, and Alloíza Mari, prompting a discussion between symposium presenters and audience members on the dynamic relationship between research and advocacy. Debra Hauser, president of Advocates for Youth, concluded the symposium by communicating the mission of both activists and researchers is to improve the lives of SGM people. The presentations and discussions from the Symposium laid the groundwork for the next day's Working Group meeting.

[Goal](#)

The Working Group sought to build on the conversations of the previous day's Symposium to identify strategies, interventions, programs, and other factors within the school or family contexts that build LGBTQ youth's resilience and/or reduce their risk for HIV, substance use, depression and suicide, and violence victimization. After identifying gaps in knowledge, the Working Group is drafting a research/action agenda for the coming years, and plans to disseminate it in the form of a white paper (or several ones tailored to different audiences, topics, etc.) and a journal article.

Agenda

8:30 - 9:00	Breakfast	
9:00 - 9:20	Welcome, logistics, roles Quick introductions (name, affiliation, topic) Goals for the day, publication outcomes	Francesca Gaiba Brian Mustanski
9:20 - 10:10	Presentations: state of the research, what we know for sure, what are the gaps? Family Family School School Resilience	Alida Bouris David Huebner Stacey Horn Christian Villenas Michelle Johns
10:10 - 11:00	Discussion/charge for breakout sessions	Francesca Gaiba / Deb Hauser
11:10 - 12:30	School and family groups break out	Simone Koehlinger with Family AJ Jennings with Schools
12:30 - 1:30	Working lunch Groups come back together, eat lunch Each group report out: share list, highlights from discussion, and top priorities	Deb Hauser Group Representatives
1:30 - 2:15	Prioritize gaps and set agenda	Deb Hauser / Simone Koehlinger / AJ Jennings
2:15 - 3:00	Next steps Identify dissemination outlets and strategy Next steps	Brian Mustanski Francesca Gaiba / Deb Hauser

Attendees

Tracy Baim, Pride Action Tank/Windy City Times
Dennis Barbour, The Partnership for Male Youth
Lisa Barrios, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Alida Bouris, University of Chicago
C. Hendricks Brown, Northwestern University, Center for Prevention Implementation Methodology
Aisha Chaudhri, Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health
Patricia Dittus, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Dorothy Espelage, University of Florida
Francesca Gaiba, Northwestern University, Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing
Deb Hauser, Advocates for Youth
David Huebner, George Washington University
Kim Hunt, Pride Action Tank
Stacey Horn, University of Illinois at Chicago
AJ Jennings, Illinois Safe Schools Alliance
Michelle Johns, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Simone Koehlinger, AIDS Foundation of Chicago
Michael LaSala, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Amy Leonard, Legacy Community Health
Kathryn Macapagal, Northwestern University, Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing
Alloiza Mari, Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health
Gabe Murchison, Human Rights Campaign Foundation
Brian Mustanski, Northwestern University, Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing
Michael Newcomb, Northwestern University, Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing
Manuel Ocasio, University of Miami
Karen Parker, National Institutes of Health
Paul Poteat, Boston College
Guillermo (Willy) Prado, University of Miami
Christa Price, True Colors Fund
David Purcell, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Eve Reider, National Institutes of Health
Elizabeth Saewyc, University of British Columbia
Lamont Scales, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Sheree Schrager, Children's Hospital Los Angeles
Elon Sloan, Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health
Riley Steiner, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Juan Villamar, Northwestern University, Center for Prevention Implementation Methodology
Christian Villenas, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network
Sharon Wong, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Sierra Campbell, Advocates for Youth
Andrea Dakin, AIDS Foundation of Chicago

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