

Meeting November 6, 2024

Attendance:

- Mik Kinkead (he/him) LAS
- Rachel Golden (they/them) Golden Psych
- Kandra Clark (she/her) Exodus Transitional Community, WCJA board
- Jemarley McFarlane (he/him) BOC
- Chelsea Chard (she/her) DOC
- Ronald Porcelli (they/them) NYC Unity Project
- Dori Lewis (she/her) LAS (retired)
- Faris Ilyas (they/them) New Pride Agenda
- Sahar Moazami (they/them) NYCC
- Matt Graham (he/him) Mayor's Office of Equity and Racial Justice
- Valerie Greisokh (she/her) DOC
- Natalie Florenzo (she/her) NYCDS
- Adana Wright (she/her) Commission on Gender Equity
- Justin Wilson (he/him) Commission on Gender Equity
- Saloni Sethi (they/she) ENDGBV
- Nicole Levy (she/her) CHS
- Grace DeTrevarah (she/her) Osborne Association

Agenda

- Introductions: name, pronoun, affiliation, something good we are doing for yourself today
- Good news updates (thanks to Rachel for suggesting this!)
 - **Nicole:** a patient has gotten into her own apartment!
 - **Ronald:** Unity Project website is up and live, all the resources are there and might be helpful. Please feel free to let Ronald know if there are other resources to add. H+H also has services at Judson Pride Clinic including a programming space which is available for people who need it <https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/516-24/mayor-adams-nyc-unity-project-mayor-s-office-equity-racial-justice-new>
 - **Valerie:** working closely with GLITS and they've been able to have a new presence on Rikers monthly. Rotating basis of bringing in 4-5 other orgs when they come in. Destination Tomorrow is also working with DOC on other reentry supports like financial literacy. Will be coming to RMSC first.
- BOC update on wig policy
 - Reviewed religious observance directive. Did not find anything on headwear or wigs. Cannot find anything on that. We believe that historically what may happen is that a headscarf is considered to meet the religious needs and the security needs.
- Rachel leads brief presentation on collective working document:

- there is a presentation with an excel sheet which allows for a rotating leadership/notetaking/timekeeper role and the to-dos from each meeting for easy access
- Folks gave feedback on the document and the setup: in general people liked the layout, the clarity, the sharing of tasks, and being able to give information even if you can't attend a meeting.
 - Faris kindly volunteers to assist Rachel in building this out more
 - We talk about the process for letting people know if we can't do an upcoming duty or need to switch etc.
 - Goal will be Sahar and Faris co-lead for 12/4 with the new format!
 - In January we will do brainstorming on the agreement
- The BOC document shared by Bart prior to leaving:
 - We reviewed it, looks good, mostly for internal BOC
 - Updating website: what is the best way? What about agencies that send multiple people? Jemarley will be reviewing the documents and talk to leadership and see what the next steps will be with leadership and IT. And then he will let us know by the end of the week.
 - 12/4 is the goal. Jemarley will either make a drive or let us know about a drive and we can upload to that.
 - There is a draft mark on the agreement so we need to remove that.
 - Rachel can remove it and then we will send to Jemarley