

- Attendees:
 - Chelsea (DOC)
 - Dori (former LAS)
 - Natalie (NYCDS, note-taking)
 - Lucas (BDS, moderating)
 - Michael (CCHR)
 - Nicole (CHS)
 - Valerie (DOC)
 - Sahar (City Council)
 - Jemarley (BOC)
 - Chanel (Gov's Office, Exec Dir. of LGBT Affairs)
 - Ethan (LAS)
 - Ronald (Unity Project)
- Lucas (BDS, moderating): Any announcements from DOC/CHS?
- Nicole (CHS): update from Monday:
 - LGBTQ+ Equity Team (from NYCHHC DEI Office) hosted inaugural Trans Health Fest on TDOV at The Center
 - Event brought together 18 different organizations: Ali Fornay, Destination Tomorrow, CCHR, The Center, Queens Community House, Voces Latina, New Pride Agenda, SAGEServes, Hospital for Special Surgery, GMHC, BxD, CAMBA BOP, BK YAS Coalition, Osborne, Rainbow Heights Club, Prid Center of Staten Island, Housing WOeks, NYCHHC
 - discussing services that could be provided, built communication to strengthen pathways btw community based orgs and btw CBOs and community
 - Asked if this could be an annual event, hopefully yes
- Valerie (DOC):
 - Our partnership with Destination Tomorrow has really taken off
 - Regular presence in Rosie's: offering a book club and job workshops
 - Feedback from participants has been super positive
 - We welcome partnerships with lgbt orgs, glad that something we've been working on forever has finally started
 - Also, had a successful resource fair last summer, we are planning it again for this year
 - Destination Tomorrow is regularly in SCU, individualized and group activities, help with resumes, then a break and do a book club, reward participants in between sessions
 - Starting point was SCU, now we're at a point where they are working with other lgbt individuals in the command
 - Looking to expand their presence in other facilities
 - Currently once a week
 - Question from Robert (Unity Project, Exec Director): are you contracted?
 - Valerie: volunteer basis at this point, that mirrors our partnerships generally, we do have contracts but lots of volunteers
- Robert

- Working with H&H to develop coalition of CBOs, being contracted now
- Will update as it moves forward
- There will be a variety of activities that CBOs will be doing: visiting 8 H&H clinics that serve this community, assessing care, environment, cultural competency, peer awareness sessions about healthcare options and resources
- Unity Project had testified before city council, largest compilation of services for lgbt in nyc
- I'm working on building an encyclopedia of all services to save people time researching and looking for that stuff
- Chanel Lopez (she/her, governor's office, Dep Director of LGBT Affairs)
 - Not much going on, waiting on budget to pass, will have more to say after
 - Deadline was yesterday but that obv passed, hoping by the 20th
- Robert: also waiting on budget to pass
- Natalie (NYCDS): please tell the group when there are updates (post budget closing)
- Questions for DOC/CHS:
 - For CHS: Have there been any revisions since the most recent policy?
 - Nicole: that is the most recent policy
 - For CHS: Has Trump's EO had any result on healthcare for people in custody?
 - Nicole: H&H has made no changes to gender affirming care
 - Katz (CEO) reaffirmed our commitment to gender affirming care publicly multiple times
 - For DOC: current make-up of LGBT initiatives team?
 - Valerie: We remain committed to the community. There is an exec director position and 3 coordinator positions. Exec position is vacant, working on hiring
 - Lucas: please let us know if that happens before the next meeting
 - Natalie: general timeline?
 - Valerie: we're in the final stages actually, but it's the agency clearance pieces at this point. Hoping by next call (July) we'll have that answer!
 - For DOC: Directive 4498RA, last revised 10/22/2019 - is that most up to date directive re: TGNCNBI ppl in custody
 - Valerie: that is the most up to date
 - Lucas: any more recent memos, guidance, that we should know about?
 - Valerie: not really, we are a huge agency, I don't anticipate that changing. If there are changes, it will not be in the spirit of our values, but just to clarify
 - For DOC: Securing order with x marker, where will you house these folks for intake?
 - Chelsea: been working with OCA on this, really excited about this impending change. To the best of my understanding, folks on x marker would generally be trans, nb, intersex. It is the case now that those people are supposed to go to Rosie's for intake, but we know that it is not a perfect system, we've had a lot of challenges with that. It will still be the case that they will go to Rosie's, but should be a more streamlined

process. Effectively the process won't change, but the hope is this makes it more streamlined.

- Lucas: When will that start in practice?
- Chelsea: this is an OCA thing, they are changing their procedures, hopefully soon but idk. This might be a statewide thing even, not positive tho. I can ask when I speak with them next. Right now, the securing order just has male and female, no other options, not a notes box, this will add a box
- Dori: can you clarify: if this isn't supposed to be a problem now but is a problem, how the x marker is going to fix it?
- Chelsea: because it's only m and f now, its just at the discretion of the clerk
- Dori: what if someone doesn't identify as x, cuz they identify as m or f
- Chelsea: perfect cannot be the enemy of good, were excited for this change
- Dori: Are you going to change the directive?
- Chelsea: no because it actually already states that these folks are supposed to go to Rosie's. We'll def have to train court staff
- For DOC: any official/unofficial units outside of SCU for queer folks?
 - Valerie: always our goal to support, ensure safety, ensure access to programs for LGBT folks, so we cohort for that reason. We have certain housing areas where we are offering services. I.e. Harmony House, we have ppl who might be part of lgbt, others who might want to feel safe that are allies. It's been going well, there may be other housing areas here and there because we want to make sure we're being responsive to the needs. I was just there a few days ago
 - Lucas: are there contracts? Requirements? Rules? For being in these houses
 - Valerie: It is voluntary, if they don't want to be there they can leave. We want to make sure they are safe and respected, there might be someone there who is not respectful of the community, that will be considered. Harmony house is super new, just a few months. We have a regular presence there, coordinator is there almost daily. Looking at situations on a individualized manner. If someone doesn't want to be here, generally they will leave. Its in obcc, dorm style.
 - Chelsea: There is some amount of cohorting that PREA prohibits, one of the reasons SCU has to be voluntary is we are prohibited from "involuntary segregation".
 - Not practical to share housing area info, the ways in which we are housing people are changing rapidly. Cohorts usually stay in same facility though.
- For DOC: Is Trump's EO affecting PIC on DOC's end?
 - Chelsea: No, I will reemphasize that our value is safety and housing according to identity. That will not change. Just so people understand

what these orders do and don't do: only federal agencies will be impacted, it may encourage state/local gov's to act in ways they haven't been previously acting, but that is not happening here. There is a clause in that EO re: PREA, but the PREA regulations are rules, so they cannot immediately be changed, has to go thru a process. To the extent that any of that will start changing, it won't be soon, and we have no intention of going in the other direction of the city. Currently PREA permits us to house this way.

- Lucas: we're keeping an eye on the PREA thing too
- Chelsea: DOC doesn't get a lot of federal funding, very small part of our budget. All our LGBT work is unrelated to federal funding, so we should be good
- For DOC: What do we do when PREA is not following up on a substantiated claim, far past the 90 days?
 - Chelsea: To be PREA reportable, it has to be sexual assault or multiple cases of sexual harassments. We are required when those cases close out, within 90 days, to get that report and outcome to the person who filed. They do an initial review within 72 hours, if it's clear on genetec there should be a separation order immediately. If we're not required to, it should still be our practice that they are following up even if unsubstantiated. This is backlogged for sure though. If you're having issues with this, you can email me about it.
- Robert: very happy to see how cooperative this meeting has been, lauding you all on that
- Sahar: echoing that, effective conversation today. Are there any updates from the drafting committee?
 - Lucas: in the editing process, we don't have a specific timeline but will share when we do have one
- Jemarley: loving the vibe today, super productive