

ALLY-RELATED ACTIVITIES - Status Update

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In the last 6 months I have been focused on a number of projects. Here is a brief synopsis of each.

SB 364 and SB 470: Regulations Development

This project dovetails from the Strategic Plan we have been working on for over a year. The regulations are awaiting a final draft after the input from the public workshop last week. The State Board of Health will be the next approving body and their next meeting is in March or if the regulations are not forwarded in time for that meeting – then June. In the meantime, the standards for the trainings and trainers continues to be developed. I have a team I am working with to develop the Cultural Competency Training that we are hoping can be used as an example or for facilities that do not have the capacity to develop their own training. This has been at least weekly meetings since July of 2019. Once the regulations have been approved, the state Board of Health will convene the **Cultural Competency Advisory Group** that will vet the trainings and make recommendations to DPBH for approval of materials. I hope to be included on that advisory group. We have been meeting weekly.

Cultural Competency Training

See above. The training itself will be turned into on-line modules and I am working with another team to create that set of videos to ensure that the training is accessible 24/7 and at a low cost. The final cost has not been determined – NSHE is involved via the Public Health Training Center and their policies are integral to the offering of the training. We are developing the tracking method for the state regarding compliance with attendance of the training for all staff and agents of licensed medical facilities. I will be offering the training in person – we are determining a schedule – again for smaller facilities to get the training in a central location. I will keep you posted about that schedule as it comes out.

Northern Nevada Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Minority Health Conference November 16, 2019

This conference was a complete success with about 70 people attending. We had students and providers attending to learn more about the healthcare of the LGBTQIA+ populations in Nevada. We had the following topics covered: Gender Affirming care is Primary Care, Suicide Prevention, Addiction Issues, Transgender 101, Insurance Billing and Coding, Medical Reimbursement for transgender affirming care, top 10 things to tell your provider and top 10 things to tell your patient, and a panel of speakers from the community including a 14-year-old transfeminine person, a transman parent, transwoman, non-binary person, and a lesbian. That was fascinating. The next conference in the North is expected to be November 21, 2020 at UNR.

Southern Nevada Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Minority Health Conference April 25, 2020

This conference is still gathering submissions – I extended due to the coronavirus outbreak that has many public health providers distracted! We have not locked down a location but are hoping to attract 200 participants. Topics already proposed are elder care, eating disorders, surgical options,

medical billing, intersex discussions and a few others. We have a corporate sponsor on I Can Family Services and Las Vegas Heals. Should be a great conference!

Diversity in Curriculum Group:

We created an online group across the state and the different disciplines of medical care to explore options about SGM healthcare delivery from a curriculum development perspective. We are working with the undergraduate department of the Community Health Sciences to develop a Disparity in Health Care class. We have the medical schools, nursing schools, PA schools, Pharmacology school and others involved.

Ally Action Group

This is a statewide group that brings all types of health care professionals together to discuss the specifics of SGM healthcare and barriers to care. This group meets quarterly and has real time discussions between providers and clinicians about how they are managing SGM patients.