



California LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network

August 30, 2018

September Network Call

Please join us Thursday, September 6th at 10am for a discussion about the end of the legislative session and priority bills critical to improving the health, mental health, and wellbeing of LGBTQ people.

This month we will also discuss how a proposed merger between Dignity Health and Catholic Health Initiatives could threaten access to LGBTQ-affirming care. The Network will share updated information on how speak out at one of the upcoming public hearings, or submit written comments. Please [click here](#) to visit our action page and read our latest [blog post](#) about a case of health care denial at a Catholic hospital due to anti-LGBTQ discrimination.

**Thursday, September 6, 2018
10:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Call in Number: 866-906-7447
Conference Code: 4914724#
Web Conference: [Link](#)**

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The Network Listserv is available for member use to share information about upcoming LGBTQ events, campaigns, sign-on letters, share resources, and find partners for collaboration. [You can post directly by emailing the listserv.](#)



Social Media Toolkit

The Dignity Health/Catholic Health Initiatives proposed merger poses a substantial risk to LGBTQ health care and access to transition-related care for transgender folks. Please read our latest [Social Media Toolkit](#) for more information on how to submit public comments.

#Out4MentalHealth Events

Events

August 31 - #Out4MentalHealth Task Force Sonoma In-Person Meeting - Santa Rosa, CA

September 7 - Transitioning Back to School: Gender, Mental Health and Education Summit - Oakland, CA

Regional Mental Health Task Force Calls

September 5th, 3:00 pm - Fresno, CA

Contact [Mandy Taylor](#) for call in information

SPEAK OUT!

Submit your written comments on the The Dignity Health and Catholic Health Initiatives proposed merger to:

Wendi A. Horwitz
California Deputy Attorney General

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Los Angeles, CA 90013.

DEADLINE: September 27, 2018



Signature Request for 4 Crucial LGBTQ/Mental Health Bills

Equality California, the California LGBT Health and Human Services Network and NorCal Mental Health America are asking our healthcare, LGBTQ, and community partners to sign on to support a slate of four priority bills critical to improving the health, mental health, and wellbeing of LGBTQ people, foster youth, students and our homeless.

As we approach the end of the legislative sessions, many of these bills are coming up for their final vote or are on the Governor's desk and we need your support! Please [click here](#) and review the sign on letters for each of the bills.

The four bills we are asking you to sign on to support are:

[SB 1152 - Hospital Patient Discharge Process for Homeless Patients:](#) provides clear protocols for discharging homeless patients from hospitals and encourages collaboration between hospitals and safety net service providers.

[AB 2119 - Gender Health in Foster Care:](#) ensures that foster youth and non-minor dependents have access to gender-affirming health and behavioral health care.

[AB 2153 - LGBTQ Cultural Competency Training for Teachers and School Staff:](#) will give teachers and school staff the training they need to provide culturally competent support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) students who may be facing harassment or lack of acceptance at school, rejection at home, or discrimination in the broader community.

[AB 2639 -Suicide Prevention Training for Teachers and School Staff:](#) will require local educational agencies that serve pupils in grades 7 to 12 to review, at minimum every five years, their policies on student suicide prevention and, if necessary, update their policies.

We are grateful for your support of these critical pieces of legislation to improve the lives of LGBTQ people across California.

Thank you.

REDUCING LGBTQ TOBACCO-RELATED DISPARITIES

WEBINAR

JOIN OUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The CA LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network is proud to announce we are directing the **LGBTQ Statewide Coordinating Center for California's Tobacco Control Program**. The LGBTQ Statewide Coordinating Center is funded by Prop 56.

We provide expertise and training on how to properly engage with LGBTQ communities, preventing and reducing tobacco use among LGBTQ Californians, and addressing tobacco-related health disparities within LGBTQ communities. We also provide assistance to other CTCF-funded projects to reach their goal to eliminate tobacco use by 2035 in California.

The **Reducing LGBTQ Tobacco-Related Disparities Project** is seeking advisory committee members to assist in our work. We need assistance in creating a policy platform and tool-kit, assistance in District Day's and Information & Education Days, assistance with Op-eds and written works, data collection and analysis, and so much more! **We are accepting applications until September 7, 2018**. For anyone interested in joining our advisory committee please [watch our webinar](#) and [fill out an application](#).

For more information, contact Dannie Cesena, Program Coordinator, at dcesena@health-access.org or at 714-594-9514.

Upcoming LGBTQ Events

September 23 - [API Equality-LA's 13th Anniversary](#) - Los Angeles, CA
September 29 - 30 - [Queerness and Games Conference](#) - Montreal, Canada
October 4 - [Northern California Regional Multicultural Symposium](#) - Redwood City, CA
October 4 - 5 - [LGBTQ People of Color Mental Health Conference](#) - New York, NY
October 10 - 13 - [GLMA Annual Conference on LGBT Health](#) - Las Vegas, NV
October 13 - IV Imperial Valley Pride - El Centro, CA
October 19 - 20 - [Improving OUTcomes Conference](#) - Sacramento, CA
October 23 - 24 - [Cultural Competence Summit](#) - Riverside, CA
November 9 - [EDGY Conference](#) - Los Angeles, CA

News and Resources

- [A 9-Year-Old Colorado Boy's Death by Suicide Highlights the Challenges Facing LGBTQ Kids](#)
- [Transgender students asked Betsy DeVos for help. Here's what happened.](#)
- [CA has new law that will support its LGBT senior citizens](#)
- [California Becomes First State to Honor LGBTQ Veterans](#)
- [Why is our criminal justice system still failing to help the LGBT community?](#)
- [California: Resolution Affirms Intersex Rights](#)
- [Kyrsten Sinema wins Arizona primary, major first as bisexual candidate](#)



- [Gay, Native American Democrat busts candidate mold in Kansas](#)
- [How Do You Make The Classroom LGBTQ-Inclusive? These Teachers Went To Summer School To Find Out](#)
- [Trans Advocate Named Social Worker of the Year by the NASW-CA Chapter](#)

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