November Network Call
AGENDA

- Introductions
- Federal Policy Updates
- State Policy Updates
- #Out4MentalHealth Update
- We Breathe
Federal Policy Updates

• November 1: Language was released for a proposed Trump Administration rule to allow programs receiving HHS grants to discriminate on the basis of religion, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.
What Programs are Impacted?

• Foster Care
• Adoption
• Head Start
• Domestic Violence hotlines
• HIV/AIDS programs
• Community Health Centers
• Meals on Wheels
What are some examples?

• A community health center could turn away patients who are Muslim, Jewish, or LGBTQ

• An adoption agency could decide to keep a child in a group home rather than place them with a qualified same-sex couple

• After-school programs could refuse to allow transgender youth to participate, simply because of their gender identity
Next Steps and Priorities

30-day Public Comment Period – submit individual and organizational comments

Public/Media Education – share stories, post on social media, educate your local communities

Sign up for updates: https://forms.gle/ufHpRASPJ5N2jafY7
State Policy Updates – AB 512

Improves Mental Health Care By:
1. Strengthening Cultural Competency Planning Process
2. Building on CA’s New Performance System to Show Mental Health Disparities
3. Integrating Trauma-Informed and Community-Defined Strategies
4. Greater Accountability

Vetoed
Great American Smokeout
When: November 21, 2019

What: The American Cancer Society Great American Smokeout® is an annual event that encourages and offers support to smokers to make a plan to quit smoking or to quit smoking on the day of the event – the third Thursday in November each year. By quitting – even for one day – smokers will be taking an important step toward a healthier life and reducing their cancer risk.
# Out4MentalHealth

**TIME TO ENROLL**

You can get quality health coverage for a lower cost.

Find out if you're eligible!

Deadline: Jan. 31, 2020

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**OPEN ENROLLMENT**

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*Consumers who sign up by Dec. 15 will have coverage starting Jan. 1.*

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Advocacy Toolkit

"Critically intervene in a way that challenges and changes."
— Bell Hooks

Advocacy Workshops

Learn how to be a more effective advocate for LGBTQ mental health equity by better understanding the California Public Mental Health System and how/where to engage in change efforts. Learn to articulate the right to LGBTQ affirming and culturally appropriate mental health care. Learn how mental health decisions are made and funding allocated in local communities and practical steps for being a mental health policy advocate.

https://californialgbtqhealth.org/advocacy-toolkit/
Have you joined our Listserv yet?

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.

If you’re already a member, you can post directly by emailing the listserv or email awallner@health-access.org to be added to the list
Questions?
Announcements
Thank you for joining us today!

Please contact us if you have anything to say or ask by emailing awallner@health-access.org
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