



# Building Bridges Collaborative

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## **Building Bridges Meeting May 1, 2018**

Rick Wurth welcomed people to the meeting at 6:00 pm. He introduced himself and some of the team members of CHNKY. Dwight, Connie, Anne. HE stated that this space is available for community groups, but also this children's home is the only agency is the only HRC certified agency for culturally competent care for LGBTQ youth.

He presented a brief overview of the services that CHNKY presents. Two newest initiatives are a psychiatric residential treatment care for adolescents and a day treatment program for children in Covington schools. 5% of the kids they service self-identify as LGBTQ (based on last year's data.) Wayne Herriford provided an overview of Survey Monkey results. (see attached for copy) People introduced themselves. (See attached list for attendees.)

Building bridges: between both sides of the river, between LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ, and within LGBTQ community.

What does collaborative mean? What do you want?

- What's the purpose of it? Wide objective. We serve lots of different things. We can see some interconnection (transgender, education, homelessness.).
- Who are our target audience?
- Chris Seelbach: 20 years ago the center created a monthly gathering of organizations for people to get together and check in? Monthly think tank.
- Create a facebook page for everyone to post information, requests in one place. Create a group.
- Centralized resources for volunteers for events would be nice. Allow people to get involved with other organizations.
- Was surprised that there were organizations on this list that people hadn't heard of. We need a centralized resource for that kind of information. Regional broader resource guide.
- Proud scholars is building a white paper library which might provide access.
- Google sites might better allow people to access and download information.
- Maybe create a pdf with the information and share it.
- The listings is produced by the Gay Chamber and has a resource guide. Produce 5000 a year and distribute across the area. This might be a basis for the resources guide. Covers both sides of the river. There is also a monthly newsletter. Free for an organization to be listed.
- Whatever we end up doing needs to be distributed as broadly and in as many different formats/ media as possible.
- Who is the target? People who need wills? Trans youth? Is it for everyone? Or for a segment of the community. If the goal is for a safety net that's a narrower group of people than otherwise.



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- Maybe we need a place where people can state that they are in need of a particular set of services and others can offer their support.
- Need to make sure the group has as much diversity as possible: race/ethnicity and youth.
- Step back: what's the mission?
- What's the purpose that we're getting together?
- How do we focus our efforts on the things that are most important to people?
- Or are we getting together to get to know one another better?
- Safety net issue is important.
- Collaboration requires cooperation.
- At next meeting ask question: What is it that we're able to do for people? What things can you offer to other groups? To clients/people in the community.
- Do best practice scan of other communities. What are other people doing?
- Many other cities have brick and mortar facility. More of a long-term goal. Most immediate need is to understand what these organizations do.
- Next meeting: spend a chunk of time getting to know what each other do. A chunk of time to talk about purpose. And bring a friend
- Should we offer a virtual option for attending meeting.
- Should we use different spaces back and forth.

Next meeting after Pride in July. July 9th. 5 – 8.

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