

**Attendance:**

Rabbi Jay Sherwood  
Kim Sannes  
Kelley Pomis  
Delia Busby  
Catherine Duarte

**Introductions and Discussion:**

Members

Guest: **Angelic Bully** interested in becoming a member  
establishing herself and getting involved in the community  
retired  
African historical community volunteer  
Volunteer with All Breed rescue and Training (ABRT)

Guest Speaker: **Alexander Wolbolt, PhD**

Involved with Inside Out youth services  
around since 1990  
worked with El Paso health and the environment to address LGBTQ plus youth experiencing  
homelessness and health problems  
background socio-anthropologist and sexual violence and how to move forward using more public health  
solutions to this problem  
prevention programs in the community-youth substance/youth suicide and sexual violence, which he is  
helping youth connect with traditions to stop shame  
involved in the sex education bill discussion-some schools are opting out of teaching this  
sex education helps youth early on..  
United church of Christ-'Our whole Lives' program have this to educate children/people: model  
suicide prevention for Trans-gender binary approach--pronouns/gender identity by age of 3; for every  
informed and positive experience they have, there is a 56% less suicide prevention  
putting together a clergy group that support these approaches  
LGBQT plus youth in Colorado Springs -clergy advisory council or something on those lines  
event- dinner open table conversation UCCS religious traditions to incorporate LGBQT youth

**Mrs. Pomis:** bridge the gap between services and people discussion

**Alexander Wolbolt:** young people lives are too important to not use evidence...makes sure we are  
keeping young **people alive**  
identities/undocumented  
racial injustice and equity work  
discriminatory policies in the community increases poor mental health outcomes and suicide.  
--restrooms where they will not be harassed in school  
-dress codes/hairstyles - policies are adding up for mental well-being...need to keep in mind that they  
impact safety/well-being  
\*\*don't have access to legal identification-**Colorado ID project based out of Denver /need it here--  
homeless can't get IDs so they can't use services sometimes**

**Rabbi Jay Sherwood:**

Voter ID in exchange to support that everybody gets an ID

**Mrs. Busby:** funding taken from palmer HS had the first for Gay Straight Alliance...amendment 2 in  
Colorado constitution in 1992 granted all companies ability to fire someone for being gay.  
Amendment 2 was beaten back  
comprehensive sex education Bill HB19-1032 passed last summer 2019 - legislative has moved into a  
school board issue  
Colorado does not have a comprehensive Health requirement to graduate

Mr. Wolbort is writing a letter to all school districts to include this health requirement...with data and factual

**Can HRC sign on? with a letter of support?**

**Mrs. Pompis:** you need to dig into school district policy vs. School board.

**Mrs. Busby:** Depression Bipolar --on a board and did work on suicide prevention...but was frustrated with promoting their success  
-books-racial history

**Mrs. Sannes** spoke about attending the Educating Children of Color conference

**Rabbi Jay Sherwood** was with teens from synagogue 'Taken to Repair the World' conference went to MLK memorial ...what is it about? response: day to celebrate African Americans in America really: represents the ultimate for social justice issues  
teens got to pick subjects in congress --controversial...full funding of the idea act 1973 to increase funding for kids with disability  
Lobbying--U.S. is paying 16% SUPPOSE TO BE 40% OTHER WAS for mental health benefits  
Senator Bennett and Senator Gardner--well received -lots of things from Colorado/seemed interested in the mental health bill  
Really showed interest in sponsoring mental health bill  
visited House Representative Lamborn's office  
a group from Texas visited Senator Cruz...disagreed but stated they did a good job with presentation - although disagreed still a positive experience  
Kid's immigration story was heard in hallway and now being represented by atty. to help family. This is an example of how change can happen by just getting stories and knowledge to the right people

Bakhita house update: approved to building permit to house 5 women...done by June and will interview social workers by end of summer only one in Colorado

**Mrs. Pomis:** next month template/legislative updates  
Website Commissioner list getting updated

Jaqueline from city/**Ms. Duarte** will forward dates to interview for new commissioners for first half of February and will forward to **Rabbi Jay Sherwood**

**Ms. Duarte** has public policy support letter template and **Rabbi Jay Sherwood** will send out to members prior to next meeting

Process of using letter template: provide background of issue  
provide background with the agenda  
next month finalize process for using the template

Next HRC meeting: **Tuesday February 17, 2020** 9am  
10:30 Adjourn