

**Meeting Minutes - AUCD Conference  
Sexual Health Special Interest Group (SIG)**

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

**Members Present**

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Julie Atkinson, AK    | 16. Andy Roach, GA           |
| 2. Rebekah Moras, AK     | 17. Karen Heath, AK          |
| 3. Rain Van Den Berg, AK | 18. Corline Egan, DC         |
| 4. Tara Lutz, CT         | 19. Kiersi Coleman, OR       |
| 5. Erica Thomas, DC      | 20. Molly Dellinger-Wray, VA |
| 6. Hannah Ginn, WY       | 21. Meredith Nicholson, MY   |
| 7. Barbara Glover, NE    | 22. Tanisha Clarke, AUCD     |
| 8. Valerie Smith, NY     | 23. Daphnee Guillaume, AUCD  |
| 9. Lauren Schenker, CA   | 24. Melissa Dubie, IN        |
| 10. Gregona Rosa, LA     | 25. Molli Rosenbaum, WY      |
| 11. Joseph Jacobson, LA  | 26. Elizabeth Martinez, WY   |
| 12. Rebecca Johnson, WI  | 27. Nick Wings-Yanez, TX     |
| 13. Karen Topper, VT     | 28. Liz Kross, OH            |
| 14. Lindsay Sauve, OR    | 29. Lindsey Mullis, KY       |
| 15. Courtney Lanham, WV  | 30. Kim Brown, MT            |

**Highlights**

- A. “UCEDD Sexual Health & Disability Efforts Survey”
  - a. 95.5% of UCEDDs completed survey (64 out of 67)
  - b. 64.1% reported working on sexual health topics (41 UCEDDs)
  - c. 98% of UCEDDs were interested in developing capacity in “community education” (n = 50)
- B. Obtained IRB approval for survey: “Sex Talk for Self-Advocates”
  - a. Please help us disseminate the survey!
  - b. Use the “Survey Invitation” at the end of these minutes (page 3)
  - c. [Click here for the survey: Sex Talk for Self-Advocates](#)
- C. [Click here for the January 2018 meeting Doodle](#)

**Overview of the SIG**

- A. Sexual Health SIG Overview
- B. [Click here for the AUCD Sexual Health Page](#)
  - a. This is kept up to date and stores SIG quarterly meeting agendas, archived webinars, notes, and resources

**Review of the 2017 Efforts**

- D. 3 group calls
  - a. 2/7 (7 people)
  - b. 5/25 (15 people)
  - c. 8/30 (8 people)
- E. 1 webinar (3/28/17)
  - a. [Click here for webinar recording](#)

## **Review of the 2017 Efforts, continued**

- F. AUCD Profiles – became a focus for the SIG based on a request from a member this year about how to better use the profile for our work. Recommendations:
  - a. Put under: “Specialty Resource Contacts: AUCD Sexual Health Special Interest Group”
  - b. Key words under Discipline, Research, Projects, or Education: sexual health, sexuality, sexual self-advocacy, sexual violence, Disability Justice, etc.
  - c. Examples:
    - i. [Rebekah Moras](#)
    - ii. [Julie Atkinson](#)
- G. UCEDD Sexual Health and Disability Efforts Survey
  - a. Preliminary results were shared during the meeting.
    - o 64 of the 67 UCEDDs completed the survey.
  - b. A formal report will be written and disseminated. The report will include a summary of findings, UCEDDs working on sexual health topics, areas of focus, and contact information for people within the Centers.
- H. Webinar series and IRB for “Sex Talk for Self-Advocates” update
  - a. At the meeting, it was reported we were waiting for IRB approval for survey dissemination; since obtained IRB approval from the University of Wyoming (on 11/15/17).
  - b. The survey asks self-advocates to identify questions they have about relationships and sexuality. These questions will be answered by sexual health educators during the “Sex Talk for Self-Advocates” webinar series.
  - c. \*\*We have received approval and are ready to disseminate the survey. We ask SIG members to disseminate the survey invitation (see the survey invitation file) within your states to listservs and known contacts. We are using a snowball sample so encourage people to share the survey with others.

## **Next Year – 2018**

- A. Webinar series: “Sex Talk for Self-Advocates”
  - a. Survey dissemination – please disseminate the survey invitation within your state through listservs and personal contacts.
  - b. Recruiting sexuality educators – we have 3-4 educators identified to participate in the webinar as panelists. Let us know if you are interested in joining a panel, we’d love to have a few more.
- B. Webinars highlighting emerging research. Much work is happening in the area of sexual health and we’d love to host a webinar highlighting recent research within the network. If you are interested in sharing what you are doing, let us know. We want to put together 1-2 webinars to keep the SIG membership informed of the good work that is happening within sexual health.
- C. Quarterly Meetings: January, April, July, November – Doodle polls will be sent out to schedule the dates for the upcoming meetings.

**Dear SIG, use the below “Survey Invitation” when you share the survey, “Sex Talk for Self-Advocates”. Thank You!**

## **Survey Invitation**

Do you have questions about relationships and sex?

We are the Sexual Health Special Interest Group (SIG), from the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD). Our group connects people in the AUCD network to each other, and to resources about disability and sexuality. Want to know more? [Click Here](#)

We are planning a webinar for self-advocates to ask questions about sex and relationships. A webinar is a presentation done with a computer and the internet. To get ready for the webinar, we are collecting questions from self-advocates about relationships and sex. During the webinar, a sexuality educator will answer some of the questions.

We are excited about your sex and relationship questions! Below is a link to a survey to collect your questions about sex and relationships. But if you do not want to do this survey, that's OK too. You will not be in trouble or punished if you do not complete this survey. If a question makes you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable you can skip any question if you don't want to answer it. You can stop at any time. It is also OK to have someone help you. You can also call Rebekah or Julie if you want to do this survey over the phone. Rebekah and Julie's phone number are below.

To the extent allowed by law, please know that your responses will be confidential or kept secret. We do not ask for your name on the survey or over phone. No one, other than someone who helped you complete this survey, will know what you ~~said in this survey~~. By doing the survey you are agreeing to have your answers added to other peoples.

In addition to the webinar series, journal articles or presentations may be developed to inform the field of disability about the gaps in knowledge related to relationships and sexual health for self-advocates.

**To open the survey [click here](#).**

If you have any questions about this survey, please call or email Rebekah or Julie! If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, please contact the University of Wyoming IRB Administrator at 307-766-5320.

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