

Panel and Workshop:
LGBTQIA+ Communities, Cancer & Behavioral Health

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 from 1 – 4 p.m. ET

Max Mowitz, Project Director, One Iowa



Max has been active in LGBTQ advocacy work for over 13 years, focusing on comprehensive LGBTQ education to the broader community. Max specializes in topics related to the trans and nonbinary community, LGBTQ birthwork, LGBTQ-inclusive healthcare and is a certified Community Health Worker. Max has a background in sexual assault victim advocacy and is part of the Planned Parenthood Speakers Bureau, and is an alumna of the One Iowa LGBTQ Leadership Institute. Max is currently pursuing a doula certification to become an LGBTQ-specific birthworker and transition doula for trans and nonbinary individuals. Max loves powerlifting, cooking and baking, and playing the harp in their free time.

Laura Jacobs, Independent Consultant

Laura A. Jacobs, LCSW-R (pronouns: she/he/they/none) is a trans and genderqueer psychotherapist, speaker, author, and activist specializing in trans and gender nonbinary, LGBTQIA+, as well as gender and sexual diversity issues more broadly. They recently concluded their four-year term as the first transgender and genderqueer Chair of the Board of Directors for the Callen-Lorde Community Health Center; they are currently a Board Member-At-Large and serve on numerous committees for Callen-Lorde, as well as committees for the World Professional Association for Transgender Health and elsewhere. Laura is a prolific speaker in the media, at conferences, medical schools, and other organizations, having been featured in the New York Times, NPR, MSNBC, NBCNewsOnline,



SiriusXM, CBSNews, Mic.com and more. Laura founded the Gender Dysphoria Affirmative Working Group and has authored or coauthored numerous books, chapters, and articles including “You’re in the Wrong Bathroom!’ And 20 Other Myths and Misconceptions About Transgender and Gender Nonconforming People” published by Beacon Press, 2017. They are a member of the Kink Clinical Guidelines Workgroup and serve on several editorial boards. Laura was presented the 2019 Standard of Excellence Award by the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists. www.LauraAJacobs.com

Kelly Harris, CEO, Cancer Support Community Greater Philadelphia



Kelly Harris, MSS, LCSW, ACSW received her Master’s degree in Clinical Social Work from the Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Research in Bryn Mawr, PA and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA. She also has a post graduate certificate from LaSalle University in NonProfit Management. Currently, she is taking a postgraduate course at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is a licensed clinical Social Worker and has over 28 years of experience in the fields of child welfare, international and domestic adoption, foster care, and oncology social work. She has served and continues to serve on the Boards of several area nonprofits. Kelly has provided training to area non-profits in the areas of strategic planning, program development, staff and volunteer development and diversity and inclusion.

Julia M. Applegate, Director, Equitas Health Institute

Julia M. Applegate directs the Equitas Health Institute at Equitas Health where she leads LGBTQ+ health education and research efforts to improve the health and wellness of LGBTQ+ communities across Ohio and beyond. Julia holds a Master of Public Health and a Master of Arts in Women’s, Sexuality and Gender Studies, both from The Ohio State University.





Judy Morrissey, Director of Behavioral Health, Mazzone Center

Judy's clinical background includes a range of inpatient and outpatient experiences in LGBTQ+ settings, including Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington and Mazzone Center in Philadelphia since 2003 in her role as Director of Behavioral Health. She is particularly interested in trauma, substance use treatment and recovery, and identity. Judy has been responsible for the expansion of outpatient services at Mazzone Center to include the implementation of LGBTQ+ affirming evidence based practices including EMDR, and the development of Mazzone Center's IOP program. Judy is keenly aware of the mind/body connection and works to strengthen the integration of behavioral health into routine and specialized health care. She received her MSW from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

