



Better Together is working to create actionable change for an inclusive community.

Those in attendance reviewed the mission statement and ground rules (*see attached*). Attendees were Ed Boenisch, Chris Zimny, Anna Thompson, Andrew Corbine, Melissa Martin, Amy Spieker, Ashley Garhart, Dan Dorsch, Samantha Logan, Carla Gregorio, Tom Brantley, and Stephen Latham.

The team followed up with the self-awareness activity from our April meeting where members identified a request they might make in their organization (*see attached*). This resource is from the Reconstructing DEI: A Practitioner's Workbook by Lily Zheng.

Our Featured Guest – Carla Gregorio presented information regarding the Wyoming Independent Citizen's Coalition. See attached Civic Season 2024 information and promote as much as you can! Carla also spoke about getting High Schoolers registered to vote when they turn 18, they are working with Social Science teachers to educate students.

The members then met in small groups to address the progress on the following goals.

Spreading the Word:

- Find, follow, and like us on Facebook. Look for Better Together Laramie County.
- Email Janet about any events and items to post on Facebook - janet.lewisnovick@redcross.org. You are also welcome to share events and information that supports our mission statement.

Systems Change:

- The committee talked about how to increase Civic Engagement, as well as help nonprofit organizations to think bigger about how their mission statements compliment one another.
- It was recommended that we invite League of Women Votes to present at our June meeting.

Better Together Learning Opportunities:

- Amy and I have provided activities at the beginning of each meeting. If you have an activity or discussion point to bring awareness and learning to the group, please reach out and let us know. May meeting slot is open!

Better Together Community Event:

- Promote and attend the Laramie County is Better Together Event, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. LCCC
- Distribute the *attached flyer* and/or the *attached press release* through all your networks
- Note the key speaker is Zebadiah L Hall, University of Wyoming Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. He will present on how we can we help our agencies be more inclusive. For more information about VP Hall, view this announcement from 2022.
<https://www.uwyo.edu/news/2022/11/uw-appoints-vp-for-diversity-equity-and-inclusion.html>
- Other topics are: Building Trust by Brandy Davis, DEI Consultant, Emotional Intelligence by Rhonda Priest, LCCC and DEIB success stories from the Laramie County Library, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Braver Angels.
- Register now! By using the QR code or vising the web address on the flyer. If someone is not able to register online, send Melissa their contact information, and she'll reach out to them.

Editorial Agenda

Members present reviewed the April editorial agenda topic – Mental Health. Here is a link to the article:
https://www.wyomingnews.com/opinion/staff_editorials/agenda-2024-progress-being-made-more-to-be-done-to-improve-mental-health/article_93cbe3d0-0d39-11ef-878b-f759d09d15c8.html

Members are invited to write letters and encourage others to write letters to the editor providing their voice to the topic. Submit letters to the editor using this link:

https://www.wyomingnews.com/site/forms/online_services/letter_editor/

Those present discussed who to recommend to the Wyoming Tribune-Eagle editorial board for the next editorial agenda topic regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Recommendations included:

- Colonel Galbert - Warren AFB - or his appointee, his HR department addresses these issues
- Stephan Latham - NAACP President
- Ed Boenish, Tom Brantley, Bob Wilson, Lindy Kirkbride - Braver Angels
- Chris Zimny - LCSD#1
- Ashley Garhart &/or Yulia Lenz - LCCC Student Engagement & Diversity
- Sarah Burlingame - Wyoming Equality
- Rich Cannon - Wyoming Department of Disability
- Amber Leyba - Chamber of Commerce Tapestry Program
- Carla Gregario - Wyoming Independent Citizens Coalition
- Michelle Aldrich & Richard Johnson from City Council
- Michelle Warner
- Rabbi Moshe Raphael Halfo
- Stuart Campbell – Pride Cheyenne
- Jen Brown- Hill
- Antonio Serrano – Juntos
- Robin Roling – CRMC
- United Against Hate

Mark and promote the upcoming events

April events

- **April 19 & 20:** Habitat for Humanity Jump in to Jewels Fundraiser
- **April 23:** Free Legal Advice, 5 – 6:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church
- **April 24:** Thankful Thursday, Walk in Her Shoes awareness work, Cheyenne Depot Plaza, 4 p.m.
- **April 27:** Dia de Los Ninos & Safe Kids, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Cheyenne Family YMCA
- **April 28:** LCCC Rotaract Spikeball event, Free at YMCA
- **April 30:** LCCC Voter Registration event, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

May events

- **May 2:** Equal Justice Free Legal Information, 2 – 4 p.m. Laramie County District Court
- **May 4:** LCCC Spring Concert – Attitude of Gratitude to celebrate all who serve on agencies board of directors. 7 p.m.
- **May 5:** CHISPA No Drinko Cinco de Mayo, 2 – 4 p.m., Romero Park
- **May 6:** 2024 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Annual Action Plan (AAP) Public Meeting, 2102 O’Neil Avenue, Room 104, Noon (*see attached flyer*)
- **May 7:** Laramie County Community Partnership Meeting, Laramie County Library, Cottonwood room, 11 a.m.
- **May 8:** Helping Heroes Revive Wyoming, 9 a.m. – Noon, or 1 – 4 p.m. for First Responders & Nonprofit Employees
- **May 10:** Cheyenne Day of Giving, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Kiwanis Community House
<https://www.cheyennedayofgiving.org/>
- **May 15:** You Matter Ladies Night for Women’s Wellness, Free Mammograms, 2003 Bluegrass Circle 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., For uninsured & under-insured. Call 307-634-7711 to schedule
- **May 15:** Cuentos y Amigos, Spanish Storytime, Laramie County Library, 6 – 7 p.m.
- **May 23:** CASA of Laramie County Orientation, Noon or 5:30 p.m. Call Executive Director Sarah Urbanek to reserve your spot. surbanek@casalc.org or 307-222-1902

June events

- **June 1:** Mental Health Resource Fair, Noon – 3 p.m. Boys and Girls Club of Cheyenne, *see attached*
- **June 7:** Laramie County is Better Together Event, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. LCCC
- **June 7:** Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser, Blue Raven Brewery, 4 – 6 p.m.
- **June 7:** Pride Karaoke Kick Off Party, 7 p.m., Blue Raven Brewery
- **June 8:** Pride Cheyenne Pub Crawl 2024, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Westby Edge Brewing
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cheyenne-official-pride-bar-crawl-tickets-824424625247>
- **June 12:** Politics in the Park
- **June 14:** Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser, Blue Raven Brewery, 4 – 6 p.m.
- **June 15:** Juneteenth Celebration, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
- **June 16:** Civic Season Festival, Westby Edge Brewing, 3 – 6 p.m.
<https://wyomuseum.wyo.gov/index.php/public-programs-list/310-civic-season-2024>
<https://www.thecivicseason.com/join/>

- **June 18:** Civic Season Community Conversation: Should the government provide shelter/housing to everyone who needs it? Laramie County Library, Cottonwood Room, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- **June 20:** Democracy Under Construction, Wyoming State Museum, Classroom, 7 – 8 p.m.
- **June 21:** Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser, Blue Raven Brewery, 4 – 6 p.m.
- **June 22:** SuperDay
- **June 25:** Make Your Mark: Becoming a well-informed and active citizen Laramie County Library, Cottonwood Room, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- **June 27:** A Slice of History: The Wyoming State Flag and The Women Who Made It Fly Wyoming State Museum, Classroom, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- **June 28:** Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser, Blue Raven Brewery, 4 – 6 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Laramie County Library Willow Room.

- Ideas for Invited Guest?

Community Involvement Opportunities

Join our FaceBook page! Search FaceBook for the Better Together Laramie County group and join. Share events and information that supports our mission statement.

For more events, check out the Laramie County Library Calendar of Events:

<https://lclsonline.org/calendar/>

Also review the LCCP website to stay up to date about what is happening in our community.

<https://www.laramiecountyhealthmatters.org/tiles/index/display?id=249818348214753100>