TPATH in September

Please let us know if you have news, job postings, recent publications, or anything else you’d like to see here. Current job postings, member activism, and previous publications by members are posted at http://tpathealth.org/memberresources/.

Member News

Activism
A petition has been created to contest the manner in which WPATH elections were held and the candidates selected for election by the electoral committee. It has now reached 2,582 signatures!

Announcements
Zander Keig: Social Worker of the Year!
Zander Keig named 2018 Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) California Chapter.

Trans PULSE Canada: A National Study of Transgender Health
Greta Bauer and Ayden Schiem receive a multi-million dollar grant to repeat their groundbreaking TransPULSE Ontario study on a national stage.

Beyond the Basics: Gaines Blasdel on Genital Surgery, Community Wisdom, and Trans Health Justice Today
Gaines Blasdel is interviewed about the need for accessible and accountable transgender surgical services.

Editorials
The Irreducibility of Belonging: Transmasculinity and Lesbian Bars
Florence Ashley

Job opportunities
Manager, Center for Gender Affirming Care
San Diego, California

Transgender Services Case Manager RN
San Francisco, CA
Medical Director, Adult Transgender/Gender Expansive Primary Care Clinic
San Jose, CA

Physician, Adult Transgender/Gender Expansive Primary Care Clinic
San Jose, CA

Research Assistant, Callen Lorde Community Health Center
New York, NY

Licensed Master Social Worker, Program for LGBT Health
email for job posting
New York, NY

Upcoming Events
Advancing Excellence in Transgender health: A Core Course for the Whole Care Team
Boston, USA
September 21-23, 2018

2018 cliniQ Conference
London, UK
October 23, 2018

Live Surgery Training Course for Gender Affirmation Procedures
New York City, USA
Feb 28-Mar 2, 2019

News
When Children Say They’re Transgender, Continued
The Atlantic revisits their piece on desistance and persistence of childhood transgender identity with a series challenging desistance.

In Haiti, Slight Progress for LGBT Rights is Seen as Victory
Article about advances in Haitian transgender and LGB rights.

The Transgender Acid Attack Survivor Running for Parliament
Article about a transgender woman running for the Pakistani parliament.

China’s Complicated Approach to Transgender Rights
Article about transgender people in China.

Prison System Ordered to Accommodate Transgender Inmate
Article on ruling that transgender inmate must receive medically indicated transgender healthcare.

‘How Can You Be Raped?’ Doctor’s Words to Transgender in India an Example of the ‘Transphobia’ that Stops Many Getting Health Care
Article about transgender rights and healthcare access in India.
Uruguay: Activists Reject Modifications to Trans Bill
Article about Uruguayan bill making hormone therapy available to transgender minors.

Trans Women Can Safely Take PrEP Medication, Study Shows
Results presented at the international AIDS conference.

The Indian State is Set to Pay for Trans People’s Gender Reassignment Surgeries
Article about impending coverage of transgender surgery.

Social Media
TPATH has a number of different social media platforms, including a very active Facebook, a Google Listserv, and website forums. The Facebook group in particular now has over 500 members! All of these platforms require individual registration, which is open only to trans and/or intersex identified folks. Please feel welcome to add friends and co-workers to the Facebook group, but remind them to answer the membership questions, as they cannot be approved until they do so.

Volunteering
If you are interested in volunteering or collaborating with TPATH please send us a note.

TPATH Leadership
We are actively recruiting folks from the Global South to take on a leadership role. Commitment is flexible and takes place primarily online.

Newsletter
If you have design skills and/or an interest in writing we’d love to have your help.

Blog Posts
TPATH has a blog! Right now we mostly use it for expressions of solidarity, announcements, and what not. We’d really love to make it available to folks that want to write posts about their experiences with and as trans healthcare Providers. Please get a hold of us if you’re interested in writing something.

What’s up with the PATHs?

WPATPATH
Election for Officers and Board of Directors
The results are in! Happily, TPATH was able to elect 2 members to BoD positions. Much work remains to be done, however.

BoD
Asa Radix (TPATH)
Jaime Veale (TPATH)
Marci Bowers
Dan Karasic

Officers
Walter Bouman (President Elect)
Randi Ettner (Secretary)
Baudewijntje Kreukels (Treasurer)
Student Initiative
Election
Penelope Strauss has been elected to the position of WPATH Student Initiative Vice Co-Chair & Student Representative to the BoD Elect.

Research Grants
There are two research grants of $500 USD available for individuals who are or would be eligible to be a WPATH Student Member and are currently registered in a graduate program. More information on the application requirements and process can be found in the July Student Initiative newsletter. Please direct questions to Luke Allen or Penelope Strauss.

Bylaws
The WPATH Bylaws are now available on their website.

Buenos Aires
TPATH continues to work hard on organizing for the upcoming WPATH conference in Buenos Aires (Nov 2-6, 2018). Abstract submission acceptance notices have gone out and WPATH has committed to setting aside a room for trans and/or intersex attendees, as space permits, throughout the conference. We are in touch with them about where and how often it will be available.

Hotels
We have identified a few alternatives to the official conference hotel, which has rooms starting at $229/night. It is our hope that this will be a more affordable option and will allow us to be in the same spaces, away from the larger conference. TPATH can’t make any guarantees about these hotels, but the reviews are good and present them as basic and clean (note that prices are in USD and for Nov 1-7).

1. the Feir’s Park Hotel is 29 min by transit and a 32 min walk from the conference site. Since originally posting this, prices on Priceline have gone up to $209/night. The ‘blind’ deal appears to be gone for now, but keep an eye out as their inventory changes all the time. In the meantime, you may find it a bit cheaper on Tripadvisor or similar travel sites. Don’t wait too long though, as prices are going up as we get closer to the conference. The hotel itself includes an airport shuttle, wifi, fitness centre, pool, and restaurant on site. The site also has elevators and should be relatively accessible.

2. Several TPATH members have booked rooms at the Anselmo Buenos Aires, about a 31 min walk or 25 min transit from the conference. Room prices are currently down as low as $115/night (w/ Hilton Honors membership), but may be found cheaper on discount booking sites. The hotel includes wifi, fitness room, and a bar area. It also has a full accessibility audit.
3. The Hotel Bauen has been recommended to us by an Argentinean TPATH member. It has a fascinating history and is run cooperatively by employees that occupied it after mismanagement and closure in 2003. While still operating as a hotel, it also serves as community hub and meeting space for Argentine leftist and worker’s groups. It is about a 37 min walk or 38 min by transit from the conference. Keep in mind, however, that the hotel is old and funding for upgrades are minimal, so it may be a little dusty and the elevator reportedly sometimes has problems. You will need to contact them about reservations and costs. We were quoted $28/night for a single room in a large group booking.

4. There are a number of very affordable hostels in Buenos Aires, with what appears to be an average price of $15/night.

**Registration**

Conference registration is now open. Rates start at $555 USD for the conference itself and increase or decrease depending on whether you register for additional courses, are a student, or from a Least Developed Country. Student scholarships applications were due on June 30, 2018. WPATH is also collecting funds to provide scholarships to, allow global advocates to attend WPATH conferences. They have not yet announced whether they will be disbursed for Argentina.

**CPATH**

CPATH is seeking public input on a set of guidelines for ethical research practices with trans communities from Canadian trans people, researchers, and practitioners.