



East Haven Pride  
Meeting Minutes  
Hagaman Library  
March 25, 2025 6:30 pm

- I. Call to Order 6:30pm
- II. Officer's Reports (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer)
  - A. EHP marched in the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade! Small group, good reception in person and on a facebook post
  - B. March 31st is Trans Day of Visibility! It is a day to celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people- (more info: <https://glaad.org/tdov/>) At the State Capitol in Hartford, there is a rally at 12:30pm and Ice Cream Social at 4pm. Feel free to come out and support!
  - C. MERCH ALERT: working with LUVCustom to purchase \$500 worth of tshirts and hats. (save sweatshirts or long sleeve shirts for the fall). Merch to be available in time for May fundraiser
  - D. Treasurer: (see attached) \$3158.50 total

III. Guest Speaker (30mins) : Michael Wynne from BHCare

Michael has worked with BHCare for over 30 yrs, starting in the Derby Parent Child Resource Center and is now in the Development Dept, dealing with grants, compliance and outreach. BHCares offers mental and behavioral health services, starting as young as 2yo and continuing through life. Adult care works with CT Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services, youth care works with CT Dept. of Children and Families.

Fast Facts: Service area runs along the shoreline, from Shelton, New Haven, to Madison.

-311 employees

-15,000 clients a year: 3,000 adults, 500 children

-6,000 clients in domestic violence program (include 24/7 crisis help line)

-4,500 clients in court-based advocacy programs in Milford, New Haven and Branford. (DV victims and clients with mental illness, meeting at the courthouse, advice, counseling, connect to other services like emergency shelters), and Jail diversion programs (1st&2nd offences, clients with mental health and substance abuse issues

-5,000 clients in Alliance for Prevention and Wellness (APW) program (in schools, trainings for adults and community members, first responders, teachers, Narcan training)

*Other Programs:*

**Mission Statement:** East Haven Pride fosters a vibrant and Inclusive community for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies in East Haven, CT. We celebrate our diversity, advocate for equality and empower all members to live authentically.

- Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence and Victim Advocacy (safe houses, counselors, resources, developed Lethality Assessment used by first responders to assess a situation, and can call hotline for support, about 600 calls/year.
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (consultation program can go to daycares, Head Start programs, schools for child and parent support) in 2024, 500 children served. Social Emotional learning in school has helped reduce need.
- Adolescent Services (counseling, Intensive Outpatient Program, anxiety, depression, grief, risky behaviors) Parent Child Resource Center in Derby and North Branford
- Adult Services (counseling, case management, housing and employment assistance, resume help and job shadowing, money management and legal help) Social Club for clients with chronic, severe mental illness
- new building in North Branford! Primary Care on site through Fair Haven Community Health Care. Currently lobbying to get on the public transportation routes.
- Intensive Outpatient Programs: (Behavior Skills Training, Symptom Management, Dual Diagnosis w/substance abuse, Work-Life Balance programs for first responses and professions)
- BHCares does not charge for services, but does collect insurance information. Funded by a combination of state, federal programs, insurance, and independent fundraising.

Need help or information? Call to be pointed in the right direction:  
Phone: 203-800-7177 Website: <https://bhcare.org/>  
Thank you Micheal for joining us!

#### IV. Committee Reports:

##### A. Outreach Committee

- At least one member will be attending PROM at EHHS. Come support the drama club!

- Reached out to ETV about a coffee hour in June

##### B. Fundraising - no report

##### C. Teen Programming/Social Events- no report

##### D. Website/Social Media

- Our website is up! [easthavenpride.org](http://easthavenpride.org). Suggestions: embed google calendar, social feed, add a merch page

- Sign up for Slack if you haven't! It's new for everyone, practice :)

##### E. Education -no report

#### V. Old Business:

- A. Kindness Rocks 2/27 Smaller turnout than expected
  - B. Library Events ( The Trans Experience with Jillian Celentano 3/6, LGBTQ Coffee & Conversations 3/13)
  - C. St. Patrick's Day Parade 3/16 Thank you for coming out!
  - D. Medium Event at Volume 2: Neverending Bookstore, 3/22 \$101 donation from this event! Thank you!!!
- VI. New Business:
- A. Prism Book Club, Tue. April 22 6:30 – 8pm / *Hope We Choose Love: A Trans Girl's Notes from the End of the World* by Kai Cheng Thom Registration is required. -Sarah and Jessica signed up! COME READ WITH US!!!
  - B. April Paint Night: Thursday April 17th, 6-8pm Free event! Creative Studio @LUV Custom Creations, 310 Main St Suite 1a, East Haven. Open to teens and adults, space limited to 12, please rsvp to easthavenpride@gmail.com
  - C. Ride with Pride, Sun. May 4th - we have sold over 30 tickets! Keep sharing information online and posting flyers
  - D. Swag bags for participants? Little things like pencils, stickers, rainbow stuff, in a EHP Bag, could make a cool design. Can reach out to local business [Queerly Departed](#) to donate merch
  - E. North Haven Pride, Sat. June 14th
- VII. Community Calendar
- A. EHHS Drama Club presents "The Prom" April 3-5, 2025, <https://ehhsdramaclub.ludus.com/>
  - B. North Haven Pride: Teen Night 2nd and 4th Friday of every month
  - C. Q+: New Haven Game Space every 1st Saturday
  - D. Hagaman Library: (lots of events)
- VIII. Rainbows / Other Business (Member can share any news or happenings)
- IX. Next Meeting: 6:30pm Tuesday, April 29, 2025 - Hagaman Library
- X. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Parlato, secretary

Attachment: Treasurer's Report Sheet

Cash Flow: East Haven Pride

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<b>CASH RECEIPTS</b>					
<i>Contributions</i>					
Business	\$ -				\$ -
Cash	\$ 863.00		\$ 1,036.67		\$ 1,899.67
Venmo	\$ 360.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 398.83		\$ 1,258.83
Grants	\$ -				\$ -
<i>Other Revenue</i>					
Promo Sales	\$ -				\$ -
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 1,223.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,435.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,158.50</b>
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>					
Number of Venmo Transactions	20				
Venmo Fees	\$ 8.48				
Consummables	\$ 100.00				
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 108.48</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Cash Excess (Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ 1,114.52</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,435.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,158.50</b>