2022 IMPACT REPORT

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From GLMA's President

2022: A REMARKABLE YEAR FOR GLMA

In October, GLMA was thrilled to bring our members back together in person for the first time in three years. We had nearly 600 attendees gather for GLMA’s 40th Annual Conference on LGBTQ+ Health in San Francisco, where GLMA was originally founded in 1981. Together we explored the latest trends in LGBTQ+ health, reconnected with friends and colleagues, and hosted an amazing sponsorship hall full of some of GLMA’s greatest partners.

We also saw the second year of the AMPLIFY Fund, specifically dedicated to supporting underrepresented people from historically excluded communities, including intersex health, Indigenous LGBTQ+, Two Spirit and Indigiqueer health, and BIPOC trans health.

In August, GLMA received the 2022 Clarity Award from the Society for the Psychological Study of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity, Division 44 of the American Psychological Association. This award aims to recognize leaders within the field of psychology advancing the rights of LGBTQ+ people, and engaging others within psychology to extend recognition and respect for LGBTQ+ people, and advocate for equality for LGBTQ+ people. As a clinical psychologist, it was a humbling to see GLMA and our work honored in this way.

In July, we said farewell to GLMA’s beloved Executive Director for the past 12 years, Hector Vargas, and wished him well in his next chapter at SAGE: Advocacy & Services for LGBTQ+ Elders. That same month we welcomed our fabulous current Interim Executive Director, Alex Sheldon, who has been at the forefront of GLMA’s work for the past six months.

In March, we held a virtual town hall announcing the establishment of GLMA’s Racial Justice Task Force and started the important steps in the journey of incorporating anti-racist action into GLMA’s foundation.

While GLMA has experienced some major milestones in 2022, I also acknowledge that our communities have experienced many threats and acts of violence. We have continued to navigate legislative attacks on trans youths and their families and those aimed at health professionals providing life-saving care. We share in the mourning of the tragic losses that occurred in Colorado Springs 2022 and the trauma of such heinous acts.

I would like to close this end-of-year letter with a thank-you to all of GLMA’s members and supporters. GLMA and our communities are stronger because of you. You not only support the amazing work for our “small but mighty” organization, but you all get up every day to take care of one another and our communities. I am humbled to serve as President of GLMA and thank you all for your continued support of GLMA and for what you do each and every day.

For LGBTQ+ Health,

Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP
President, GLMA
GLMA'S MISSION

GLMA is a national organization committed to ensuring health equity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people, and equality for LGBTQ+ health professionals in their work and learning environments. To achieve this mission, GLMA utilizes the scientific expertise of its diverse multidisciplinary membership to inform and drive advocacy, education, and research.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

🏆 SUCCESSFUL 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON LGBTQ HEALTH

🏆 NEW LESBIAN HEALTH FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

🏆 LAUNCH OF THE NEW LGBTQ+ HEALTHCARE DIRECTORY

🏆 ADVANCES IN THE MOVEMENT FOR LGBTQ+ HEALTH EQUITY
Local Action, Global Impact

The GLMA Annual Conference on LGBTQ Health is the premier, interdisciplinary LGBTQ+ health conference and the world’s largest scientific gathering devoted to LGBTQ+ health issues and concerns. GLMA’s Annual Conference educates practitioners and students—from across all health professions—about the unique health needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families.

In 2022, GLMA held the 40th Annual Conference on LGBTQ Health in San Francisco, CA, hosting over 550 health professionals working to advance LGBTQ+ health equity. The conference focused on comprehensive and team-based approaches to healthcare and research that optimize the mental and physical wellbeing of LGBTQ+ people from all age cohorts, while taking into consideration the intersection of sexual orientation, gender identity, and age with other identities.
The Lesbian Health Fund (LHF), a program of GLMA, improves the health and well-being of LGBTQ+ women and girls through funding rigorous scientific research. LHF celebrated its 30th anniversary this year and three decades of impact and influence in advancing LGBTQ+ health at the 40th annual GLMA conference. In 2022, LHF is proud to have granted $30,000 in funding to three outstanding early-career researchers and their groundbreaking research projects.

2022 GRANTEES

Enhancing Contemporary Understandings of Gender Minority Stress Using Participatory Methods

Jae A. Puckett
Assistant Professor, Michigan State University

Project DaRE – Deciding, Resisting and Existing: Autonomy and mental wellbeing of adult LGBTQ+ women in Mexico

Zafiro Andrade-Romo, MD, MSc
PhD candidate, University of Toronto

Surviving and Thriving: Protective Factors and Health Outcomes for Bi+ Adults from Diverse Racial and Gender Communities

Nic Rider, PhD
Assistant Professor
University of Minnesota

Jennifer Vencill, PhD
Assistant Professor
Mayo Clinic
This year, GLMA launched the new LGBTQ+ Healthcare Directory, a free, searchable database of doctors, medical professionals and healthcare providers who truly understand the unique health needs of LGBTQ+ people in the United States and Canada.

The directory, developed in partnership with the Tegan and Sara Foundation and Cigna, will reach vital and diverse audiences of medical professionals and LGBTQ+ patients in need of care.
Advocacy and Education

In 2022, GLMA continued our core work, utilizing the vast expertise of our membership to advance LGBTQ+ health equity through advocacy and education.

LEADING FROM WITHIN

As the first and only LGBTQ+ organization to hold a seat in the American Medical Association’s (AMA) House of Delegates, GLMA advanced LGBTQ+ inclusion in AMA policies and positions.

GLMA also continued service as a partner organization in the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), contributing our expertise, disseminating the work of the USPSTF to our members, and helping to put the recommendations into practice.

BUILDING AND ADVANCING COALITIONS

GLMA continued efforts to promote LGBTQ+ health equity through federal and state advocacy throughout 2022. At the federal level, GLMA joined coalitions advocating for LGBTQ+ data collection, additional funding for Mpox response, and many other initiatives. And in September, GLMA teamed up with the National LGBT Cancer Network to collect official comments advocating for LGBTQ+ nondiscrimination protections in Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act.

At the state level, GLMA contributed our expertise to numerous amicus briefs, including those supporting the rights of transgender students to participate in sports and challenging bans on gender-affirming care, among others.

EDUCATING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

In addition to the Annual Conference, GLMA offered multiple educational opportunities throughout the year for health professionals to increase their understanding of LGBTQ+ health needs and advance their careers.
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| California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) | Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids | Oak Street Health | Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) | Anonymous | Jesse Joad | Desi Bailey

$2,500


$1,000

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