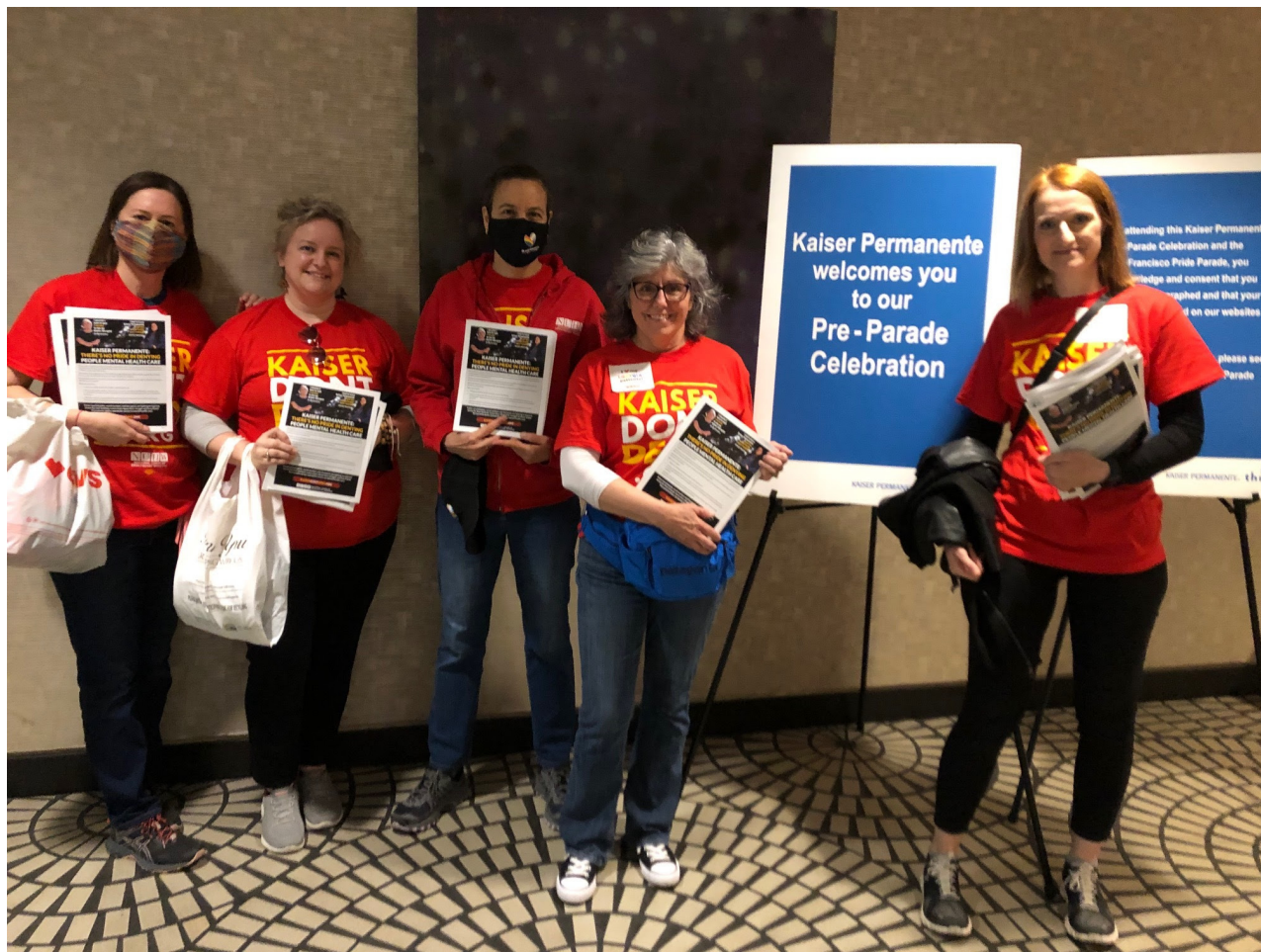


[kp-ibhs] Standing up for LGBTQIA+ patients at SF Pride

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Hi Tara,



We commemorated Pride in San Francisco today, by confronting Kaiser officials and handing out **1,000 leaflets** calling on Kaiser to address the challenges LGBTQIA+ patients face in getting behavioral health care.

Kaiser clinicians Shay Loftus, Brandi Plumley, Sarah Soroken, Ania Foster and Kim Hollingsworth Hornor (who traveled all the way from Fresno) handed out leaflets to fellow Kaiser employees and Kaiser officials at Kaiser's event at the Hyatt Regency for people who planned to march under Kaiser's banner in Sunday's Pride Parade.

When security forced several of them to leave the event, they started handing out leaflets at the entrance to Kaiser's second-floor event space and the entrance of the hotel.

This did not please Kaiser officials.

One Kaiser representative urged people not to take the leaflet, saying “it’s bad publicity for Kaiser.” When that didn’t work, she actually tried to confiscate people’s leaflets, telling them, “Don’t read that; give it to me.” Finally, she relented, asking that people read the leaflet before they went inside Kaiser’s event space.

Hotel security was called to order the clinicians out of the Hyatt, only to find out that NUHW had a table reserved at the hotel’s Grand Ballroom for the annual Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Pride Breakfast. Instead of getting kicked out, the clinicians were treated to free breakfast with remarks from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, New Jersey Senator Cory Booker, and the author of SB 221, State Senator Scott Wiener. There were approximately 500 people at breakfast, and on every chair sat one of our leaflets.

Everyone who participated today felt empowered by the experience. They stood up for their LGBTQIA+ patients and they showed Kaiser once again that it's past time to show some urgency in settling a contract that addresses the twin issues of clinician workloads and patient access. More than 90 clinicians have already signed up to participate in future actions. Join them by filling out this survey: nuhw.org/ibhsactions

In Unity,

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