

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 26

Overview for General Meeting

- Group Discussion
 - Call to order, review, and approve the last meeting minutes
 - Non-profit update
 - Team Updates
 - Three-minute updates with additional time for Q&A
 - Please use “Raise your hand” function to ask questions
- Other Business
- Roundtable

Group Discussion

1. Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM EST and review of last meeting – Group
The 4/16/2024 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Non-Profit Updates – Shawn L., Executive Director
 - Board members are working on previously tabled projects and making progress.
 - A Team Leaders meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024, to discuss reorganizing, introducing new email accounts for team leaders, and initiating Team Leader Reporting forms.
 - The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. This will be the Annual Executive meeting.
3. Advocacy Participation Team – Kim H.
 - UV4SOR was approved for the Michigan Adopt-A-Highway project. The Michigan group’s first cleanup was in April and 20 bags were filled. The next cleanup is the weekend of July 13-14 and Kim will send an invitation to MI members soon and the event will include a BBQ afterwards. The highway sign has not yet been received but Kim is hoping that it will be received by the July cleanup date.
 - The team is compiling the answers to our FB membership questions into an Excel spreadsheet in preparation for utilizing CiviCRM.
4. State Coalitions Team – Kim H.
 - Dwayne Daughtry was the special guest at the last SC team meeting which was held at the end of April. He shared knowledge on the topic of state registries, with suggestions for starting advocacy in your local area, researching institutions, laws, and policies. Anyone who is interested in learning more can contact Kim or Dwayne.
 - The next SC team meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. EST.

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5. Communication Team – Gail L.

The team is working to update its purpose and goals for the future, reviewing the history of letters that have been sent, and revising the UV4SOR Myths and Facts document to reflect current and accurate information.

6. Call to Action (CTA) Team – Elena A.

- The team is following and planning on wrapping up the CTA to the Louisiana legislature. The CTA involves trying to stop two bad bills. The Florida Action Committee (FAC) has been very helpful with providing a lot of the strategy and in making it easy to copy contacts and with ease of response.
- The next CTA will address the issue of email privileges for our LOs in federal custody.
- Those members who are attending the NARSOL conference will have the opportunity to meet JZ from FAC who has a method for tracking all of Florida’s bills through the legislature and updating their legislative team. Elena will ask him if he will consider doing a workshop for our State Coalitions so that they can start utilizing the same process in their own state.
- Elena introduced and welcomed Risa S. as the newest member of the CTA Team. Risa discussed the idea of submitting questions to the BOP regarding specific concerns we have regarding the RRC/HC processes for our LOs and how the carve-out language of the FSA is dealt with.

7. Mental Health Team – Pammy D.

- Pammy thanked everyone who attended the workshop with her presentation of the “Plate, Ladder, Circle” on our Healing Tuesday which was on 4/30/2024.
- The Team is working to add a support chat a few times a year, with five different members at a time and a MH leader. This project is still in the planning stage. The focus will be on providing information for resources needed and for coping strategies, giving them a safe place to ask questions and interact with other members.

8. No More Silence Project – Betty B.

- Betty is working on an introduction letter to send with a packet of letters that have been received. This is currently in the editing stage. The next step will be to compile a list of recipients for this first stage of the project.
- Several ROIs are still needed for some of the stories that will be used.
- A post was made on the FB group to encourage members to submit their stories.

9. Social Media Team – Rita B.

The team continues to monitor the FB group. The group page is staying active with posts and there are no issues to report.

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10. Fundraising Team – Rita B.

- The [Tru Earth](#) fundraiser continues and is open-ended and is posted in the FB group.
- Rita held a yard sale and earned \$140.00 to donate to the group. She invites anyone who is interested in similar sales or in putting items into consignment stores to contact her and she can explain the easy processes. This is a great way for individuals to contribute to fundraising for UV4SOR.

11. PR/Marketing Team – Shawn L. and Jenny L.

- UV4SOR was added to the [CURE-SORT](#) newsletter with our website and contact information listed. This publication is sent quarterly to state and federal prisons across the nation. We received approximately 17 letters of inquiry to our organization. The letters are currently being reviewed and the team is setting up a plan to respond.
- Our next guest speaker is scheduled for June 25, 2024, when we will welcome Kendra Phillips. Kendra is a playwright who is writing a play on the population that we advocate for. She will discuss what she has learned during this process of the punishments and sentences associated with these charges and how her perspective has been changed.

Other Business

No other business tonight.

Roundtable

1. New Member Welcome and Introductions

Welcomed Amy S. from TX and Beverly A. from IL.

2. Share Something Good

- Madeleine V. shared that she attended a ten-week Quaker retreat where she gave a talk on the registry, and she has written an article. She and her sister took a road trip to Texas, and they were able to visit their LO.
- Kim H. will be attending a meeting of [Michigan Citizens for Justice](#) and will be going to speak to several legislators.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

8:48 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.