

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 25

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
 - The team leaders of CTA and MH teams have resigned to focus on personal issues. Volunteers for positions on these teams are welcome to ask questions or reach out to board members for information.
- Other Business
- Roundtable

Group Discussion

1. Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM EST and review of last meeting – Group
The 6/25/2024 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Non-Profit Updates – Shawn L., Executive Director
Board members meet monthly and are working on current and previously tabled projects.
 - The next board meeting will be on Sunday, 8/25/2024.
 - UV4SOR was well represented at the recent [NARSOL conference](#), which was held in Atlanta, GA. Members who attended the conference shared thoughts of their experiences there. The 2025 NARSOL conference will be held in Grand Rapids, MI.
 - CiviCRM will be implemented with projected training to begin late this summer.
3. Advocacy Participation Team – Kim H.
 - UV4SOR is hosting the Michigan Adopt-A-Highway cleanup project. All Michigan members have been invited to a cleanup event on 7/13/2024 and Kim is hosting a picnic afterward. The members are teaming up with a Michigan Citizens for Justice support group on this project.
 - The team is getting familiar with the new UV4SOR email address for the team and is finding it helpful in the communication process.
4. State Coalitions Team – Kim H.
 - The team is at a crossroads and working to determine interest and direction for the immediate future. These items will be discussed at the next meeting on 7/22/2024.
 - Any members who are interested in collaborating with other members in their state can contact Kim (reform@uv4sor.org). Discussions include forming connections with reentry organizations, networking, and creating relationships within state legislatures while working with law enforcement and probation offices to encourage them to list UV4SOR as a resource for their communities.

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5. Welcome Team – Ann & Shep S.
The team is reaching out to new members after they attend their first meeting.
6. Communication Team – Kathy D.
 - The team’s main immediate goal is to revise the UV4SOR Myths and Facts document to reflect current and accurate information.
 - The team is evaluating the focus and goals of communications to determine how to best serve the mission and vision of UV4SOR.
7. Call to Action (CTA) Team – Updates tabled until next meeting
8. Mental Health Team – Updates tabled until next meeting
9. No More Silence Project – Betty B.
 - Betty reviewed the project’s story challenge and goals. She emphasized how all stories can play a significant role in getting our voices heard.
 - The team is doing research to find legislators who have been outspoken in looking for solutions to injustices in the criminal justice system, especially for those with a sex offense. If anyone is willing to do research in their state, please contact Betty (bbrand@uv4sor.org).
10. Social Media Team – Rita B.
The team continues to monitor the FB group and is seeing good posts regarding the NARSOL conference and the Restorative Action Alliance. The group is seeing productive advocacy posts and comments that are helpful to members.
11. Fundraising Team – Rita B.
 - The [Tru Earth](#) fundraiser is ongoing and Rita is personally working on consignment items with funds to be donated to UV4SOR.
 - Rita encourages anyone who shops at Kroger brand stores to sign up to have UV4SOR as their designated rewards recipient.
 - Every donation dollar helps!
12. PR/Marketing Team – Shawn L. and Jenny L.
 - Our next guest speaker is scheduled for 7/23/2024 when we will welcome member Madeleine Vache. Madeleine will share her presentation about the registry and engaging in hard conversations with those who have opposing perspectives.
 - Possible future guest speakers can be referred by members through the [referral form on the website](#).
 - Laurie Jo Reynolds from the Chicago 4 group has agreed to speak at a meeting; the date is to be determined.
 - UV4SOR is working with Michigan Citizens for Justice in securing keynote speakers for the next NARSOL conference which will be held in MI.

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Other Business

No other business tonight.

Roundtable

1. New Member Welcome and Introductions

The group welcomed Dianna F. from MO and Mike L. from IL. Introductions were made and questions were asked and answered by the group with discussion on various issues relating to advocacy, member support, and federal prisons.

2. Share Something Good

- Kathy was able to meet Betty in person. She encourages any members to meet when or if possible as these personal connections are so valuable. Her husband was released to a HWH two weeks ago!
- Kelly reported that Jenny has shared some helpful information to assist her in navigating the process of dealing with the attorneys in her son's case.
- Kim is hoping that the state will provide the highway sign for the highway cleanup project on Saturday!
- Mike was released from Englewood FCI in March and is planning to participate in the group advocacy more after his official sentence is completed in December. He is happy to answer any questions about the Englewood facility if anyone has a LO there.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. EST with guest speaker Madeleine Vache.

8.54 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.