

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 25

Overview:

- Team updates will be discussed at our next general meeting on 11/12/2024
- Procedure for the meeting protocol with a guest speaker and for asking questions
- Information about tonight's topic, guest speaker, introduction, and welcome
- Group discussion

Notes:

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM EST
The 10/15/2024 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Introduction and welcome to our guest speaker, [Dr. Tolliny Rankins](#). Dr. Tolliny is an expert in cultural diversity, self-care, and reentry programs, with years of teaching and leadership experience. She is an author, speaker, and former adjunct and life coach who conducts workshops, women's empowerment lectures, has authored [four books](#), and leads a Personal Enrichment speaker series. She is the co-founder of [Redemption100.org](#), a nonprofit organization which assists in providing materials, workshops, and speaker series to statewide and national reentry programs at correctional institutions. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Florida Restorative Justice Association and serves as an active member of the Florida Action Committee. She is passionate about family restoration and supporting those impacted by incarceration. She believes faith in God, family support, and a daily application of resilience have been the keys of success in her life.
3. Discussion and group questions.
 - Dr. Tolliny spoke about the importance of diversity and missed opportunities due to racial ignorance and prejudices. Using examples from her life, she emphasized the value and importance of self-care and how it relates to supporting our loved ones and to advocacy.
 - Questions were asked and answered regarding community partnerships, how to practice gratitude, bringing solutions through collaborations with others, and the benefits of being inclusive and caring for yourself throughout the ordeals of incarceration and reentry. Her workshops are based on her books which can be obtained through her [website](#).

9:01p.m. Adjourn Meeting

The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 7:30 p.m. EST