

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 21

Overview:

- Team updates will be discussed and the 7/8/2025 meeting minutes will be reviewed at our next general meeting on 8/5/2025
- Procedure for the meeting protocol with a guest speaker and for asking questions
- Information about tonight's topic, guest speakers, introduction, and welcome
- Group discussion

Notes:

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM EST
2. Introduction and welcome to our guest speaker, Kim Avery.
Kim Avery is an admin and volunteer coordinator for [Restorative Action Alliance](#) (RAA), a mother of five, and a proud grandmother to a lively 3-year-old grandson. As a registry-impacted individual and survivor of sexual harm, she channels her experiences into advocacy, art, and writing. Kim is actively involved in efforts to create meaningful change through her work with RAA, Safer VA, the National Coalition Against Conviction Registries, and the SHINE Women on the Registry Group. Kim is passionate about empowering others on their healing journeys and standing up for those who face oppression. Her newest endeavor is supporting other women through NEW virtual [Women on the Registry Peer Support Circle](#), building a supportive community of women. In her free time, she expresses her creativity through art and shares her thoughts and experiences on her blog, <https://healitwithkimness.substack.com/>.
3. Discussion and group questions.
 - Kim shared her background, her incarceration, her probation period and her status on the registry in Virginia which is for life. She discussed the challenges and heartbreak she faced throughout all of this, and the path she is following for healing and recovery. Along with her current projects, she is in the process of writing a book. She explained how she came to recognize that there is always something to be grateful for and how she focuses on that.
 - Kim answered questions from members about her family, her experiences in prison, how she has become involved in helping others, and how she navigates life as a person on the registry. Kim can be reached via email at admin@restorativeactionalliance.org.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 7:30 p.m. EST