

Advocacy Group “UNITED VOICES 4 SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 7:30P EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 11

Overview: Second phase of watchdog letter targeting all Governors is complete and ready for mailing. Non-profit meeting scheduled to establish board member responsibilities/commitments and to create Bylaws. Continued work on the Webpage. Great discussion regarding the consent for posting LO's pictures with continued research to ensure all involved are protected from liability issues. Some team members are meeting in person to address the DOJ SMART Report and lastly making strides to collaborate with Hollywood documentary producer to possibly work with our group creating a credited Therapy program.

Notes:

- 08/31/2021 meeting minutes approved with changes. Changes will be made and uploaded to f/b site.
- Overview from last meeting:
 1. Old Business:
 - a. Governor Watchdog Letter - Sharon
 - b. Non-Profit update
 - c. Web Site Design
 - d. First Phase Watchdog letters
 - e. DOJ SMART Report - Gail
 - f. Fundraising
 2. New Business:
 - a. Mariana van Zeller – Topic for Docuseries – Jenny
 - i. Table to next meeting
 - b. Unheard Voices Taping – Jenny
 - i. Table to next meeting
 - c. Fritzi Horstman – Step Inside the Circle – Page
 - d. Twitter Account
 - e. Open Task Issues (review from meeting minutes)
 3. Group Discussion:
 - a. Governor Watchdog Letter
 - i. Sharon and Kathy created a draft letter that was sent to group for feedback.
 - ii. The Governor names and their state names were updated manually instead of using the mail merge function which wasn't working.
 - iii. Envelopes are printed with the UV4SOR logo, and the letter is ready to send out.
 - iv. Huge kudos to Sharon and Kathy for working/completing this task.
 - b. Non – Profit Update:

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- i. Our first meeting is Sunday 09/19/21, 8:00P EST.
 - ii. We plan to establish the Board positions and work on the bylaws. The bylaws are needed when we file for a non-profit status.
 - iii. Brief summary will be available on 9/16/2021 to interested parties. The summary will include what the positions entail i.e., time commitment and responsibilities by Thursday, 9/16/2021.
- c. Web Site design:
- i. Continue working on content to upload to the site.
 - ii. For anyone who would like to have their LO’s photo on the “About Us” page please forward to Shawn. Personal choice if you want to participate.
 - 1. Legal concerns mentioned with a preferred preference to have a legal consent/authorization form signed prior to displaying pictures on the website.
 - 2. Security concerns mentioned of a LO’s picture identified by someone surfing and targeting the individual with ‘hate’ mail.
 - 3. More research is needed to ensure everyone involved is protected and to release liability from the website or web designer and those being released with parole responsibilities.
 - iii. We are hoping to have the site completed by 10/01/21. The plan is to have Eric as a meeting guest to present the finished website.
 - iv. We had an email inquiry from the website! Not a lot of information was provided although they are interested in our organization.
- d. First Phase of Watchdog letters Mailbox:
- i. The mailbox did not have any letters returned. No email responses (yet).
 - ii. A typo was found AFTER we sent the letter. On the letter where it states “FROM” it reads United Voices for Sex Reform. We need to be hyper vigilante in proofing our work! Very good lesson learned.
- e. DOJ SMART Report:
- i. Gail received articles from Rita pertaining to the SMART report.
 - ii. Kathy, Jenny and Gail are meeting on 9/25 in person to create a letter using information from the Sex Offender Management Planning Initiative summary.
 - iii. A possible rebuttal on the SMART report per the DOJ by the American Law Institute, dated 5/14/2021 was found by Kathy. The rebuttal states why they are not using the report for further action. Kathy will send the report to the group for review/discussion to ensure this report aligns to the SMART report although it may not.
 - iv. Kevin Ring sent an update on the CARES ACT. He indicated the act is waiting for final Senate approval.

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- f. Fundraising committee:
 - i. Still looking for committee members. Please forward names if you know of anyone interested. We will have the committee in place in the next 3 months to help with our funding needs.
- g. Mariann vanZeller – Topic for Docuseries/ Jenny to open discussion.
 - i. Next Meeting
- h. Unheard Voices Taping – Jenny to open discussion.
 - i. Next Meeting
- i. Fritzi Horstman Trauma / Compassion / Step Inside the Circle:
 - i. Page is working on connecting with Fritzi to develop a collaboration with our group and Fritzi. There is a need to create a therapy program for our LO’s while they serve and for families while they wait for their LO’s return. There is a preference to have this a credited program to reduce sentences.
 - 1. Asking for information from this group to share their experiences for discussion such as:
 - a. What kind of therapy does your LO need?
 - b. What would you suggest being included in a program if one was created?
 - c. What does my LO need?
 - d. What do they want from those listening to them?
 - e. For those that are going home:
 - i. Now what, are you and/or they prepared? What can be done to help?
 - ii. How do we ensure they are supported before they go home?
 - 2. Send ideas/perspective to Page.
 - ii. Who is Fritzi Horstman?
 - 1. Fritzi is a Hollywood producer/documentary producer. She created a program called The Compassion Prison program. She lives in California and is currently working in those incarceration facilities.
 - 2. These programs help individuals to reach out and react in a more compassionate way. By doing so, it helps to reduce violence and stigmatism within the system b/c these men realize that they experienced a lot of the same things.
 - iii. Page will post an inquiry on the f/b page to receive questions from our members.
- j. Social Media accounts:
 - i. Twitter Account
 - 1. Handle Name

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- a. @Uv4sor
 - b. You can hashtag. Shawn posted one item on the International Megan’s Law.
 2. Once our website is up, we are looking for anyone interested in being a media manager to help post items.
 - ii. Instagram
 1. Not sure about posting here. It seems to be a little more involved to post links. Not as easy as Twitter.
 - iii. YouTube Channel created.
- k. Reviewed open Task issues
4. Roundtable
- a. New Member introductions.
 - i. No new members
 - b. If time share “something good!”
 - i. Rita completed another 5K last Friday for Suicidal awareness.
 - ii. Gail is happy to meet Kathy in person.
 - iii. Sharon said a person who was in detention with her son is back in touch with her after a long period of time of not hearing from him. The friend was moved out and Sharon had to wait to hear from him until he showed up at another facility and reached out to her.
 - iv. Pammy submitted proposal to the IRB.
 - v. Melanie’s son said they have a basketball and football for RAC. Their legal library has a new person who asked the group, ‘What do you want? I have \$100,000 to spend for re-entry.
 - vi. Shawn’s son asked her to create a 30-minute workout, all went well although he’s pretty sore today. Prison remedy offered by Ken to fill a sock with rice and use as a heating pad. Ken has lots of ideas to offer.
 1. Page’s son and his roommate will create recipes. Maybe a good fundraiser idea – Prison Cookbook.

Action items:

Item #	Meeting Date	Description	Owner	Completion Date
1.	8/3/21	Update the contacts as elections occur.	Dawn, Gail, Melanie, Sharon	On-Going
4.	8/3/21	Volunteer to research Federal (complete) & is ongoing for State Guidelines. Post on f/b.	Shawn, Sharon	On-Going
7.	6/01/21	Provide Nonprofit status.	Shawn	9/30/2021
9.	8/03/21	Provide contacts to receive letter. Ashley to check with FAMM and will email Shawn	Ashley	11/2021
10.	8/3/21	Consider having a Board of Directors officers, what responsibilities go with each position, if this might	All	8/31/2021 Done

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		be something of interest then let Shawn know.		
11.	7/20/21	Add the verbiage under the logo at a later date and will add it to the f/b page in the meantime.	Shawn	On-Going
14.	8/17/21	Kim to post on F/B asking for Board Member Nominations.	Shawn	8/31/2021 Done
15.	8/17/21	<p>Web Design Changes:</p> <p>1. The second section on the main screen needs to be white instead of green because when you're using your phone to participate in the meeting the words blend in with the green color.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web Designer revised the color <p>2. Backlink to an external where the videos are stored or are they stored on the Website?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be YouTube <p>3. Will the Donate button be attached to a PayPal account?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. As soon as we have the donate button operable as the website is launched on 10/1/2021 	Shawn	8/31/2021 Done Done
16.	8/17/21	Research how to insert the 'State' name in the body of the letter to avoid the letter looking generic.	All	9/14/2021 Done
17.				

8:55 - 9:00P Adjourn Meeting Next Meeting Date Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 7:30P EST.