

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 18

Overview for Group Discussion

- Review the last regular meeting
- Board Updates
- Team Updates from Chairpersons/Spokespersons
- Other Business
- Roundtable

Group Discussion

1. Review of Last Meeting - Group
The 5/16/2023 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Board Updates – Shawn L., Executive Director
 - Board members are working on previously tabled projects and making good progress.
 - All committee titles have changed to “Teams” and chairpersons are “Team Leaders”.
 - The next board meeting will be on Sunday 7/9/2023.
3. Advocacy Participation Team – Kim H.
 - Kim reported that we have received numerous new requests for membership to the FB group after we were mentioned in another support group.
 - The welcoming group is implementing a 7-day response time for those requesting membership to reply to the email they receive with the vetting questions.
4. State Coalitions Team – Kim H.
 - The State Coalitions team leaders held a meeting on 6/5/2023.
 - The group finalized their survey questions and will include an introduction and conclusion section. They will share the questions and reach out to others who have offered help in reviewing and the survey and will then present it to the board.
 - A new member, Jenn M., will work with Betty B. as a co-leader for Indiana.
 - The next team meeting will be on 7/10/2023 at 7:00 p.m. EST.
5. Call to Action (CTA) Team – Elena A.
 - Elena reported that the Florida Action Committee ([FAC](#)) has listed UV4SOR as an advocacy partner.
 - The team is working to address Michigan’s law that requires a lifetime tether and will reach out to Kim H. to inform our Michigan members. The committee has drafted a letter regarding changing the language of the law and addressing a pathway for relief from the lifetime requirement.
 - The team plans to develop a platform for addressing candidates who will be running for office in upcoming elections.

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- A new CTA is being prepared to address concerns with an [article](#) that was published by Atavist Magazine which disparages and marginalizes our population and loved ones. A CTA letter to FAMM will be posted in the FB group and sent to members via email. The Communication Team will send a similar letter to the author of the article as part of our mission to educate the public and other advocacy organizations who purport to advocate for criminal and social justice reform.
6. Communication Team – Gail L.
 - Gail reported that the team is sending an introduction/welcome letter to the new president of Women Against Registry (WAR).
 - The team works as UV4SOR’s strategic arm in conjunction with the CTA team acting as tactical response and support of our organization’s mission.
 7. Fundraising Team – Rita B.
 - The fundraising project with Avon has concluded and funds raised have been received and deposited.
 - Future fundraising projects are being reviewed.
 8. Mental Health Team – Pammy D.
 - The MH team held a meeting on 6/11/2023.
 - They have developed 10 interview questions for anyone interested in joining the MH team to ensure that qualifications and values align with their mission and vision.
 - Two members of UV4SOR have been interviewed and will be accepted to join the team. One person has a legal background and the other has mental health experience.
 9. No More Silence Team – Betty B.
 - Betty reported that no new letters have been received. Discussion ensued about how to encourage people to tell their stories and how to address potential fears they may have about sharing information.
 - Stories can be any length and can be kept anonymous. Betty will start to post regularly in the FB group to encourage participation and recruit volunteers for the team.
 - Betty is developing an introductory letter for a packet in anticipation of sending copies of the letters to legislators.
 10. PR/Marketing Team – Shawn L. and Jenny L.
 - Two speakers are confirmed for upcoming meetings.
 - Licensed psychologist Dr. [Keith Hersh, PhD](#), will be our guest at our next general meeting on 6/27/2023. He will discuss his practice, which involves treating persons with sexual behavior problems, and his experience working with the NC Department of Corrections.

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- Dwayne Daugherty will be our guest on 7/25/2023. He is the Executive Director of [NCRSOL](#) and will speak on perfecting a five-minute elevator speech to help members find their voice for advocacy.
- The group discussed the scheduling conflicts that some members are having with our general meetings being held on Tuesday evenings. This will be discussed by the board members at their next meeting.
- The board is planning to host future member events like the Spring Fling/cocktail hour which was held on 5/12/2023.

11. Grant Writing Team – Shawn L.

- Shawn discussed the need to recruit a team leader and will reach out to members for qualified volunteers to form a team.
- An announcement and request for volunteers will be posted in the FB group and sent via email to members in our contact list.

12. Other Business – Shawn L.

- Shawn and several other members are attending [NARSOL](#)'s 2023 National Conference on June 23 through June 25 in Houston, TX. They are looking forward to meeting each other in person and to learning and networking opportunities. Pammy D. will be a presenter at the conference.
- Those who are unable to attend the conference have the [opportunity to watch](#) from home.

Roundtable

1. New Member Welcome and Introductions

No new members attended the meeting.

2. Share Something Good

- Shawn shared her conversation with new member [Kendra P.](#) who is a playwright. She is writing a play about the journey of a young man incarcerated for a sex crime, as well as the journey of his best friend as she processes and supports him through this. She is looking for people willing to be interviewed and share their stories, either of having a loved one incarcerated or being incarcerated themselves.
- Gail will be taking a girl's trip with her friend to visit her son in Colorado this summer.
- Jenny had the opportunity at work to point out the difficulties of securing housing for any registered citizens.
- Elena reported on her recent trip to the EU, Germany, and Portugal, noting the differences between the laws/restrictions there as compared to the US.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

9:10 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.