

# “UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM” General Meeting Minutes (with Guest Speaker)

Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 19

## Overview:

- Team updates will be discussed at our next general meeting on 7/11/2023
- Procedure for the meeting protocol with a speaker and for asking questions
- Information about tonight’s guest speaker and introduction
- Group discussion

## Notes:

1. 6/13/2023 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Introduction and welcome to our guest speaker Dr. Keith Hersch, Ph.D.

Dr. Keith Hersh is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in [the evaluation and treatment of individuals with sexual behavior problems](#). Dr. Hersh received his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill in 1999.

- Dr. Hersh is a clinical member of the Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sex Offenses ([ATSA](#)) and a board member of the North Carolina Association for the Management and Treatment of Sex Offenses ([NCAMTSO](#)).
  - Prior to opening [Behavioral Health Solutions, PA](#) in April 2004, he worked in the North Carolina Department of Corrections at Harnett Correctional Institution and at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh.
3. Presentation, discussion, and group questions.

Dr. Hersh discussed the complex public health issues involved with the reduction, management, and prevention of sexually abusive behaviors.

- He noted that treatment outcomes are markedly enhanced when policies and practices are grounded in empirical research.
- Treatment policies and practices should address and consider individual differences, such as age, gender, culture, mental health functioning, intervention needs, and recidivism risk.
- Dr. Hersh answered questions from the group throughout his presentation with discussion about treatment factors, matching risk to level of treatment, labeling, and definitions of responsibility and accountability.
- Dr. Hersh can be reached at [khersh@bhspa.net](mailto:khersh@bhspa.net) or through his website.

9:23 p.m. Adjourn Meeting - Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 7:30 p.m. EST