

“UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 16

Overview for Group Discussion

- Review the Last Regular Meeting
- Board Updates
- Team Updates from Team Leaders/Spokespersons
- Other Business
- Roundtable

Group Discussion

1. Review of Last Meeting - Group
The 8/8/2023 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.
 - Board reviewed and approved the State Coalition survey.
 - The next board meeting will be on Sunday, 9/10/2023.
3. Advocacy Participation Team – Kim H.
The team continues to work on new member requests.
4. State Coalitions Team – Kim H.
 - The State Coalitions team passed the survey to the board, and it was approved. Kim H. will work on Survey Monkey and run a number of tests before it goes live. Discussion included how often to use the survey and to include new members.
 - The next meeting is on Monday 9/11/2023.
5. Call to Action (CTA) Team – Elena A.
 - Elena would like to create a more streamlined approach for CTAs by members on FB.
 - The team is working on addressing the federal phone calls and keeping them at no cost for anyone incarcerated. Discussion included who to address the CTAs to and to include the mental health strain on those inside and outside the walls. Elena will be posting information in the weeks to come.
 - As the liaison for Florida Action Committee, Elena will be posting updates and possible CTAs on recent developments regarding registry violations within the state of Florida.
 - Elena will be attending a number of partner advocacy meetings to remain in contact and up to date.
6. Communication Team – Gail L.
The team is discussing various approaches to best address the ALI recommendations to the state legislators. The team will also reach out to fellow advocate organizations to invite them to sign the letter alongside UV4SOR.

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7. Fundraising Team – Rita B.
 - Rita reports filling a portion of her garage with clothing and shoes as a fundraiser. She is also networking with local thrift stores.
 - Target, Fetch, and Kroger have responded to inquiries and Rita is working with each of their application processes for non-for-profits.
8. Mental Health Team – Elena A. and Page N.
 - The team is drafting different parts of the program to present to the board in the future.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for mid-September.
9. No More Silence Team – Betty B.
 - Betty and Kim have been working on a FB post to encourage members to write their stories.
 - Reports missing a number of ROIs and will coordinate with Sharon M. to identify missing signatures.
 - Betty will connect with the Communication Team to decide to whom the packets of stories will be mailed.
10. PR/Marketing Team – Shawn L.
 - Dwayne Daughtry will return as a guest speaker on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, with a workshop on developing a five-minute elevator speech to legislators.
 - Emily Horowitz will return as our guest speaker on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023.
11. Grant Writing Team – Shawn L.

Shawn posted the need for a Grant Writing team leader and team members.
12. Other Business – Shawn L.

Recommend that in the new year UV4SOR address background check companies who use red lettering on their written background check reports.

Roundtable

1. New Member Welcome and Introductions

No new members in attendance.
2. Share Something Good
 - Page N. shared walking out her door to the beautiful aroma of chocolate daisies in New Mexico.
 - Gail L. will be visiting her son in Colorado and will spend time with friends.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

8:50 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.