

# “UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM”

## General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 20

### 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 10/3/2023 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.
  - Shawn reviewed the FAMM listening session and discussed our response to FAMM. UV4SOR is available to have them use us as a resource for issues that we advocate for and wants them to recognize that some of their advocacy hinders us.
  - The next board meeting will be on Sunday, 10/22/2023.
3. Advocacy Participation Team – Kim H.  
The Holiday Greeting project has been launched and the team has received twenty-four responses with seventeen confirmed.
4. State Coalitions Team – Kim H.
  - The membership survey was posted in the FB group and an email was sent to all members in our contact list asking them to complete the survey.
    - There have been sixty responses, but the team discovered that the free version of the Survey Monkey program only allows them to view ten of the responses.
    - The team has asked the board to review the annual costs of the survey program and to discuss the potential value of this and any future surveys.
    - Once the team receives feedback from the board, they will determine the next steps.
  - The next team meeting has not been scheduled.
5. Call to Action (CTA) Team – Elena A.
  - The team has finalized the CTA regarding federal prison phone calls and the importance of keeping them at no cost for anyone who is incarcerated. This CTA will be posted once a new Speaker of the House is confirmed.

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- Future CTAs include addressing the availability of CorrLinks to all of those serving sentences in the federal prison system and developing training on responding to CTAs.
  - The group discussed upcoming elections, developing questions to inquire about a politician’s stance on mass incarceration, and forming a task force to mentor members in finding talking points and using productive verbiage to present our agenda.
6. Communication Team – Gail L.
- The team has drafted a letter to be sent to legislators regarding the ALI’s approved revisions to Section 213 of the Model Penal Code: Sexual Assault and Related Offenses.
    - The list of legislators and leaders to whom the letter will be sent is completed in a spreadsheet format and is ready for a mail merge.
    - An email has been sent to other advocacy organizations/networking resources asking if they are interested in adding their signatures to the letter. Organizations that were suggested in the last meeting were included.
    - Questions were answered about the timeline for mailing the letter and the possibility of expanding the list of legislative leaders to include more state leaders and law enforcement.
  - Members are encouraged to submit a contact list of all influential leaders in their states and the team will coordinate with State Coalition Team members to create spreadsheets for future projects.
7. Fundraising Team – Rita B.
- Rita is continuing to collect gently used shoes and clothing as a fundraiser. She held a garage sale, and she has some items on consignment with a local consignment store; all proceeds will go to UV4SOR.
  - The Kroger Community Rewards program is set up and she is receiving financial updates. Anyone who is interested in signing up for this free program should contact Rita. Through this program, our organization earns donations each time supporters shop at any Kroger store!
  - The Sockathon fundraiser is off the table as it is no longer in business.
8. Mental Health Team – Pammy D.
- The team does not have a meeting scheduled at this time.
  - Team member Madeleine reported on attending the [“Rewriting the Sentence II”](#) conference in Washington DC. The team is researching the conference topic of “Alternatives to Incarceration” to implement the information into their mental health intervention project.
9. No More Silence Team
- Team updates are tabled until our next general meeting.

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10. PR/Marketing Team – Shawn L. and Jenny L.
  - Dwayne Daughtry will return as a guest speaker on November 14th, with a workshop on developing a five-minute elevator speech to legislators.
  - The team is planning a Holiday Happy Hour event. Details will be posted when the date is confirmed.
11. Grant Writing Team – Shawn L.

There are no new updates. Shawn has posted in the FB group and sent an email about the need for a Grant Writing team leader and team members.
12. Other Business

There is no new or other business until the next meeting.

### Roundtable

1. New Member Welcome and Introductions

Vicky is in Michigan and her son is incarcerated in SC in with an extremely long sentence.
2. Share Something Good
  - An was able to visit her son this past weekend!
  - Pammy had a question about if someone could be subpoenaed by both sides in a court case.
  - Elena shared that the University of Miami is withholding her son’s diploma due to his charges and incarceration. She is busy working on getting this resolved!
  - Shawn’s son was approved for CorrLinks for email communications!
  - Jenny suggested looking up attorney [Leeja Miller](#) on YouTube as she provides a wealth of information.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

9:00 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.