

Meeting Minutes

The Friends of Charleston Center

March 14, 2016

Our Mission: *Support the Charleston Center in building healthier lives free of alcohol and other drug related consequences.*

Our Vision: *To be an integrated component of the Charleston Center that effectively promotes community awareness of services and connects clients to available resources.*

1. Welcome any guests - Judith Ranger- Smith, Jeanne Brollier, and Austin Mallory
2. Approval of Agenda (Phill) - approved with slight changes.
3. Executive Director Report (Dr. Brown) - The Charleston Center will not be moving to the Chicora Life Center in N. Charleston (Old Naval Hospital). County Council and the County of Charleston decided to terminate the lease with the developers. Charleston County is looking for another location in the N. Charleston area in order to serve the recovery community at large and the current patients of the Charleston Center.

Charleston Center Director Chanda Brown is serving as co-vice chair of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Mitch Lucas, Assistant County Sheriff is the Chair, and Deb Blalock, Director of Charleston Dorchester Community Mental Health Center is also One of the main goals of the CJCC is criminal justice system transformation, to include providing officers on the streets an alternative to jailing for people who are low level offenders and to help prevent chronic offending and over use of jail. There are a lot of repeat offenders that may benefit from this new program. Will be able to reduce overcrowding and jail population due to offenders who may have root causes such as substance abuse, mental health or homelessness issues.

4. Chairman's Report (Phill) - Our goal as the FOCC is to work on supporting and promoting awareness of the CC through educating the public through PSAs, fundraisers, and community events, etc.

5. New business:
 - A. Review process to establish new officers- motion to keep current officers through December 2016. Phill Botham - Chair, Kevin Downs- Vice Chair, Wendy Dorchester- Secretary, Woodie- Treasurer. Motion carries unanimously. We will establish alternates at the December 2016 elections.
 - B. Review current strategic plan- tabled until our next meeting. Phill will send to current board members and guests for next meeting.
 - C. Review plan to initiate non-profit path- Terry Brown volunteers and is authorized to move forward with establishing our 501c3 charter.
 - E. Review plan to establish social media presence - tabled until Board members are established.
Friendsofcharlestoncenter.com established,
Friendsofcharlestoncenter@gmail.com established
 - F. Brochure or flyer for Friends of Charleston Center - start working on for future events.
 - G. Charleston Center Brochures and verbal overview of facility by Dr. Brown at next FOCC meeting to go over with guests.

6. Next meeting April 11, 2016, Monday @ 4:30 PM at the Charleston Center Board Room - 3rd floor

