

The Friends of Charleston Center

PO Box 20762, Charleston SC 29413

Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2017

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.

Present: Chanda Brown (Director) Phill Botham (Chair), Kevin Downs (Vice Chair), Terry Brown (Designated Agent), Angela Morris (Secretary), Brian Knight, Chris Harper and David Enoch (visitors).

Welcomed guest David Enoch who has fundraising proposal

Approved March Minutes

Directors Report: Chanda reports the agency is preparing for an accreditation visit from CARF. She has coordinated with Terry to get needed information to submit the grant from the medical society. She attended FAVOR event of the viewing of Anonymous People and reports it was well attended. On April 22nd there will be a Recovery Messaging training to support recovery advocacy in the community. Crisis stabilization is expected to open in May and the agency is still working on coordinating the sobering center. She will be attending a Press Conference Thursday April 13, 2017, which marks the one-year anniversary of Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council receiving the MacArthur Foundation grant. To date, there has been a lot of progress on the six CJCC strategies to safely reducing jail population for people with low-level offenses who would be better served in treatment for their substance use disorder or mental health disorder.

Treasurer's Report: Woodie is not in attendance and there have been no further contributions that present board members are aware of. Reporting balance from last minutes was \$508.

Chairman Report: Planning is ongoing for the Yogathon and Phill needs help with welcome packages.

Old Business

Social Media: Brian has gained access to Facebook and wants feedback on materials we would like to see posted. He was directed to update Yogathon details as they are available and add any information from other partners that support the population such as FAVOR and Magdalene House.

Client Transportation: Angie has reached out to Donna, per Chanda's direction, to coordinate Friday transport for eligible clients this Friday 04/14/2017 at 6:30 to attend the Holy City Speaker Meeting (AA) at 7:30pm.

Grant Opportunities: Terry is working on additional funds under “Therapeutic Environment Enhancement Project” and continues to pursue all opportunities.

Yoga Event: Scheduled for June 24th at 10 am at Park Circle. 10% to our goal and Phil is requesting any volunteers to contact him so he can add them to the go fund me page. We are trying to eliminate any cash exchanges and are encouraging donations through go fund me.

New Business

David Enoch presented a photo of the peninsula that he is in the beginning stages of distributing and would like to donate a percentage of the proceeds to the FOCC. He was given our mission and vision statements to include in his production brochure.

Phil has been notified of an interest from Blackbaud to join our fund raising efforts. More will be revealed.

Next Meeting May 8th at 4:30pm in the Charleston Center Board Room.