

Friends of the Charleston Center

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Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2018

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 resource.*

Attendees: Phill Botham, Mark Cattrone, Kevin Downs, Ryan Roberts, Beth Turner, Brian Knight, Woody Avery, Neil Lipskey, Steve Weintz, Chandra Brown,

1. Approval of Minutes of the January 2018 meeting (see www.friendsofthecharlestoncenter.org)
2. Executive Director's Report (Dr. Brown)
 - a. The budget has been completed and submitted to County. Due to a number of factors, it will be a tight budget year coming up.
 - b. SBIRT & Fast Track program is doing well. We've been able to retain 2/3rds of the 33 people that engaged in treatment here.
 - c. Construction on the Sobering Center is ongoing and making progress
 - d. The "Big" elevator is going to be out of order until major repairs can be conducted
 - e. The SAMSHA meeting in MD, where Dr. Brown was an expert panelist, went well. They were able to put together some Best Practices for the industry
 - f. Charleston Center and Charleston Dorchester Community Mental Health Center will be helping to host a National Behavioral Health meeting in Charleston March 20th – 21st. This is part of the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge initiative.
3. Chairman's Report (Phill)
 - a. Review agenda (see www.friendsofthecharlestoncenter.org)
 - b. Review FY17/18 Plans and Goals
 - c. Members met with the Community Foundation to gain specifics on the matching grant. Alternative minimum monetary increments for matching were discussed but no resolution has been confirmed.
 - d. Key officer positions are still available. Members are encouraged to invite others in the community to participate on this board.
4. Treasurer's Report (Woodie)

- a. Beth Turner has assumed the Treasurer's position with Woodie Avery as Alternate Treasurer. Plans to meet at the bank for signature authorization and acquiring Quickbooks was discussed.
- b. February balance is \$8,679.16

5. Old Business

- a. Fund Development Committee Report (Ryan)
 - i. Ryan continues to apply for grants and locate new sources for grant, including local business such as Walmart.
 - ii. Ryan suggested we coordinate with the Lowcountry Recovery Coalition and local restaurants for a fund raising event possibly in Sept. 2018. Phill will follow up with the LRC.
- b. Media Update (Brian)
 - i. Any additional work on the blog and/or website will be postponed until after the Oyster Roast Spring event. The opening of the Sobering Center, along with news regarding the Crisis Stabilization unit to be featured.
- c. Client Transportation to Meetings
 - i. Parameters for this service are still being reviewed. The process to approve drivers per CARF regulations is difficult.
 - ii. Dr. Brown, Beth Turner and Donna White are to meet to discuss utilizing CC vans to drive patients to local meetings regularly.
- d. Family Day Event/Oyster Roast – March 10, 2018 – Awendaw Green
 - i. Brian produced tickets and flyers for the Oyster Roast. Several board members received tickets to sell.
 - ii. Electronic means of selling tickets was discussed. Less expensive options will be explored.
 - iii. Magdaline House will be participating. Phill will contact LRC groups to encourage participation.
- e. Recovery Speakers (Beth)
 - i. Recovery speakers from the community are coming to the Charleston Center for bi-weekly sessions.

6. New Business

- a. Outings for Patients
 - i. Options to take patients on therapeutic outings, including Barrier Island EcoTours, was discussed (Mark).
- b. Membership dues for 2018 are requested. The suggested donation is \$20 or more. This due is tax deductible and members will be added to our mailing list.
- c. Board Position Vacancies
 - i. Secretary, Chair, Alternate Chair, Alternate Secretary, Fund Development Committee Alternate Chair are all available

- d. The next meeting of the FOCC will be 1 week earlier than usual due to final preparations for the Oyster Roast on March 10

Next Meeting: Monday March 5, 2018 @ 430p, Charleston Center Board Room (3rd Floor).