

Friends of the Charleston Center

Minutes January 9th, 2017

Our Mission: Support the Charleston Center in building healthier lives free of alcohol and 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.

Attendees: Chanda Brown (Director), Phill Botham (Chair), Kevin Down (Vice Chair) Terry Brown (Vice Treasurer / Designated Agent), Angela Morris (Secretary), Woodie Avery (Treasurer), Randy Coats (MOB). **Visitors:** Sharon Warren, Chris Bean, Chris Harper, Brian Knight, Peter Kouten, Robert Grooms and Emily Grooms.

December Minutes and January Agenda were approved.

Director's report (Chanda):

Continued collaboration with the criminal justice system to change the way we use our resources by providing training and information to law enforcement so that they can better respond to residents who have mental health or alcohol and drug related disorders.

Charleston Dorchester Mental Health is bringing a Crisis Stabilization unit to the Charleston Center so that we may better serve the community. This will increase the agency's ability to serve those clients that present for services who are not appropriate for admission due to active suicidal ideation or other symptoms of their mental health disorders.

A Sobering Center is planned to be added to the Charleston Centers programs to give a needed opportunity to those clients that present intoxicated. This will give staff a better opportunity to make more appropriate referrals.

Charleston Center is working to secure an SBIRT grant that will provide funding for staffing in the ER's to assess needs of potential clients with alcohol or other drug disorders.

No additional information on new location.

Chair report (Phill):

Recap of FY17 Plan - Goals

Phill has been working on our internet presence by establishing and maintaining Facebook page and website (friendsofcharlestoncenter.com). After getting feedback from the board he will change domain from (.com) to (.org) .

Vice Chair (Terry):

501(c)(3) has been established and letters can be sent to those who donated in 2016.

Treasurer (Woodie):

We broke even on the Oyster Roast. Board contributions have yielded \$740 which is our current balance in checking. Woodie is working on getting an electronic payment method set up that can be linked to social media and website.

New Business

Yogathon is scheduled for 06/24/2017 at Park Circle. Phil will reach out to the facilitators to verify their availability and the board is encouraged to network to get donations for gifts. Chris Harper informed us that Bob D (circuit speaker) will be in town that weekend and may be available to give a brief talk or workshop at the end of event.

Angie suggested the MOB make themselves available to the clients to provide transportation to the inpatient clients to get them to outside meetings. Chanda will check with the program manager of the inpatient unit to see if this is a viable possibility.

Motion passed to extend current Elected Board Positions for 6 months while we continue to build our membership and presence in the community.

Meeting closed, next meeting will be February 13th.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Angela Morris, Secretary

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