

The Friends of Charleston Center

PO Box 20762, Charleston SC 29413

Meeting Minutes - June 12, 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), Christina Guillermo (Administrative Assistant) Phil Botham (Chair), Kevin Downs (Vice Chair), Woodie Avery (Treasurer), Terry Brown (Designated Agent), Angela Morris (Secretary), Brian Knight and Ryan Roberts (blackbaud welcomed to our meeting).

Approved May Minutes

Directors Report: Officially CARF accredited. Crisis stabilization opened on 06/05/2017 and is actively helping clients. This has been a multi-faceted community collaboration including the sheriff's office and mental health. The sobering center is planned to open at the end of August on the 2nd floor. Chanda is diligently watching for any potential changes to Medicaid made by the turning political tide that may affect clients' ability to pay for services. Chanda spoke to the increasing prevalence of opioid use disorders and how the community is responding. She emphasized that this is a nationwide epidemic and that all areas are piloting programs to see which are most effective and sharing that information openly. Bill presented court documents regarding Chicora Life Center

Chair Reports: Phil presented the 2018 Plans - Goals. He received \$456 from Reverb Recovery Yoga that has been donating proceeds from Thursday night yoga session that the clients are attending.

Treasurer's Report: \$1893.87 in the account

Motion passed for Woodie to purchase a budget program to enter our finances into so we can have a good working system to make year-end finances more efficient.

Old Business

Social Media: Brian is set to start the paid advertising through Facebook but is waiting for the event to get closer to make the most impact.

Client Transportation: Chanda will draft a liability waiver for clients to leave with a FOCC member only.

Grant Opportunities: Terry reported grant money from the medical society should be coming, unsure of amount.

Yoga Event: Scheduled for June 24th at 10 am at Park Circle. 9am Set Up of buffet and sound. Woodie has talked to Trader Joes and Phil will talk to Whole Foods and LImehouse. Angie will work with Donna to get the clients transported. We are still in need of prize donations for participants.

New Business - Elections tabled until December.

Next Meeting July 10 at 4:30pm in the Charleston Center Board Room.