

Better Together Board Meeting: Minutes

Friday, November 15, 2024 - 12 pm - 1 pm

In-person School of Social Work Room 203 and Virtual Zoom

Purpose: update on incorporation process and strategic plan

Meeting called to order at 12:08

1. Members in Attendance:
 - a. 13 members (7 needed for Quorum): NOT MET. Group agreed to continue but would abstain from voting on any motions.
 - i. In person: Erin Windham, Amelia Fischer, Carlos Palomo
 - ii. Virtual: Michelle Key, Jordan Bridges, Tracie Estepp
 - iii. Guests (in person): Sara Mendez, Heather Clark from Learning Team
2. Approve minutes from October: No opposition raised, unable to officially approve due to lack of attendance
3. Update on 2 Year Strategic Plan: Anna presented plan for moving forward including suggestions for leadership, board member application, what is needed to separate from SFA. Discussion about the mission statement and suggested wording.
 - a. Full-time position update: waiting for Dean approval, will be posted after that.
 - b. 501c3 process: Better Together Nacogdoches is now incorporated!
 - c. By-laws revision: in process, Anna is working with consultant to develop
 - d. Generic and Financial MOU: contract for Ken Deppisch is in process. Will meet with board December 17 to answer questions
4. Non-profit management training: this decision is tabled due to lack of attendance
 - a. Angelina College
 - b. East Texas Center for Nonprofits
 - c. Pam Anderson private consulting
5. Mental Health Crisis Committee Update: Amelia provided update on progress making contact with Clardy's office for last stakeholder meeting. Erin reminded the group about Chamber Days in Austin February 15. Possible time to engage in advocacy around the topic of mental health and jails.
6. Grant Writing Class Recap
 - a. Potential dates for another course in spring: April 14-15, 28-29, 29-30, May 12-13. This decision is tabled for future meeting. The board will consider doing an interest survey for agencies to determine training topics, possible collaboration with United Way.
7. Candid Update: the site is live now. Anna continues to explore how it works, will develop demonstration/class for the library to help the community learn how to use it. Consultant Pam Anderson will provide guidance.
8. NASW Missouri Recap
9. December Board Meeting: 17th, In-person Room 203 at Social Work Bldg and Zoom option

Meeting adjourned at 1:10.