

Better Together Board Meeting: Agenda

Friday, August 18, 2023 - 12 pm - 1 pm
School of Social Work, Room 203 / Zoom

Purpose: provide updates on hiring process for Associate Director position, Outreach to Network Partners, City Health Dashboard, Calming Toolbox Project, WRC Grant Partner Meeting, discuss possible consultants to visit in the fall

1. Approval of minutes for last board meeting approved 1st: 2nd: Terrence
2. Associate Director position
 - a. Dr Avant No applicants at this time, motion carried (1st: Carlos, 2nd: Emily) to proceed with paying for our application on a grant writing website, to see if we get more traction with applicants
3. Outreach to Network Partners
 - a. Burke Center/County Probation: Review of this meeting provided. Mario suggested that we hold a Mental Health Summit for stakeholders to be in the room and have an action plan that can be presented with evidence-based strategies. Target date April of 2024. Event would be professionally moderated. Interventions would include both upstream and downstream approaches. Examples might be mental health court, help-line to decrease the strain on law enforcement, Safe Place Nac as a place to be contacted for non-crisis situations.
 - b. City Police: Dan Taravella has a copy of our common agenda, passed it on to whoever was going to be over the mental health officer program.
4. City Health Dashboard
 - a. Mario Torres Video recording is available for review
5. Calming Toolbox Project
 - a. Plan for evaluation piece: Evaluation and learning team at A&M is helping, we are waiting to hear back about invoice for calming boxes
6. WRC Annual Grant Partner Meeting in Falfurrias
 - a. Rescheduled for October 4-5 (with travel 3-6) Dr Avant and Anna plan on attending
7. Possible consultants to invite for the fall: Anna had been looking into consultants to speak to the BT board to help give us focus, but after the outreach meetings and today's board meeting, it seems that we have some good direction now. Anna will hold off on this for now and we will keep moving forward with the plans for a mental health summit.
 - a. Krystal Grimes or Dr Lynda Frost (recommended by Hogg Foundation)