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Better Together Board Meeting: Agenda

Friday, January 26, 2023 - 12 pm - 1 pm
School of Social Work, Room 201 / TEAMS

Purpose: provide updates on the Associate Director position, upcoming events, and Mental Health Crisis Committee

Meeting brought to order by Chair at 12:05. Quorum established. See accompanying sign-in.

1. Approve Minutes from December 8: [motion approved](#)
2. Staffing Updates
 - a. Cici has resigned, current count is 11
 - b. Associate Director Position: [Dr Katie Moses has accepted the offer. Resume shared with board. Details on start date to be shared by HR as soon as available. Training for grant-writing will be offered. Executive Team will meet next week to discuss orientation to the position and Associate Director's role with the agency.](#)
3. Woden ISD Buddy Bench Reveal, February 5
 - a. Tracy Estep: [arrive a few minutes early, bring photo ID. Tracie to get details about where to meet on campus.](#)
4. Nacogdoches Public Library How To Festival, March 2
 - a. Mario Torres: [Mario will send an email about the "How To" festival and ideas he has for a Better Together table. Last year 45-50 people attended.](#)
5. Mission Possible, March 19-20
 - a. Anna Donihoo: [Anna provided details for Better Together proposal to present at this conference. Erin would like to help present. Jordan would like to remain as "support." Motion approved for us to be a silver sponsor for this event.](#)
6. Nac Safe Place
 - a. Anna Donihoo: [Anna provided brief update from Alana Culpepper. Nac Safe Space has secured a space in town for their agency. They are seeking help from grant writer. Anna asked for the board's thoughts on supporting the agency in this process. Board members would like to know more about Nac Safe Place plans, training for staff, referral process, etc.](#)
7. American Exchange Project
 - a. Mario Torres: [board watched a short news piece on this project. Mario had sent out the link a few months ago. No decisions made, but board expressed interest in talking more about how to bring this project to Nac County.](#)



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8. Mental Health Crisis Committee
 - a. Brief update: Meeting with the Nac County Sherrif occurred Friday, January 19. Sherriff agreed to provide any information needed for a research report/needs assessment. Anna had virtual meeting with Sara from Learning Team on the 23rd and she recommended the board seek IRB approval for the project. Dr Avant to provide information about the IRB process. Amelia discussed Texas Jail Project, change in policies in Tyler/Smith County a result of advocate Dalila Reynoso. Amelia to ask if she is willing to speak to the board about her efforts.
9. Gateway To Your Future
 - a. GREAT JOB, ERIN!: brief recap provided about this event on January 10 and 11

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm