

DE BEST COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2022

Virtual via Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

1. Skylar Washigton
2. Adele Abrams
3. Enrico De Gironimo
4. Yvonne Stringfield
5. Melanie Ireton
6. Evelyn Hayes
7. Marilyn Siebold
8. Faith Hurley
9. Frederick Kurz
10. Jene Duffy
11. Patricia Fritz
12. Kim Huynh Ba
13. Bonnie Perratto
14. Steve Dolnack
15. Jessica Dolnack

TOPIC	QUESTIONS	ACTION ITEMS and NOTES
1) Welcome	(Adele) - called to order at 6:30 p.m. (Adele) - Introduced herself as the new Committee Chair, and had volunteers introduce themselves as well. d foreign languages were noted.	
2) Review/Reconstruct Mission Statement	(Adele) - Mentioned to the volunteers if they have any ideas of what they would like to focus on as a committee to email her so we can start reconstructing our mission as a committee Open discussion to clear up confusion amongst volunteers about the difference between the mission for DE BEST as a whole and the mission statement for just the committee. There was also discussion and some confusion about how DE BEST and RespondDE align, some belong to both.	
3) Recruitment Measures	(Adele) - Spoke on the concern of not having enough materials in Sussex County and that she could distribute more materials to get the recruitment up. (Adele)- Mentioned that having more Spanish speaking volunteers would be a great advantage for our team for deployments.	

4) Volunteer Development	(Adele) - Asked volunteers if they are actively using the site. Most admitted they have been having trouble working the site.	Action Item 1: Do a run through of the site for everyone for Quarterly Meeting.
5) Engagement Opportunities	(Adele)- Recommended we start taking photos of what we do at deployments, show some interactiveness so people will be more engaged. Privacy concerns respected. Volunteers recommended we do vol recruitments at Community groups as well. Student volunteer recruitment at Del Tech. (Marilyn)- Mentioned she has connections with Wilmington University. Develop uniform PPT presentation.	Action Item 2: Volunteers would like to know what organizations we are affiliated with
6) Knowledge Sharing	(Yvonne) - Mentioned that there is an upcoming SAMSHA update and recommended we have that training presented for the next meeting.	
7) Open Forum	(Faith)- Wants to know if we could have face to face training soon so volunteers that don't feel prepared have some real hands-on training. (Bonnie) - Would like Celeste to attend the upcoming committee meetings. Bonnie and other volunteers feel like it would be more structured with her presence.	
8) Closing / Adjourn	(Adele) called for adjournment at 7:30 p.m.	