

Area 82

PI/ CPC/Corrections/Treatment/HI/BTG

Committees Liaison Meeting

March 31, 2020

Attendees: Bert F.-Dist.15-Hospital Vis. Mark Z.-PI/CPC Dist.3 Lesley O.-PI/CPC-Dist. 15
Heather C. Dist.1&2 CPC Foster L. Dist. 1&2 CPC Jamie Q Dist 1&2 CPC
Leah C. Dist 1&2 PI Mike Dist 1&2 PI Bill P. Dist 1&2 PI
Mike M. Dist. 1&2 CPC Charles K. Dist 1&2 member Gerry W. (Area Chair)
Jo M.S. Dist. 17 PI/CPC Trudy A. (Alternate General Service Delegate)

- Opening remarks by Trudy (Chairperson) welcoming everyone.
- An informal poll was held, and it was agreed unanimously that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of transcribing minutes from that recording. The recording will subsequently be erased after the minutes have been written. (Starting next meeting)
- Trudy reported that requests for media information and interviews had displayed a sharp increase since the beginning of the Covid 19 crisis. There had been some emails from media outlets sent to different DCMs in Area 82 requesting information / interviews. It was suggested by GSO that the Area chairperson for the PI/CPC should run point on these to ensure that AA presents a cohesive and consistent message.
- Leah provided a short synopsis of the current activities of the PI Committee of Districts 1&2, considering the Corona Virus Directives of government. The Committee is contacting the medical and doctors' offices who have agreed to take our pamphlets. This is for the purpose of informing their patients about the online meetings which are taking place and to access our website for specific information. Initial contacts have been very positive. As well there is a phone list of other organizations who we have contacted, and we will pass on similar information about the web site. There are currently three stations including Eastlink which are carrying our Public Service Announcements. We will contact them to have short spots about the online meetings. C100 and Virgin radio stations have also agreed to carry PSA's. We will contact them about a short spot for the online meetings.
- Lesley O reports that District 15 has 24-hour telephone coverage and new people are directed to a temporary sponsor who will assist them in setting up for and then accompanying them to an online Zoom meeting.
- Heather from District 1&2 stressed the need to reach out to known contacts within radio (and TV) to ensure that PSA were being aired.
- Bert F. discussed the shift in thinking necessary at this time and cautioned that we need always keep our eye on the 12 Traditions.
- Jamie reported that at least one online meeting was hacked into by outsiders as disrupters of the meeting. Foster raised the point about whether the advertisements of the meetings would invite such further disruption of meetings. This led to extensive discussion with a general consensus that we would have to take the risk to fulfill our primary purpose to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic.

- It was talked about a cautionary incident on the phone line where a volunteer was unsure how to best address a call from a media outlet.
- Gerry mentioned that the NL Telephone Committee was approached by a CBC journalist to obtain the AA views on keeping open the Liquor Stores. It seems an interview was given by a member. It was noted by the meeting that AA has no opinion on outside issues. Such enquiries in future should be directed to Trudy A. in her capacity as the AGSD and Chair of Area 82 Committees.
- Additional training for volunteers was suggested. (I.e., refer such calls to Alt GSD) Heather suggested that doctor's offices be contacted to ensure they have AA website information.
- Bill P suggested that a list of experienced members be developed / maintained for "one on one" support, especially for folks unable to attend online meetings.
- The question was asked: What is the purpose of this Area 82 CPC - PI - Institutions – Corrections Committee meeting? Answer from Alt-GSD Trudy was (paraphrased)
 1. "This meeting will serve to identify areas where the assembled committee chairs (and members) can help one another more effectively "Carry the Message" of AA by sharing their collective experience."
 2. Provide a single point of contact for media queries, especially during this crisis.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 6th, 2020 at 6:00 pm NS time, 6:30 NL time. at

<https://zoom.us/j/619453365>

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