

November, 2024 H&I Report

The only purpose of the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in corrections and treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern CA. In Tulare County (NorCal Area 93) we continue to meet this purpose by holding AA meetings in 8 treatment facilities, the Tulare County Jail, Avenal, Corcoran and SATF Prisons. In December we will be adding another facility to our roster.

We make AA literature available (Big Books, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Daily Reflections, Living Sober in English, and Spanish) upon request. The literature is given directly to our inside members for them to keep. Literature is not given to the facility to distribute. The literature is purchased with funds collected in the pink cans passed at meetings.

We continue to need more volunteers. Monthly we cover our commitments in the 8 treatment facilities with an average of 28 volunteers. In Tulare County Jail, Avenal, Corcoran and SATF Prisons, we are above to cover about ¼ of the meetings due to a lack of cleared volunteers. Please share this information with your groups and send any interested AA members to our next Orientation listed below. If an AA member is interested and wants to discuss this further prior to that date, I can be contacted at handiarea93@gmail.com or Central Office can provide my phone number.

As with other service entities, our monthly expenses remain constant while contributions vary. At the end of September, we ran into the negative for the month but were still positive year to date. At our recent Committee Meeting, our 2025 budget was approved and we will be adjusting our prudent reserve and 3 months prior year cash on hand to reflect our current expenses. It is projected that this will put us below our recommended 6 months cash on hand. It would be helpful if all groups would pass the pink can and have their Treasurer send the money in monthly. If your group does not have a Pink Can, please contact Central Office or me. Our financials are posted on our website at www.handinorcal.org and locally on the H&I page of the Tulare County website at www.aa-tulareco.org. There is also a link to email the treasurer with any questions group or members may have regarding the financial position.

Our next in-person orientation: November 9, 2024; 9:00 am; at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291 followed by our business meeting at 10:00 am. This information is also listed on the Tulare County Website at www.aa-tulareco.org.

In Service,

Joyce R., Area 93 Chair