

Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee Minutes
August 8, 2020, Zoom Virtual Meeting

Opening: Joyce R. opened the meeting at 9:00 am with a moment of silence in gratitude for service and the confined alcoholic who still suffers, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Statement of Purpose: Melanie M. read the H&I Statement of Purpose.

Twelve Traditions: Ray Ann B. read the A.A. Twelve Traditions

Introductions/Sign In: Introduction of first-time attendees. Welcome to Sean who zoomed in to learn more about H&I. In attendance:

Joyce R.	Sean	Sherri D.	Diana Z.
Jolene E.	Ralph D.	Gary B.	Rafael F.
Jacqueline D.	Fred F.	Tommy S.	David G.
Allan L.	Melanie M.	Rae Ann B.	Alice S.
Bill H.	Linda N.	Clayton N.	Kelly L.
Miki S.			

Anniversaries/Pass the Basket: Due to meeting virtually, it was requested that interested members make a contribution directly to NorCal or hold their contribution, we will be discussing this further in new business. Sobriety anniversaries recognized: Tommy S. 13-years 6/18; Jacqueline D. 1-year 6/19; Rafael F. 31-years 7/8; (if there were any other anniversaries we apologize, please let us know)

Approval of Minutes: Joyce R. asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 13, 2020 minutes, none were presented. Upon motion being duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous vote.

Reports:

Area Chair Report: - Joyce R. expressed gratitude to all volunteers for the continued service to the confined alcoholic. Joyce shared a letter from the General Chair thanking all for their continued service and encouraging us all to stay vigilant in contact with our facilities and provide literature as needed.

Tulare County Women's Coordinator – Diana Z. reported that Angelica from the Tulare County Jail had provided an update informing that they have not been cleared to have volunteers enter the facility and due to Covid-19 are unable to resume live scan service. Therefore, we have 4 applicants who are waiting for live scan and 1 applicant who is waiting for orientation. Diana reported that they have not requested further literature but she will continue to stay in contact.

Tulare County Men's Coordinator – No Report

Turning Point – Bill H. reported that there has been no progress on bringing Zoom H&I meetings to the facility. Jim continues to stay in contact with them.

Pine Recovery – Tommy S. was unable to stay on zoom but nothing new has been reported. Bill H. informed us that Pine is now able to participate in Zoom Meetings. Joyce R. thanked Bill H. for the information and will make sure we follow up to see if our H&I meetings can resume on Zoom.

Women's Recovery Homes – Alice S. reported that in July they added another Zoom meeting to the schedule for Mothering Height's Recovery Home. We are now scheduled every other Thursday from 7 to 8 pm. Volunteer participation on the meeting panel varies from 4 to 6 volunteers, panel volunteers share then the last 15 to 20 minutes is open for questions or discussion. This has been well received by

staff and residents. Literature and pamphlets are regularly delivered as requested. In August Alice moved to her own zoom account as originally Rae Ann B. had been facilitating this meeting and we are grateful to Rae Ann B. for her assistance. Going forward Alice agreed we can hold other Zoom H&I meetings on this account.

Mental Health – Boo M. was absent but reported that they were scheduled to resume in-person meetings on July 2, 2020, and this was cancelled due to Covid-19 numbers rising. Boo continues to stay in contact with the facility.

Corcoran / Avenal Prison – Bill H. reported that there have been no meetings since March going into Corcoran Prison. They have provided more than 600 additional pieces of A.A. literature to COR in July to provide the inmates with some added support while they are not able to meet. They are working with SATF to do something similar and will look to Avenal after that. They are currently working with SATF staff to update the volunteer's documents in support of a PREA audit this week. Monte S. was not able to attend this meeting.

Regional Report – Miki S., Area 91 reports there is limited activity and participation in service as meetings are not allowed to be taken into the facilities. They were able to deliver 300 June/Prison issues of the Grapevine magazine to CCWF (women's prison in Chowchilla) and 600 Grapevines to VSP (men's prison in Chowchilla. Miki has renewed her clearance for both prisons, she is ready to go in once the quarantine is lifted, and we are able to participate even if in a limited capacity. Live scans are not being conducted at this time, so new clearances are on hold. Mariposa County also is on hold due to Covid.

Rafael F., Spanish Region 190 Chair reports that they also are experiencing limited activity due to facilities being closed. They were able to take one meeting into Fresno County Jail as they had begun allowing volunteers toward the end June but when they returned the following week the Jail was no longer allowing volunteers to enter. They are continuing their monthly H&I Business Meetings maintaining social distancing and all wear masks.

Kat C. from Area 92 was unable to be in attendance but maintains communication with us and Joyce attends their meetings.

Treasurer Report – Gary B. reported that distributions as approved at the last meeting of \$96.00 to Central Office and \$96.00 to the Alano Club were made and appreciated. We currently have a reserve of \$60.00.

Literature Report – Tommy S. was able to remote in prior to the meeting as he was travelling. Tommy reported that we are well stocked on literature, and he has been able to deliver literature upon request.

CSR Liason – Joyce R. reported that she did not attend the in-person July CSR meeting, but a report of our activities had been submitted for the meeting along with monthly articles being submitted to the monthly newsletter available on-line.

GSR Liason – Ralph D. reported that District 47 continues to hold their monthly meeting on Zoom the first Wednesday of each month. Ralph encouraged all A.A. groups elect and send their GSR to the meeting as the attendance remains low. The GSO office remains closed but literature is still being sent and communications are answered. The Grapevine and LaVina access no longer is free as of July 1st but can be accessed electronically for \$1.99/mo. Resumes for 3 Class B (alcoholic) representatives are being accepted until January 1st, 2021. District 47 has continued to explore the cost to fully fund a DCM

to be prepared for when the meetings resume in person. Contributions can be made on-line for all entities and are welcome.

Valley Speaker Group Liaison – Jacqueline reported that she has been attending the Valley Speaker Group’s planning meetings for Oktoberfest which is scheduled October 24, 2020. For the event, we will need to have a 5-minute speaker to share on H&I and the purpose of the Pink Can while the Pink Cans are being passed, volunteers to pass the Pink Cans, and volunteers to set up and be available at a table with H&I information to answer questions during the event. Joyce encouraged all to check their availability on this date and we will fill these positions at our next meeting.

Old Business:

Change of Meeting Date: At the last meeting it was voted by simple majority to move our business meeting to the 4th Saturday of odd months at 10:00 a.m. with H&I orientation being the 4th Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. As time has been allowed for consideration of this change, a motion was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote to move the meeting date and time.

H&I Policy Manual – 2020 Proposed Revisions: Joyce R. reported that the proposed revisions as reviewed at the June 13, 2020 meeting have passed by simple majority at the June 14, 2020 General Committee meeting with the addition of an amendment which will appoint the IVSS Facility Coordinators to the Steering Committee. This will require a 2/3 majority vote at the October 11, 2020 General Committee Meeting to be adopted.

Area Expense Reimbursement – Tabled from the last meeting, Joyce R reported that at the General Committee Meeting this issue was discussed in length and it was apparent that there are some areas which are struggling to meet their rent and storage costs and could benefit from this assistance. However, it appeared to be a small amount of areas versus every area, while considering these areas and continuing to utilize funding from the Pink Can to purchase literature for the confined alcoholic, the sense of the area was to recommend budgeting \$5,000.00 toward Area reimbursements. Miki S. from Area 91 was present and agreed, Joyce will discuss with Area 92 to formulate a Regional recommendation.

New Business:

Prudent Reserve and Distributions – Joyce R. brought to the floor the suggestion that we consider and discuss at the next meeting setting some structure to our prudent reserve and distributions. Within the past year, we have seen higher attendance at our meetings which has allowed larger 7th tradition. At the last meeting, distributions were approved as our treasury was significant for this committee. However, it may be prudent to consider going forward, that other than our bi-monthly rent, volunteers have been covering the cost of: coffee at the meeting, our rent to the Alano Club from August to December, printing of the meeting materials, tri-fold pink pamphlet and the “meeting-in-a-pocket”. As a self-supporting committee, it seems reasonable that the committee cover these costs if we choose to continue operating in this manner. We are blessed that volunteers have made these contributions as an investment to help us grow. Joyce suggested as most likely many were not aware of what was being contributed on top of 7th tradition, we all consider the provided information for discussion at the next meeting. The sense of the meeting was in agreement. As Gary B. will remain our

Treasurer until January, 2022, he will lead this discussion going forward and provide thoughts on resuming 7th tradition collection.

Joyce R. brought to the floor, the Area Chair position will rotate out at the end of this year. In the spirit of rotation and continued growth of our committee it is encouraged those who are available, with 3 years of sobriety and active participation in the committee (full details of position in the Pink Pamphlet page 11 and 12) consider making themselves available for this position. Our growth and opening communication has allowed us to move forward and healthy rotation of service positions will only enhance our growth.

Adjourn:

There being no further no business, the meeting was closed with the H&I Responsibility Statement at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joyce R.