

July, 2025 H&I Report

Our Purpose: the only purpose of our Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in Corrections and Treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern California. The activities of this committee are governed by the Twelve Traditions and based on the spiritual principles embodied within the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are a Ninth Tradition service committee.

Our most recent Hospitals and Institutions Business Meeting was held on July 12th, 2025 at Bridge Street Drunks Only, in Visalia, at 10 AM. Immediately prior, at 9 AM, was our Volunteer Orientation meeting. We had five new volunteers attend orientation. If you would like to get involved with H&I, we ask that you attend a Volunteer Orientation meeting once.

Old Business:

We have service positions available. We went through the list of open positions and asked for volunteers. We have a need for our Area Co-chair, Regional Chair, and meeting leaders for one of the T.L.C. meetings, the Navigation Center meetings, and one of the Robertson House meetings. Our Area Chair, Joyce R, rotates out of service this November.

There were policy revisions from the NorCal committee, which we reviewed.

The NorCal financial position is currently \$36,000 below budget. Although we are teetering on “poor” condition, we haven’t crossed that threshold as of July 12th. The Avenal State Prison Speaker Jam was a resounding success; but, we also distributed more than \$5,000 of literature in the three events.

New Business:

There are open positions at the NorCal committee level; specifically they need a webservant.

Schedule:

If getting involved with H&I is appealing to you, you might ask if your schedule has room.

Here is a list of meeting times for facilities we bring meetings in to:

Please note that unless otherwise specified, both Male and Female volunteers are welcome:

Meeting Dates and Times	Type
1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 5:15 – 6:15 pm	Men's Facility
2 nd Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Men's Facility
4 th Tuesday 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Men & Women's Facility
1 st Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Men & Women's Facility
2 nd & 4 th Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm	Men & Women's Facility
1 st & 3 rd Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Women's Facility (women volunteers only)
2 nd & 4 th Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 pm	Women's Facility (women volunteers only)
Every Friday Evening	Tulare County Jail (background check and clearance by TCSO required)
1 st & 3 rd Saturday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Men's Facility
4 th Saturday 10:00 – 11:00 am	Men's Facility

We also have H&I volunteers going in to Corcoran State Prison, SATF (Substance Abuse Treatment Facility), and Avenal State Prison. These require CDCR clearance and prior H&I experience. Please attend the next orientation for more information.

If members of your group haven't been H&I volunteers before, we will have a Volunteer Orientation Meeting on September 13th, 2025 at 9 AM. The Business Meeting will follow at 10 AM.

Reports:

The Avenal Speaker Jam event turned into three weekend events, because of the enthusiasm from volunteers, the incarcerated, and facility staff. The staff have asked us to plan on two sets of events per year; Spring and Fall. It is encouraging to all to help incarcerated people find recovery from alcohol. Many went to prison because of actions while drunk, and it is to everyone's benefit if they have a strong program of recovery upon release back into our communities.

Avenal, Corcoran, and SATF prisons have 92 meetings a month; however we have only enough volunteers to attend 10 meetings a month. One of the Corcoran members got a story published in La Viña, our Spanish Meeting in Print.

Our H&I committee here has a growing partnership with our Spanish speaking A.A. members. We are starting to connect our local Spanish speaking A.A. members who wish to do H&I with the meeting leaders taking meetings into facilities.

Thank you for letting me of service.

David G.