

Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee
Minutes
September 13, 2025 10:00 am, Bridge St, Visalia, CA

Opening: Joyce R. Opened the meeting at 10:04 am with the Serenity Prayer

Statement of Purpose: Matt R read the Statement of Purpose

Twelve Traditions: Clayton N read the 12 traditions

Introduction/Sign in: New members: David S and Glaudi H

Attendees: Joyce R, Sean A, Violet Q, Jeff Q, George J, Melanie M, Clayton N, Bill H, Brandon L, David S, Daymond V, Matt R, Mike S, Glaudi H, and Mike Mc.

Anniversaries: Daymond V 8/22/21, Glaudi H 8/21/21, Matt R 8/15/23

Approval of Minutes: Bill H made a motion to approve the minutes from July 12, 2025 and Matt R second the motion. The minutes were approved by a majority vote.

Treasurer Report: \$130 was paid for the remaining of the year, which left a balance of \$984.44. The 7th tradition collected will be counted and reported at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- Open Positions: Area Chair, Area Co-chair, Regional Chair, Meeting Leaders at TLC 1st Wednesday at 6pm, Navigation Center 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7:00 pm.
- NorCal Financial Position:
 - On the NorCal Financial Report at the bottom of the report it shows the recommended cash on hand and shows what is actually there. The reason for this was so that it is visible how much of the reserve was used.
 - The percentage of total expense used for Literature Expense was added to the report.
 - The NorCal Budget Meeting occurred later that day. Total for the year Tulare Co has contributed \$,6504.70.
 - Bill also stated that we are not bound by what our area contributes, which is good because we have 3 prisons we serve. Joyce explained the benefit of being a part of NorCal is that all money collected is then used to purchase literature upon request. No Area is limited to what is contributed.

New Business:

- **Corcoran Speaker Jam:** The group agreed that since Bill did not use the donated funds for the Avenal Speaker Jam then we would allow him to use the \$200 donated for that event for the Corcoran event.
- **Review Area Committee Positions:**
 - Literature Chair: It was agreed that this chair should have 2yrs sobriety and is a 2-year commitment.
 - Secretary: It was agreed that this chair should have 6 months sobriety and is a 2-year commitment.
 - Treasure: It was agreed that this chair should have 2yrs sobriety and is a 2-year commitment.

Reports:

Area Chair: Joyce R

- Joyce Participated in an Area 52 event where they talked about H&I and what they do. Joyce gave a financial breakdown of NorCal H&I. She explained the financial report sent out and how they come out with what they report.
- Covid is an issue in the facilities and meeting leaders will be responsible for deciding if the meeting should be cancelled or not if the facility does not cancel the meeting. They will also be responsible for contacting the volunteers and letting them know about potential Covid cases.
- Joe Nunes is the New General Chair at NorCal.

Area Co-chair:

No report currently vacant

Regional Chair: Joyce R

The requirements are five years sobriety if interested let Joyce know.

Literature: Brandon L

- Brandon has stepped down as Literature Chair as he no longer meets the qualifications.
 - He thanked the group for giving him the opportunity to serve and is available to the new Literature Chair if they have any questions.
- Jeff Q volunteered to take the Literature Chair position. Joyce will be working with him on how to order materials and the meeting leaders can contact Jeff when they need literature.

Valley Speaker Series: Joyce R

- Robert C reached out to Joyce and let her know that he was getting Pete to speak at Sober Fest.

Prison: Bill H

- They need volunteers, there are currently 134 meetings every week at the 3 prisons. The three prisons utilize the 11 cleared volunteers. They are currently going to 3-4 meetings a week.
- IVSS they need more sponsors. They currently have 30 sponsored prisoners and they have 26 prisoners waiting for sponsors in Corcoran, SATF, and Avenal. The requirement to be in IVSS is 5yrs sobriety and experience with sponsoring.
- They will be holding two Speaker Jams on 10/18 and 11/1 and will be taking 20 speakers to each.

Tulare Co. Jail: Mike S

- In July they attended 5 meetings and in August they attended 8 meetings.
- Currently they have 8 cleared volunteers and 5 being processed. 3 are Spanish speaking, 1 is English speaking, and 1 is bilingual. Per Tulare Co the volunteer must have 5 years sobriety and per H&I they must have 6 months H&I service. We can have up to 20 volunteers.

- The orientation and Application process has gotten more complicated.

Turning Point: Daymond V

- The meetings are going really well and the house is full. The volunteers are great.

Pine Recovery: Joyce R

- There has been excellent participation.

Women's Recovery Home: Violet Q.

- There has been a change over of residents in the house and there are lots of babies. We have had a couple new volunteers, which did great.

TLC: Joyce R

- They forgot to announce the meetings so there were no residents.

Robertson House:

- Sean A: We had some new volunteers who jumped right in. The house is full and the meetings are going well.
- Matt R: Has been able to relate to the guys very well. The house is full and they have had no problem getting the residents to speak. He had 6 volunteers.

Visalia Recovery Center: Clayton N

- He was about 20 min late but Brandon and Sara were there to get the meeting started. The meeting went great and there was good participation.

New Hope: Melanie M

- On July 17th they had 5 ladies with a new volunteer who did great. Melanie calls the morning of, to make sure the ladies are going to be there. On August 21 someone in the house had Covid so Melanie made the executive decision to not have the meeting. At the next meeting they have 4 volunteers signed up.

Navigation Center: Joyce R

- The Meetings have been hit or miss. One of the residents was from Turning Point and was speaking about his experience with having H&I come and bringing meetings to the facility.
- They did have 1 case of Covid in the facility.

CSR Liaison: George J

- The purpose of the Central office is to have a centralized location that has supplies that are needed to host a meeting including books, literature, and chips.
- PICPI is currently putting together a power point presentation that will go out to local businesses to let them know what AA does. The hope is that they will be able to take it to local healthcare providers.
- If there are any organizations interested in information about AA in Tulare County, direct them to George and he can help provide them with information.

District 47 meeting: David G

- November 14-16 the Election Assembly will be taking place in Tracy where the new delegate will be elected.
- Currently the big topic is the budget. The Spending Plan is currently more than what is budgeted.
- The Adhoc committee is looking at changing the format of assemblies to cut costs by making them 1 day versus the 3 that they are now. They are also looking at making one of the assemblies a Zoom only meeting making a total of 5 assemblies.

Adjourn: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am. The next orientation is November 8, 2025 at 9:00 am followed by the business meeting at 10:00 am at 526 N Bridge St.

Violet Q