

April 2026 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, we continue to carry the message of AA monthly to 8 different treatment facilities by bringing 14 AA meetings monthly to these facilities. We bring 6 to 8 AA meetings in Spanish and English monthly to the Tulare County Jail. Our volunteers attend the AA meetings being held at Avenal, Corcoran, and SATF Prisons as often as possible. AA literature is provided upon request at our meetings.

At our March 14, 2026, Area Business Meeting, we welcomed 2 two new volunteers, had volunteers step up to lead H&I meetings and elected a new co-chair, Erica D. Erica will begin assisting in the different aspects of H&I at the Area level to be ready to move into the Area Chair position at year end. We are grateful to be able to practice the spirit of rotation. We are also going to try a texting service to streamline the communication process with our volunteers.

IVSS (Inmate Volunteer Sponsorship Service) which provides members on the inside with a sponsor on the outside is currently serving over 200 inmates in the Northern California Area, with waiting lists at each facility of inside members waiting to be matched with outside sponsors. Locally there are 40 inside members matched with outside Sponsors and 25 more waiting on a waiting list. If you have 5 years of sobriety and previous sponsorship experience, this is a great way to get involved. Sponsorship is all done from the comfort of your own home digitally over a secured service to protect your anonymity. If you are interested, more information is available on our website at www.handinorcal.org or you can reach our local committee at handiarea93@gmail.com

Our current financial position continues to be **Neutral** as our expenses have put us into our recommended total 6-month cash on hand. We continue to encourage all meetings to pass the pink can and have treasurer's send in the money regularly. The consistency in contributions, will allow our committee to adjust to the rising literature costs so we can stay within in the generous means afforded by our fellowship. If your group does not have a pink can, please send an email to our local committee at handiarea93@gmail.com . We will make sure to get you one.

Please send any interested AA members to our next orientation which will be held: 9:00 am followed by business meeting at 10:00 am on May 9, 2026, at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291.

In Service,
Joyce Rauen, Area 93 Chair