

May, 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.

Our General Committee Meeting was held on April 26, 2026 in Lake County. This was our first in person meeting since the General Committee met in Visalia in February, 2020. We discussed moving our website to WordPress to make the website chair position rotation friendly, heard updates from all the NorCal Chair positions, held discussion on the spirit of rotation and learned that our IVSS Training Videos are now available on You Tube. This makes this ground breaking program providing outside sponsorship to inside members available across the country as this program was added to the GSO Corrections Workbook last year.

We are in need of more sponsors for the IVSS program as currently we are working with 6 prisons in the NorCal area. To date we have 235 members requesting sponsors with 192 matched. We also have two facilities on hold until we have more sponsors. To be a sponsor you need 5 years of sobriety and sponsorship experience. Sponsoring inmates is done digitally from the comfort of your own home through an exchange so your anonymity is protected. For more information you can view the flyer on the Tulare County Website at www.aa-tulareco.org on the H&I page or email: handi.ivss@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. NorCal financial reports are available at www.aa-tularecor.org on the H&I page. There is also a link to email the treasurer with any questions regarding our financial report.

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