

## June, 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. Locally, we continue to carry the message of AA to 8 treatment facilities, Tulare County Jail, Corcoran, SATF and Avenal Prisons providing AA literature upon request.

Currently, we have begun using a texting service to streamline communication with our volunteers and are finding this very useful. We will be having a table at the Founder's Day Picnic and appreciate the ability to participate in this event.

The IVSS Program which provides outside sponsorship to incarcerated AA members is now serving 6 prisons in the NorCal area. Currently, we have 235 incarcerated AA members requesting sponsors and have been able to match 192. Therefore, we have 43 incarcerated members on a waiting list. We have also had several inquiries for this program at Pleasant Valley State Prison. However, in order to begin at a new facility, we need a coordinator. Please share this information with your groups, fliers and more information can be found at [www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org) or [www.aa-tulareco.org](http://www.aa-tulareco.org) under the H&I tab.

We continue in **Neutral** financial position, as currently we are below our recommended total 6-month prudent reserve/cash on hand. Currently, we are in a catch 22 as literature costs are rising due to the financial structure at GSO which increases literature costs when contributions decline. While we are one of the largest purchasers of literature from GSO, the number of books we are able to purchase is decreasing in order to stay within the dollar amount of contributions. While our purchases continue to help support GSO, AA everywhere is impacted by the literature cost increase. We encourage all groups to pass the pink can separately from the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition basket to not detract from the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions. We encourage each group to always consider contributions to all entities: Central Office; District; Area; and GSO when making distributions. When any of these are left out of your group's distributions, the ripple effect impacts all of AA.

We are hopeful that all groups will consider passing the pink cans and your treasurers will send in the pink can money regularly. Please remember that 88% of money collected from the pink cans, goes to purchasing literature from AAWS benefiting AA as a whole. If your group does not have a pink can, please send an email to our local committee at [handiarea93@gmail.com](mailto:handiarea93@gmail.com). We will make sure to get you one. NorCal financial reports are available at [www.aa-tulareco.org](http://www.aa-tulareco.org) on the H&I page and on [www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org) under finances tab. The Treasurer email address is on the bottom of the financial report in the event you or your group have any questions or concerns.

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 July 11, 2026, at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291.

In Service,  
Joyce R., Area 93 Chair