November, 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.

We are always looking for AA members who are interested in going into facilities and bringing an AA meeting. There is a large need for volunteers who would like to go into Correctional facilities along with Women who have Thursday's open and are willing to participate with us at two women's facilities. Please share this information with your groups and send any interested AA members to our next orientation which will be held November 14, 2026; 9:00 am at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia. This is followed at 10:00 am by our Business Meeting. The Business Meeting is a great opportunity to hear an overview of all the facilities we serve and service opportunities. We will be setting the final plans for our volunteer appreciation event and electing a new Area Chair at the November meeting.

Another service opportunity for those with 5 years of sobriety and sponsorship experience is the IVSS (Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service) program. This commitment provides incarcerated AA members with outside sponsors. The sponsor communicates digitally with the incarcerated member from the comfort of their own home while anonymity is protected through a secure service. Recently, this program has been implemented at SATF in Corcoran and they are in need of Sponsors. The program as a whole is currently in 9 prisons and has 289 incarcerated members requesting sponsors with 245 matched. Therefore, there are 44 incarcerated members on a waiting list with more to come with SATF starting up. Please share this information with your groups. More information is available on the Tulare County AA Website under the H&I tab or via email at. handi.ivss@gmail.com.

At our recent October General Committee meeting, we reviewed and finalized our 2027 budget. While we approved a budget that will leave us in the black for the year, once we recalculate our recommended prudent reserve based on 2026 expenses, it appears we will remain in **Neutral** financial position. At the end of September,2026 we were 6.1% ahead of last year in contributions but our literature expenses were 15.8% above last year. This is due to AAWS increase in literature which was implemented in April, 2026. We understand that there is going to be another price increase with the release of the 5th edition Big Book which will only increase our expenses. Our committee's expenses have traditionally been broken as 90% going to literature purchases from AAWS/Grapevine, 5% to support our Area's doing the work of our committee and 5% to cover the committee expenses. In order to not cut back on literature purchases, we encourage all groups to pass the pink can. If your group does not have a pink can, please send an email to our local committee at handiarea93@gmail.com or pick one up at the Central Office. Please pass the pink can after the 7th Tradition basket to not detract from the 7th Tradition. Our monthly and year to date financial reports are available to review on the Tulare County AA website under the H&I tab as well as NorCal H&I website at www.handinorcal.org.

In Service,

Joyce R., Area 93 Chair