

Valleywide H&I Business Meeting Agenda  
Community Bridges Bill Wilson Hall 2770 East Van Buren Street  
Website: [www.vwhi.org](http://www.vwhi.org)  
Wednesday February 8, 2016

Robert opened the Meeting at 7:06 PM with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.  
Aaron read the Second Tradition.

Robert requested that all of the new H&I Home Group Reps to stand and introduce themselves. WELCOME EVERYONE!!!

**Announcement from the Chair:** Robert said that he wanted to Welcome Everyone. He said that he did not have a lot this month. He did say that there would be something under New Business regarding to Bridge the Gap.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

\* Bi Laws of Dennis

Dennis said that we have been working on this for multiple months and that they have been updated on Website. He also stated that we have never had Bi Laws so attempting to be able to pass.

There was a motion and second to table till next month and vote next month to vote for sure. This was approved. Then we had Minority Opinion and it was stated that for many months we here at Valleywide have tried to be transparent and that by passing the bi laws that this is the last area that we need to have done to complete this mission.

There then was Motion to reconsider and second. This was then approved.

Motion to approve and second as they are written and to be able to make suggestions next month for any suggestions that the Homegroups may have to bring them to the Meeting OR e-mail, call, or text them to Dennis prior to the Meeting. This was passed.

\* Area 03 Workshop - CPC, Treatment, and Corrections Workshop

The workshop is this Saturday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb. at Gloria Dei 3539 East Stanford Drive Paradise Valley from 10:30-4:00 PM.

\* 2017 Corrections Conference

Robert said that the Corrections Conference is going to be held here in Maricopa County and that Mel who is the Area 03 Corrections Coordinator was asked to come and speak about the Conference.

\* Mel said that the event is scheduled on May 5&6 at Gloria Dei at 3539 East Stanford Drive in Paradise Valley.

\* That Committee is full and that we are now working on the program for the event. Friday night agenda is pretty completed. He said that there will be an Ice Cream Social and that we will be showing one of the new DVDs from Corrections. That there will also be a Speakers Meeting.

Saturday is a full day and that lunch is included in the Registration. He said that one of the things that we are attempting to do is find a balance between the Professionals and the civilians side.

\* He gave the reason for the Corrections Conference.

\* Registration cost is \$15.00 and that you can Register online at [www.area03.org](http://www.area03.org) or there are Registration Forms on the back table.

\* Open Positions:

Treatment Coordinator

Lewis Prison

Treatment Centers

Matt Glover was nominated for Treatment Centers and was elected. Welcome Matt!!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Roxanne said that she had talked to Reps and Coordinators from the East Valley regarding the lateness of the meeting and she made a motion that in even months reports from Hospitals and Treatment and in odd Months Corrections and Prisons would do their reports. This was approved.

There was also a suggestion to post the Volunteer positions on the website this was also approved.

**STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

\* Co Chairperson: Aaron said if your coordinator OR Liasion and cant attend and you let him know what your report he will be glad to make it for him. You can call text or e-mail him to inform him of the report that you are wanting him to make.

\* Secretary: Tracey said the the Minutes and agenda are on the back table. The Minutes and they were approved. She also requested that if you were going to make a report to please hand a hard copy to Tracey after your report is given.

\* Treasurer: Dennis said that we have money and that we purchased books. He also said that after the Treasurers Report that he has provided a list of all groups that had made Contributions in January. If you believe that your group has made a Contributions to Valleywude H&I and you dont see your group name please let him know. He then went into the Treasurers Report whih is below:

<b>BALANCE FORWARD</b>	<b>\$ 4,513.29</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Group Contributions	\$ 8310.10
Business Meeting Collections	\$ 47.00
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8, 357.10</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Literature	\$ 7,482.20
Meeting Lists	\$ 200.00
Printing	\$ 54.73
Awareness Day	\$ 220.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 8, 121.51</b>
<b>BALANCE AFTER EXPENSES PAID</b>	<b>\$ 4, 748.88</b>

This report was approved.

\* Literature: Keith said Welcome to all of the new coordinatrors. This month we spent \$7462.20 om 990 pieces of AA approved literaturer. You can reach me at VWHI.org by loging in and drop down to literaturer. He also thanked Steve to get to VWHI web site up and running. Deadline is Feb. 25 to put in your literature order for next month.

\* Awareness Day: Shawna said the Springs Awareness Day is April 22 at Cave Creek Regional Park (North of Carefree Highway and 32 Street) from Noon to 6:00 PM. Flyers are available on the back wall.

\* Tickets will be available online at vwhi.org soon. Printed tickets will be available at the March Busomess Meeting.

\* Tickets are \$5.00 or donate any Big Book/12x12.

1 hamburger and hot dog, bag of chips, bottle of water and one raffle ticket.

\* Park Entrance Fee: \$6.00 per car load (less than 10 people).

We are considering pre purchasing discounted multi-pack parking passes (20 or 30-TBD)

Anyone can buy discounted parking books in advance from Maricopa County at <http://www.maricopacountyparks.net> set of 3 @\$15/ 5@\$24/ 10@\$45.

Bring your own lawn or stadium chairs.

Seeking a recovery band or we may have karaoke.

\* Two raffles- 50/50 raffle AND donated/pre-purchased items.

Grand Prize TBD/ 50" TV likely.

\* Speakers/ VB Tournament/ Music/ Kids activities/ Bake sale

\* H&I Coordinators are strongly encouraged to attend.

\* Area 03 Grapevine and Literature and Bridge the Gap will all be represented.

\* We need your help! Spread the word and post flyers! Bake or buy goodies for the bake sale to donate! Set up carpools! Donate raffle baskets/prizes.

Volunteers needed to come early/ stay late for set up and clean up.

Volunteers are also needed through out the event.

\* Next Awareness Day Planning Committee Meeting will be meeting at Freedom Hall 27 Street and Thomas Mondau 2/20 at 7:00 PM. New faces and voices are always welcome.

\* Web Servant: Steve said that the donation is almost their however still not their. He has however been able to get the Volunteer. Page is working and your position is directed to your personal e-mail. No need to sign up. At this time the Contact sheet not working hopefully this will be worked on.

\* Treatment Coordinator: OPEN

\* Corrections Coordinator: Morgan Other than the Coreections Conference their is nothing to report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

\* Hospitals East: Aaron said that all is good.

\* Hospitals West: Morgan said nothing to report.

\* Treatment Centers: Mat was just elected this evening. He said that although he has nothing to report he was glad to be here and being allowed to be of service..

\* Community West: Matt will be taking over this facility and he said that they are continueing to take 4 meetings a week into the facility.

\* Community East: Georgia said that the facility is making changes to their program and hence are cutting out meetings. They are making focusing on Mental Health hence they have decided to take out 7 daytime meetings on the insurance side.

\* MCSO: Ed not here hence no report.

\* Spanish: Javier not here hence no report.

\* Durango: JJ said that last month met with both Officer Chavez and Officer Anderson from the Durango facility. As was anticipated they cannot say how many meetings are being brought into the Durango facility on a weekly basis due to the current entry process of Budget program (AA) volunteers. They expressed a need for Big Books for inmates was high at teat

time. They also expressed a need for 2 houses there that are not currently getting a weekly meeting while I was there. This month I was able to give away 1 case of Big Books and 1 and a 1/2 cases of 12x12 to badged members who are currently taking a meeting in to Durango.

\* Towers-Tents-and Estella: Shawna said that Towers is a male facility, but can co-chair with a male. Meetings are on Wednesday at 4:00 PM / Thursday at 4:00 PM/ Saturday at 10:00 AM.

\* Tents is male and female (women can co-chair with a male and vice versa. Current Meetings are as follows:

**MEN**: Mondays at 3:30 PM/ Wednesday @ 7:00 PM/ Friday @ 7:00 PM./ Spanish on Wednesday 4:00 PM. There is an option for Sunday at 11:00 AM but we need volunteers to chair.

**WOMEN**: Tuesday @ 7:00 PM and Wednesday @5:30 PM.

\* Estrella is a female facility only women can chair but male speakers are allowed 4 times a year. Meetings are Mondays @ 11:00 AM/ Ftadays @ 6:00 PM/ Spanish on Fridays @ 12:30 PM.

**Soberity requirements**: "Badged" is 2 years sober and 5 years "off papers" for at least 1 year attends training, submit application and get fingerprinted. Felonies need to have been out of jail or prison for 3 years. "Off paper" means out of country facility jail or prison. "Gate Passes" are 1 year sober and must go in with a badged volunteer. See vwhi.org for forms and instructions.

\* Gate passes can be submitted and issued electronically in a couple of days provided all paperwork is complete. If you decide to pursue a full access badge you will need to have Ed R. VWHI/MCSO Liaison submit the official sponsoring letter to the Sheriff's office.

**If you meet the 2 or more years sobirty requirements you may want to start with the Gate Pass.**

1.) Faster than the badging requirements.

2) Go in with a "badged" volunteer while waiing for your badge is being processed (taining class/fingerprinting)

3) Opportunity to see if this is the service committment is good"fit".

\* Next upcoming taining class is Tuesday Feb. 28 from 3:30-6:30 PM at Lower Buckeye Jail.

\* If you are a CURRENT badged volunteer that did not attend the annual **renewal training class** on Jan 31 MCSO is offering 3 make up training classes: Monday Feb. 13 at 4:00 PM OR Saturday Feb 25 either 8 AM or 10 AM. If you are unable to attend a make up class your badge will be suspended.

\* Lower Buckeye and 4th Avenue: Aaron B. said that there are many available AA meetings in 4th Avenue and Lower Buckeye Jails. Basically you can pick whatever day and whatever time you would like to take a meeting in. The requirements to get a Badge for Maricopa County Jails (MCSO) are 2 years of sobriety, 21 years of age or older, 1 year off parole or probation. 36 months need to have elapsed since your last period of incarceration as the result of a felony, 12 months to have elapsed since your last period of incarceration that was a result of a misdemeanor fill out a 3 part questionnaire attend a training sessions and obtain a letter from your sponsoring agency. Some people think that if they have nevrer gone to jail or prison that they will not be able to relate with the inmates. Realize this these guys dont need any eYxperience strength and

hope regarding going to jail down. What they really want to hear about how to stay sober. Just about anyone can take a meeting into a hospital or treatment center. It takes a person that is willing to go to more lengths than many other AAs to take a meeting to these suffering alcoholics who are living the First Step. That is where the juice is!

Here is a sample of what the people who got the MCSO Volunteer Raining Dates through their email on the first day of the month:

You may attend one of the following Training Dates:

February 8, 2017 3:30-6:30 PM. Applicants meet in the Custody Support Division Conference Room on level 2 of the Lower Buckeye Jail. **Training begins promptly at 3:30 PM.**

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If you want to get these in a more timely fashion with all of the pertinent information then [lease sign up on the board that I am sending around.

\* Phoenix West: August Nothing to report

\* Federal Corrections: Bootsie haven't done anything but still trying to figure it out soon.

\* Alhambra: Marci 8 said that after speaking with Brett C., former coordinator of Alhambra, he notified the Prison of the change that he was no longer the Coordinator and that she was the new Coordinator. The Chaplain informed us that I needed to reach out to the main office for the paperwork etc.

Unfortunately there are only Men's meetings at this time and is unsafe for any women to bring in a meeting or attend a meeting.

Currently there are 6 Men badged. There are two Meetings a week being brought in Aspen Unit and F-Unit. There has been talk about bringing a 3rd Meeting which would be a Women's Meeting but that does not appear to be anytime in the near future.

Finding out all the facts and information regarding this honorable commitment. I have to respectfully decline due to my Gender and safety issues and the positions would be filled by a Sober Man who can not only be a Coordinator but be able to attend a meeting in the Prison.

Should anything change with the devGING elopment of a new Women's meetings it would be an honor and a privilege to be able to coordinate that meeting.

### **BADGING REQUIREMENTS:**

3 years sobriety, knowledge and experience working all 12 Steps.

5 years off paper

Pass a background check

TB Test and UA Drug Test (s)

\* Juvenile Corrections: Bree said no changes and that there are no open positions for volunteers at this time.

\* Florence: John said that our list of volunteers is growing to the point of having back up volunteers for some of our meetings. This is along sought goal!

The North Unit Back to Basics Workshop [graduation ceremony is scheduled for Saturday February 18. Family members and friends have been invited. Coffee and pasty will be served.

There will be seven inmate speakers and three outside celebrity speakers. Photographs of inmates receiving achievement certificates will be provided as members.

The next Back to Basics Workshops will be held at Eyman/Meadows and Florence/Central.

A request for sixty Daily Reflections books was received from the Lewis Complex Rast Unit. We are indebted to Keith D. for furnishing the books and to Aaron D for delivering them.

Florence Complex Volunteers Group Conscience Meetings are held the 1st Saturday of every month at 2:00 PM at the Road to Recovery meeting room and guests are welcome.

\* Perryville: Lilly not present hence no report

\* Bridge the Gap: Abby said that they had received 9 treatment and 1 correction request. She said that from the last Meeting Pat rotated out. The ENTIRE Committee wants to THANK Pat for ALL THAT HE HAS DONE. Ed was voted in as Chair.

\* Volunteer Coordinator: Heather not present hence no report.

\* Service Liaison: Aaron B. said that "Hence, an AA service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee..." Bill W, The AA Service Manual page 1.

Over the last month I have attended the Valleywide H&I Steering Committee where I had the opportunity to make service suggestions and gather information for a new Committee Chairperson, I have called a member of AA to offer suggestions on how to be of service to hospitals or treatment centers, received a contact of a therapist who provides therapy in homes/houses/treatment center they live in and I have attended the Area Corrections Conference Committee where I have the position of Volunteer Coordinator.

As the Service Liaison I have the opportunity to steer people toward being of service for the Valleywide H&I Committee. If you or anyone you know has a question about being of service and are not sure about who you might want to speak to about it then give me a call or e-mail. This even will work if a person is new to sobriety or service. I actually have many years of experience in this area and it really is one of my favorite AA services!

## **INTERGROUPS**

\* Spanish: Javier not present hence no report.

\* Agua Fria: George said that the next event will be AFI Day in the Park event. It will be on Saturday March 4th at the Rio Vista Park in Peoria (same location as the H&I This event will be held at vent). There will be an AA Speaker and an Alanon Speaker as well as food, a raffle, Sobriety Countdown, and lots of other stuff. Tickets for the lunch are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. There are also raffle tickets for sale \$1.00 each and there are lots of GREAT Prizes. He has tickets available for raffle also. You can also purchase tickets available so if you want some see him after the Meeting or online at [www.AAWestPhoenix.org](http://www.AAWestPhoenix.org).

April 14 thru 16 is the AFI Family Campout and fishing derby. The event will be held at Bartlett Lake and registration will be \$10.00 They can still use a few volunteers at the event if interested contact Marsha D. or the Agua Fria Central Office.

\* East Valley: Roxanne said that EVI Spring Fing which will be catered Mexican Meal. Contact East Valley Central Office for more information.

\* Salt River: Zee said that the 74 AA Anniversary is in its planning stage. Shirley M is chairing it and Wendy is Co Chair. If you are interested 74 Anniversary in being on the Committee contact Salt River Intergroup

Office for information. She also said that SRI Summer Round Up Committee is Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Cental Office.

We went around the room to have everyone to let us know of their birthdays.

Meeting was closed at 8:30 PM with the Responsibility Declaration.

Yours in Service  
Tracey M.