

**Valleywide Hospitals and Institutions Meeting Agenda  
 Central Church, A United Methodist Community – East Dining Room  
 1875 North Central Avenue Phoenix Arizona 85004**

**Website: [www.vwhi.org](http://www.vwhi.org)  
Wednesday Sep 13, 2017**

Robert called Meeting to order at 7:03 PM with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer.  
 Aaron D. read the 9th Tradition.

Robert asked for all of the new H&I Home Group Members to stand and Introduce themselves  
 and the home group that they are representing. WELCOME TO ALL!!!

**Announcement from the Chair:**

Robert welcome to our new location please no smoking on property

Thank you Aaron B finding this location and arranging to have this meeting here.

Other than finding a new location their was not much going on this month.

**STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CO CHAIRPERSON:** Aaron D. If your a Coordinator can send report he will be able to do so.

**SECRETARY:** Tracey thanked Dennis D for making sure that all of the printing was done. The  
 minutes and agenda are on the back table. Lilly made a motion to accept the minutes. Harold  
 seconded the motion. Motion passed minutes were approved.

**TREASURER:** Dennis said that we have money. He went on to say that he is amazed at the  
 money that we receive here at H&I. He stated that he would like for you to go back to your  
 group and THANK THEM for their contributions to us here at H&I. He said that the Treasurers  
 Report is on the back table. He also stated that he has attached the Individual Group  
 Contributions. Please review this with your group and if you believe that there are discrepancy  
 please let Dennis know and we will review it.

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>\$4,088.04</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Group Contributions	\$6,247.41
Business Meeting Collections	\$38.00
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,285.41</b>
<b>BALANCE AFTER INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,373.45</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Literature	-\$6,874.40
U haul Storage Unit	-\$164.59
Supplies	-\$41.54
Printing	-\$73.36
Bank Fee	-\$12.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$7,365.89</b>

<b>BALANCE AFTER EXPENSES PAID</b>	<b>\$3,00756</b>
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Treasurer's Report was approved.

**LITERATURE:** Keith said that this month we spent \$6,918.32 for 930 books and 1 DVD. The literature budget was \$7,000.00. In the last two months (July and August) there has been a significant increase for Big Books (Item B-30). This month we fell short by 180 Big Books (6 cases).

**AWARENESS DAY:** Shawna said that Fall's Awareness Day is scheduled at South Mountain Regional Park & Active Center 10919 South Central Avenue Phoenix AZ 85042 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Tickets on line or via hard copy \$5.00 for your entry or a BB/12x12. For this you will get a hamburger/hot lunch, water, & a single raffle ticket. Fliers are on the table.

3 raffles & 1 dollar per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. 50/50 & donated items sold at the event only & must be available to win. Third raffle & GRAND PRIZE & 43" 4 K Ultra HD Roku Smart LED. Tickets are pre sale thru the end of the event. As of NOW & Winning ticket **does NOT need to be present for TV drawing ONLY.**

3 KEY NEEDS-looking for individuals to be sub chairs. We are still seeking a band or DJ-limited funds available. Generator.

2 clip boards are being passed out for sign up for available openings. Please keep those moving so those who'd like to sign up tonight can do so before we close. We have extra fliers to take to your home group.

9:00 AM & 2:00 PM event time and special early bid meeting at 8:00 AM.

2 Special speakers Rivka G. , Bridget Mack (MCSO Volunteer Coordinator), Also will likely have a Q&A session & an "Ask it Basket" for Treatment & Corrections!

COORDINATORS: Please hold your calendars for the event.

Next planning meeting at Freedom Hall 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Thomas on Monday September 25 at 7:00 PM.

**WEB SERVANT:** Eric for Steve keep him in thoughts for speedy recovery however all is good. Website is up and running. E-mail is also working. We had 617 visitors & 1083 visits.

**TREATMENT COORDINATOR:** Aaron D for Eric Integro Health Care changed start time from 6:30-7:15PM. If interested e-mail Eric directly thru the [www.vwhi.org](http://www.vwhi.org).

**CORRECTIONS COORDINATOR:** Morgan said that the 2018 Corrections in Tucson more info to follow.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**NOTE:**

*In even months reports from Hospitals and Treatment will be presented.*

*In odd Months Corrections and Prisons will present their reports.*

**HOSPITALS EAST:** Aaron not reporting this month.

**HOSPITALS WEST:** Morgan said that he has a couple of locations that are looking for individuals or groups to take meetings into a couple different locations one is at 39 Avenue and Thomas. The other location is at Maryland and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. If you are interested please let Morgan know.

**TREATMENT CENTERS:** Tracey not reporting this month.

**COMMUNITY BRIDGES WEST:** OPEN not reporting this month.

**COMMUNITY BRIDGES EAST:** Georgia not reporting this month.

**MCSO:** Shawna said that there is a lot of changes for Volunteer opportunities for ALL jails.

**MEN JAILS** - Women can volunteer, but must be accompanied by another person, it does NOT have to be a male co chair ó it can be two women at the men's jails.

**ESTRELLA** - Women's Jail: Men can volunteer but must be accompanied by another person however it does NOT have to be a male co chair ó it can be two men chairing at Estrella.

Please verify with the coordinators for the jail you would like to take to meetings if you use the same sex chairs in a opposite sex facility to ensure no problems are encountered.

The 3 county jail coordinators: Aaron B.(4<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Lower Buckeye), JJ (Durango), Shawna(Towers & Estrella) are collaborating on the current badged & new volunteers to get a group of volunteers to be able for speaking at various jails for the current meetings. Gate passes can also be issued for this purpose. No definite schedule or commitment to a particular day or jail is required- only a willingness to be of service!

Sign up lists are being passed for those of you who are interest or questions!

Sobriety Requirements óBadged is 2 years sober & óoff paperö for at least 1 year, attends training, submit an application, & get fingerprinted. Felons need to have been out of jail or prison for 3 years. óOff paperö means of of county facility, jail, or prison. óGate Passesö are 1 year sober & must go in with a badged volunteer. See [www.vwhi.org](http://www.vwhi.org) for forms and instructions or contact any jail coordinator.

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 attend the 3 hour training, have print/photo ID downtown, & obtain a VWHI Sponsorship letter from Shawna D -MCSO Liaison.

If you meet the 2 or more years sobriety requirements you may want to start with the Gate Pass. For the following reasons: 1. It is faster that the badging requirements. 2. Go in with a óbadgedö volunteer while waiting for your badge is being processed (training class/fingerprinting) and 3 Opportunity to see if this is the service commitment is a good fit

Next training class is Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6:30 PM at LBJ 3250 West Lower Buckeye Rd in Phoenix. You must RSVP for training class by contacting Bridget M. at the Sheriff's office.

**SPANISH:** Javier not present and no report.

**DURANGO:** JJ said that they 5 meetings going into facility in a week however always looking for volunteers to be able to bring in more meetings.

**TOWERS – ESTELLA:** Shawna said that both facilities needs volunteers to step up and volunteer !

Towers had 2 new units available to be filled any night of the week after 4:00 PM.

Towers 4&5 are new. Tower 4 has been scheduled for Tuesday at 7 pm but Tower 5 still needs chairs. The other towers need more men to cover the current meetings as they are being stretched very thin.

Days times and locations are as follows

Monday at 4 pm Tower 1

Thursday at 3:30 pm Tower 6

Saturday at 10 am Tower 1

Friday at 4 pm Tower 3

Estrella needs more women to chair the current meetings:

Friday at 6:00 pm ó Last month Shawna reached out to a dozen woment to cover when the regular chair was ill with pneumonia.

Wednesday meeting at 5:30 pm has limited chairs 3 women rotate.

Mondays at 11 am could also use support- 2 women rotate.

**LOWER BUCKEYE - 4TH AVENUE:** Aaron said that due to some recent meetings being canceled at the Tents and Durango Jails we no longer have an abundance of unfilled meetings. So the days of us being able to pick whatever time and day we want to bring a meeting into the County Jails seems to be over.

This can be good news as this will give us an opportunity to pair people up to help out with existing meetings. For years we have typically had only one person carrying the message into a housing unit, The men attending these meetings usually only get to hear the experience strength and hope of the person chairing the meeting. If that person can not make the meeting then the inmates might go with a meeting for that week. I am looking forward to helping coordinate multiple people assisting each other to carry the message into the different housing units, If we can all work together toward this end the AA message of recovery would be spread more effectively.

4 Ave Jail has the following meetings Monday at 11:30 & 3:45 PM, Thursday at 5:00 PM Sunday at 11am, 2-3-and 5 PM.

Lower Buckeye Jail Tuesday at 9 AM and 6 PM, Wednesday at 10 and 11 AM, Friday at 9 AM, and Sunday at 4 PM.

There are still 2 meeting slots tgat bi ibe gas stepped up to fill. The choice of days and times are as follows:

Slot 1: Monday between 3-7 PM, Saturday between 12-7 PM, Sunday betweeb 1-6 PM.

Slot 2: Thursday between 2-7 PM, Saturday between 8 AM-7 PM, Sunday between 10 AM-6 PM.

**PHOENIX WEST:** August not here

**FEDERAL CORRECTIONS:** Bootsie said that she is looking for individuals would be interested in carrying meetings into this facility.

**ALHAMBRA:** Tony said that the Friday Meeting in F Unit been meeting over 2 years. A group conscience voted to register the group with the Corrections Desk at the General Service

Office in New York. The registration form was mailed three weeks ago and has received confirmation along as a New Group Kit. Tony will be the outside contact for the group. The name of the group is Are you Ready Now.

There are 2 Groups that meet on Saturday afternoon. The video A New Freedom was shown to the inmates in the John and King wards and it was well received. The inmates gave very positive responses.

He had a meeting with Chaplin Henderson in regard to starting a new AA meeting for for new volunteers women. He was very much in favor of this. Please announce this opportunity at your home groups. A minimum of two years sobriety is required. The badging and clearance process for new volunteers has been slow but should have two volunteers cleared very soon.

**JUVENILE TREATMENT/CORRECTIONS:** Bre not present and no report

**FLORENCE:** John said the Florence corrections facilities include 1 county, 3 state, 2 federal and 4 private prisons. These complexes in all house roughly 22,000 inmates. A maximum of twenty-six meetings are held by AA volunteer each week. An additional fifteen (informal) meetings are held weekly by the inmates themselves. All groups are registered at GSO with inmates as GSRs and outside AAs as alternates. All groups are structured with an elected GSR, Chairman, Secretary, Librarian, and Greeter.

The last meeting of the month is designated as the birthday meeting at which sobriety medallions are awarded followed by an inmate speaker. At least one outside AA facilitated meeting is held in each unit every week.

We have forty-eight badged volunteers with twenty six more in process. Several of our volunteers are also CCA, GEO and PCSO badged.

Back to Basics workshop are scheduled to resume in two units later this month.

The annual volunteer appreciation banquet is to be held September 23.

Meetings have resumed at the Eyman/Rynning Unit and are scheduled to be resumed at the Florence/East Unit.

Florence Complexes volunteers group conscience meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM at the Road to Recovery Meeting room and guests are welcome.

**PERRYVILLE:** Lilly first want to apologize for not being here the last couple of months. She has been at Perryville filling in. There are 20 badged volunteers which one of them is a male. There are 3 years of sobriety and felonies are considered on a case by case basis. Guest speakers are welcome but can have no felonies and we will need at least 3 weeks of approval. They serve 6 yards which are Lumley, San Carlos, San Pedro, Santa Cruz, and Piestewa and the meetings are held Tuesday thru Saturday. Please go to [vwhi.org](http://vwhi.org) for more information about getting badged for correctional facilities.

**SERVICE LIAISON:** Aaron B. said that as the Service Liaison he had the opportunity to steer people toward being of service for the Valley wide H&I Committee and steering the professional community toward their proper point of contact. If you or anyone you know has a question about being of service and you are not sure about who you might want to speak to about it then please reach out to Aaron. Over the last month he had in his opinion a could of contact worth noting.

A professional contacted him regarding starting a couple of hospital Meetings in Phoenix. The two new locations will be near Central \* Bethany Home and 39<sup>th</sup> Ave & Encanto. After the first two are established they will request on to be established in Goodyear. Your contact person will be Morgan R.

The other one involves a substance abuse program in the County Jails requesting a regular supply of meeting lists. Typically we only provide literature to places that we are taking an AA Meeting into. Since our MCSO Liaison is looking into getting badged to carry the message to the inmates in this program I believe that she would be the contact person.

This service position requires a working knowledge of the Traditions and familiarity of Valleywide H&I's purpose. I have been happy to be given this responsibility but I like to share this opportunity with someone who would like to do it. Please let him know if you are interested in this facet of trying to carry the AA Messages and will see what we can do to have you take a position.

### **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** Open

**BRIDGE THE GAP:** Ashley S is out of town and Pat gave the report for her which is below.

August BTG hotline: 7 calls total: 5 folks newly released from rehab looking for an AA "show them the ropes," 1 looking for a sober living facility, and 1 from BTG in Palm Springs looking for a Tucson contact

August mail-in requests: 3 total: 1 from Buckeye, 1 from Las Vegas, 1 from a treatment center

September BTG hotline: 3 calls to date

Maricopa Re-entry Center: 6 meetings per week; meeting attendance = 8-20 people; need male volunteers willing to take program participants through the steps

West Valley Fellowship Workshop (Sun., 9/17 btwn 2-6pm): BTG will make a presentation at the West Valley Workshop held at the West Valley Fellowship bldg ([919 N. Dysart Rd](#)) in Avondale

Dark Zip Codes: We don't have BTG volunteers in the following 23 zip codes. If your home-group is in one of these zip codes, please contact Ashley S. to help us recruit volunteers.

- 85014, 85017, 85019, 85031, 85040, 85041, 85043, 85045, 85050, 85054, 85213, 85220, 85236, 85248, 85249, 85353, 85255, 85264, 85307, 85355, 85361, 85387, 85399

BTG Committee Meetings will be on the last Thursday of the month (Sept. 28) at a new location which is at the Urban Beans Coffee Shop 3508 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street Phoenix 85014. The restaurant is on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> St and Osborn. Food/Fellowship will be from 6-7 PM and Meeting at 7-8 PM.

### **INTERGROUPS**

**SPANISH:** Javier Not present

**AGUA FRIA:** George said coming September 23 is the AFI Anniversary event. It will be held at the Peoria Community Center 8335 W Jefferson in Peoria. There will be food (catered by Famous Dave's), a speaker, cake, history, and a play. Tickets are an \$18.00 donation and will be available thru Members of the Agua Fria Intergroup (and George), at the Intergroup office and online.

The AFI Christmas Alcathon is looking for Volunteers and donations. They are also interested in having some H&I representation on Christmas Morning possibly around 8-9 AM. This years event will be at All Saints of the Desert Church in Sun City.

The AFI New Years event is looking for volunteers. This years event will be held at the All Saints of the Desert Church in Sun City.

Also the Thanksgiving Gathering will be held on November 23 at Crossroads West 7253 N 35 Avenue Phoenix. It is scheduled to go from Noon to 7:30 PM. As usual if you would like food donations. If donating Turkeys they must be cooked.

The AFI was contacted by Houston AreaAA Intergroups. They would appreciate books and/or cash donations. They can be taken by Paypal. AFI has sent them a donation of \$300.00.

There is a number of open positons with AFI such as Newsletter Chairperson, Telephone Answering Committee Chair, Unity Chairperson, Website Community Chair, and 3 Steering Positions. If you are interested please attend the AFI Committee Meeting on the first Tuesday of October 2 at 7:00 PM at New Life Community Church 8155 West Thunderbird Peoria.

**EAST VALLEY:** Roxanne said that they have 47,274 visits in the last 30 days. There are service opportunities available at EVI. Website now has space for extended meeting descriptions. July was a great month financially. Day of Service 10/21/17 and fliers are on the back table.

**SALT RIVER:** Frank for Zee said that the SRI Alcathon is forming. Their first meeting is this evening at SRI at 6:30 PM. They are looking for anyone interested in having an H&I Table including Bridge the Gap. In spirit of rotation SRI is looking for anyone interested in being a liaison for H&I. Zee's term ends in Nov. SRI has positions opening for Steering Committee. They are accepting nominations and elections will be in Nov. The open positions are Chairperson, Co Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary and 2 advisors. Deadline for nominations will be in October. SRI Round Up was a success.

SRI is looking for volunteers to answer phones on Tues., Wednesday, and Friday from 3-6 PM. There are also open positions for TAS. Contact the office if interested.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **OPEN POSITIONS**

LEWIS: Had to have prior experience need to be able to badged.

COMMUNITY BRIDGES WEST :

VOLUNTEER Coordinator

\* National Corrections Conference St.. Louis, Mo November 10-12, 2017. Bootsie said that she had found Flight for \$400.00 and Hotel was \$218.00 plus tax.

\*Old Business from the floor there was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Due to what had happened in Houston that we send two cases Big Books for H&I. This was seconded. Discussion as follows is this really the best way that we can do. Their were individuals that looked as to see if this was still needed, Someone else said that would sending money be a more appropriate decision. This was agreed to table till next month.

Alvan stated that he would be interested in the Volunteer Position this was passed.

There is a new facility in Eloy called La Palma Correctional Facility in Eloy  
It is a simple background check.  
Sobriety Requirements are 2 years sober and felonies case by case  
They are looking for all English Meeting . They are looking for people to chair Meetings on  
Fridays at 2:30-4:30-6:30 PM

**BIRTHDAYS** went around the room and everyone that had a birthday at lease since the last  
time that they had attended the meeting. We went around the room and had them introduce  
themselves with their name and longevity. **HUGE CONGRATS TO ONE AND ALL!!**

Closed the meeting at 8:41 PM with the **RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

Respectfully Submitted  
Tracey J M.