

**Valley Wide Hospitals and Institutions Meeting Agenda
 Central Church, A United Methodist Community East Dinning Room
 1875 North Central Avenue Phoenix Arizona 85004
 Website: www.vwhi.org
Wednesday October 11, 2017**

Meeting was opened with a Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Aaron D read the 10th Tradition.

Robert asked for all of the new H&I Home group Reps to stand and introduce themselves and their homegroups. Welcome to all!!

Announcement from the Chair: Robert said that November is nominations and December will be elections and will be for ALL Steering Committee Members.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CO CHAIRPERSON: Aaron D. said that if you are a coordinator and cant be here send info to him and he will be willing to present your report to the group.

SECRETARY: Tracey said that Minutes and Agendas are on the back table. She also thanked Denis for printing completed each month.

Holly motion to accept Eric second. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER: Dennis

Balance Forward	\$3,007.56
INCOME	
Group Contributions	\$7366.20
Business Meeting Collections	\$70.00
INCOME TOTAL	
	\$7,436.20
BALANCE AFTER INCOME	
	\$10,443.76
EXPENSES	
Literature	-\$6,812.49
U haul	-\$164.59
Meeting Room Rent	- \$75.00
Printing	-\$12.00
TV for Awareness Day	-\$356.75
TOTAL EXPENSES	
	\$7,473.61

BALANCE AFTER EXPENSES	\$2,970.15
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Received a couple donations thru Stripe.

Chris made motion to accept Treasurers Report. Harrold seconded it and Report was approved.

LITERATURE:

Keith said that this month we spent \$6,849.32 on 900 books 11 DVDs & 750 pamphlet. The literature budget was \$6,900.00. Orders due by November 3rd. If home group has extra Grapevines can donate to H&I please bring them to us here at H&I.

AWARENESS DAY:

Shawna said that Fall Awareness Day is scheduled at South Mountain Regional Park . Actives 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 these tickets & 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.***

The schedule is set as follows:

8:00 . Early bird meeting / Meditation & hike

9:30 to 10:15 óRivka G.ó 11 years volunteering at MCSO jails

10:30 to 11:00 - Bridget Mack óMCSO Volunteer Coordinator

11:15 to 12:00 óEric S. and Aaron D.ó Treatment & VWHI/ Q&A

12:00 to 1:00 ó Lunch

1:00 to 1:30 ó H&I Coordinators / Q&A

1:30 to 2:00 óRaffle Drawings (Donated items, 50/50, Grand Prize - Big screen smart TV)

Also, please feel free to bring any documents or info you have regarding your facilities.

If you are unable to attend, you may also give any paperwork to Alvin H.– the VWHI Newcomer Liaison & it will be put out with other H&I materials.

If anyone has a horseshoe set up please let her know.

WEB SERVANT: Steve is up and running 480 hits this month. Full month details On the website contact click on it will get it to to their personal coordinators

TREATMENT COORDINATOR: Eric said that he has received 2 email requests (1) opportunities to chair weekend

- (1) email giving me speaker requests
- 1 text update request for speaking opportunities

- Forms from prior (speakers, chair positions)
- Coronado health Wednesday 6:30pm 19th and Peoria

SERVICE COORDINATORS

CORRECTIONS COORDINATOR:

Aaron for Morgan said that the 2018 Correction Conference will be March 16 2018 will be in Tucson.

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 said that he believes that all is good at the moment.

HOSPITALS WEST: Aaron for Morgan no report.

TREATMENT CENTERS: Tracey said that we have a new facility looking for meetings if interested please see her.

COMMUNITY BRIDGES WEST: Matt not here and no report.

COMMUNITY BRIDGES EAST: Georgia not here and no report.

MCSO: Shawna said that Mens Units are Durango Jail at 3225 West Gibson Lane Phoenix 85009; Lower Buckeye Jail (LBJ) 3250 W Lower Buckeye Road Phoenix 85009; 4th Avenue Jail 201 South 4 Avenue Phoenix 85003; Towers Jail 3127 W Gibson Lane Phoenix 85009. Womens Jail Estrella Jail 2939 West Durango Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85009

VOLUNTEERING: Men Jails: Women may volunteer but must be accompanied by another person and does NOT have to be a male Co-Chair. It can be two women chairing at the Men's Jail.

ESTRELLA ó Womens Jail: Men may volunteer but must be accompanied by another person and does NOT have to be a female Co-Chair. It can be two men chairing at the Estrella Jail.

Sobriety requirements:

- 1) Two years of sobriety for a volunteer ID Badge (full access & may chair solo)
 - a. Submit MCSO application & required paperwork
 - b. Attend a 3-hour training class
 - c. Obtain a Valley Wide H&I Sponsorship Letter (which is the "Sponsoring Agency") from the MCSO Liaison
 - d. Has fingerprints taken at the Sheriff's office for a full background / criminal records clearance check
 - e. Once approved by MCSO, volunteer is issued a photo ID
- 2) One year of sobriety for a volunteer "Gate Pass" – volunteers may only enter with a "Badged" volunteer
 - a. Submit MCSO application & required paperwork
 - b. Obtain a Valley Wide H&I Sponsorship Letter (which is the "Sponsoring Agency")

- c. Once approved by MCSO, the volunteer receives a temporary 90-day “Gate Pass” which is renewable up to one year & is accepted at **all** MCSO jails
- ALL applicants must be “Off Paper”:
At least 1 year since serving a term of **probation or parole**; or since incarcerated on any charge – *even if the charge is dismissed*.
- o Documentation of the end date of probation or parole **is required**.
- At least 1-year after incarceration resulting from a **misdemeanor** conviction.
At least 3 years after incarceration resulting from a **felony** conviction.

The “Sponsorship Letter” is from the “Sponsoring Agency” – Valley wide H&I, (**not** your AA Steps Sponsor), which comes from the MCSO Liaison, Shawna D. – mcsol Liaison@vwhi.org

The temporary “Gate Pass” can be completed **electronically** & issued by the MCSO Volunteer Coordinator, Bridget Mack. Scan & email the application, Handbook & PREA Acknowledgements **along with a copy (front & back) of your driver’s license**. The VWHI Liaison or Jail Coordinators can submit the Sponsorship Letter for a Gate Pass.

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

Some people prefer this route for several reasons:

1. Faster turnaround time – electronically submitted & processed within a week
2. You may co-chair with a “badged” volunteer while waiting for your own badge; until fingerprinting & training classes are scheduled / completed
3. You are cleared to go in as a guest speaker
4. If you have a fluctuating work schedule, you can see if this service work is a good ‘fit’ for you, without committing to a specific day or jail

Valley Wide H&I Jail Coordinators:

Durango: JJ (Joel) G. durango_jail@vwhi.org

LBJ & 4TH Ave.: Aaron B. lower_buckeye_fourth_ave_jails@vwhi.org

Towers & Estrella: Shawna D. towers_tents_estrella@vwhi.org

Durango – Programs Asst. Officer Hooks – Current AA meetings:

Monday @ 3:30pm – Housing units 6 & 7

Friday @ 10am – Housing units 3, 4, 5

Friday @ 7pm – Housing unit 5

LBJ (Lower Buckeye Jail) – Programs Asst. Lynette Anderson – Current AA meetings:

Sunday @ 4pm

Tuesdays have two separate meetings @ 9am in different units

Tuesday @ 6pm

Wednesday @ 10am

Wednesdays have two separate meetings @ 5pm in different units

Sunday @ 4pm

Volunteers are needed – two meetings are requested:

FIRST OPENING – options are for ONE of the following days / times:

- o Sundays – BETWEEN 1pm – 6pm
- o Mondays – BETWEEN 3pm – 7pm
- o Saturdays – BETWEEN Noon – 7pm

SECOND OPENING – options are for ONE of the following days / times:

- o Sundays – BETWEEN 10am – 6pm
- o Thursdays – BETWEEN 2pm – 7pm
- o Saturdays – BETWEEN 8am – 7pm

4th Avenue Jail – Programs Asst. Officer Chavez – Current AA meetings:

Sundays have four separate meetings: 11am / 2pm / 3pm / 5pm

Mondays have two separate meetings: 11:30am & 3:45pm

Thursdays have two separate meetings @ 5pm in different units

Towers – Programs Asst. Officer Kaiser – Current AA meetings:

Monday @ 4pm – Tower 1

Tuesday @ 7pm – Tower 4

Wednesday @ 5:30pm – Tower 5

Thursday @ 3:30pm – Tower 6

Friday @ 6pm – Tower 3 – **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

Saturday @ 10am – Tower 2

Estrella – Programs Asst. Officer Davidson – Current AA meetings:

Monday @ 11:30am

Wednesday @ 5:30pm

Friday @ 6pm

ONLY ESTRELLA & LOWER BUCKEYE JAILS HAVE SPANISH MEETINGS AVAILABLE – SPANISH SPEAKING VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL COUNTY JAILS.

Any questions please reach out to any of the VWHI Jail Coordinators or MCSO Liaison.

SPANISH: Javier not present and no report.

DURANGO: JJ - Not reporting this month.

TOWERS – ESTELLA- Shawna - Not reporting this month.

LOWER BUCKEYE - 4TH AVENUE: Aaron B. - Not reporting this month.

PHOENIX WEST: August - Not reporting this month.

FEDERAL CORRECTIONS: Bootsie - Not reporting this month.

ALHAMBRA: Tony- Not reporting this month.

JUVENILE CORRECTIONS: Bre said that Salt River DOC is on hiatus while rearrange teacher schedules. Aurora Tempe Tuesday at 7:15 PM has been changed to 4 to 5 and they are looking for a co chair.

LEWIS: OPEN ó Not reporting this month.

FLORENCE: John - Not reporting this month.

PERRYVILLE: Lilly - Not reporting this month.

SERVICE LIAISON: Aaron B. said that as the Service Liaison I have the opportunity to steer people toward being of service for Valleywide H&I Cinnuttee and steering the professional community toward their proper point of contact. If you or anyone you know has a questuib about being of service and your are not sure about who you might want to speak to then [;ease let me know.

Over the past month this is an example of what I have done

A progeSSIONAL contacted me regarding obtaining meetings lists for the people who are in their intensive inpatient treatment program. Since we are not currently taking meetings into their facility I let them know that are not in a position to do so, But was able to speak with the women and let her know of a practice I employ at the meetings that he takes into the jails, He has chip cards for various lengths of sobriety and that he has the contact of the Intergroups on the back side, He informed her that most of the numbers are manned 24 hours a day and all a person needs to do is call and they will be directed to AA Meetings that is closest to them. She was very pleased with the idea so I removed anything on the chip-cards that might imply affiliation with AA or Valleywide H&I (Tradition 6) before sening an e;ectronic copy and told her she couple maipulte the cards in any way she saw fit.

With the newcomers who asked about being of serice I had both extermes this month. One had to cut out conversation short telling me that she would get back to me later and I have yet to hear from her. Another appears ti be taking her sobriety seriously and I happened upon meeting her at a committee meeting where she took a service commitment! We have been asked to help out with the Augua Fria Christmas Alcothon. We have the December 25 7 am Hospitality and 8 am AA Meeting. He let her know that we would not be able to help with the Hospitality due to to Tradition 9 however we would pick our speaker and let her know. If you would like to provide food for the hospitality at the Alcathon please feel free to do so.

NEWCOMER VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Alvin said that he just took this commitment last month. He said that if you are representing a homegroup to please fill out a form and make sure that you return it to him.

BRIDGE THE GAP: Pat for Ashley

Bridging the Gap in September

-7 calls on the BTG hotline

-2 pre-release requests from correctional facilities: 1 connected in AZ, 1 headed to Austin, Texas

-2 contact requests from residents of Maverick House

-All of these newcomers were matched up with volunteers who brought them to meetings in their community and got them connected to AA.

-Our committee members presented at a West Valley Workshop, Calvary, and Aurora last month, and the more we spread the word, the higher our call volume is. So please continue to distribute the BTG bookmarks at any meetings you bring into rehabs, jails, prisons, etc. Bookmarks are on the back table and tucked into each box of Big Books & 12x12s.

Maricopa County Re-entry Center

-7 program participants, all working through their steps

-We need some temporary sponsors for these guys. Because, one afternoon, Pat Lenon heard three 5th Steps in a row! If any men are interested, please contact **Pat at [623-734-0151](tel:623-734-0151)**.

BTG needs your help!

If you're interested in joining the Bridging the Gap Committee--to help people at one of the most critical points in their sobriety (i.e. the "gap" between leaving a treatment or correctional facility and getting linked into AA)--we could use your help! Also, we're a pretty fun group. :)

Flyers for our committee meetings are on the back table (and attached). If you didn't get a flyer, here are the details:

Location: Hob Nobs Cafe, 149 W. McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85003

Date: October 26, 2017 (last Thursday of every month)

Time: 6pm for food & fellowship / 7pm for meeting

Contact: **Ashley S. @ [857-225-0297](tel:857-225-0297)**

INTERGROUPS

SPANISH: Javier not present hence no report.

AGUA FRIA: Robert said that George was here however he had to leave.

Robert gave the following report

The AFI Christmas Alcahthon is looking for raffle donations. 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.

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.

There is a number of open positions with AFI such as Newsletter Chairperson, PI/CPC Committee Chair, Telephone Answering Committee Chair, Unity Chairperson, Website Community Chair, Area Liaison, and 3 Steering Committee Positions. This 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 Website is active.

She said that they sell literature. She said that on Oct 21 Day of Service. She said that The Intergroup Offices put in a bid for the 2019 Office Intergroup Conviction and that they were awarded this event. More info to follow. She said that they also reached out to Houston Intergroup states that they are good.

SALT RIVER: Zee said that SRI is gearing up for Alcahthon that they are meeting every other Wednesday.

She also said that they are gearing up for New Years Event and Next Wed is their next meeting. Phones Sat 9-Noon

Stories ó Filing Cabent your story

She said that the Unity Community is asking for your support. If you go to a meeting and it is Dark which means that there is not a Meeting to please let the office know.

She said that office has Books/Chips and other assorted items for sale.

She said that next month last month to represent H&I.

OLD BUSINESS:

OPEN POSITIONS

LEWIS:

* National Corrections Conference St.. Louis, Mo November 10-12, 2017

* Houston . Do we want to send literature or money to assist in support for the disaster? From previous follow up that this is not necessary at this time.

* Any Old Business from the floor

There was discussion if what happened at the District to go back to the groups to see if this is something that want to bring forward. There was a lot of discussion regarding this however there are only two months left that it does not seem appropriate for this. No other info was brought forward to this.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was discussed as for the length of the Meeting especially since was one of the reasons why Hospitals/Treatments are on one month and the other month was for Corrections that the Coordinators are not attending the Meetings. It was to be tabled and that the Steering Committee would be reviewing this.

We went around the room and for those celebrating Birthdays since the last time we meet were given an opportunity to announce it.

Meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted
Tracey M.