

**Valleywide Hospitals and Institutions Meeting Minutes**  
**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 March 14, 2018**

**Open: 7:00pm**

Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12th Tradition

Introduction of the new H&I Home Group Reps

Billy – Sunday breakfast at Crossroads East, Mark – Freedom Group, Tracy – Road to Recovery,

Mattie – The Real Thing, Lauren – Crossroads to Heaven, Jonathan – GIT, Joy – Primary

Purpose, Scott – 5:30 Happy Hour Prince of Peace

**Attendees:** Jill – sun city looking for help, Sam – alternate for Happy Valley, Tony – Road to Recovery, Katherine – Serenity Morning at Fellowship Hall, Rebecca- 629 Freedom Group, Phil, Jordan – Nooners at the Fellowship, Diana – Stepping Stones and Lewis Prison

**Announcement from the Chair:** Aaron D. | [chairperson@vwhi.org](mailto:chairperson@vwhi.org)

This Valleywide H&I Monthly Business Meeting is different than meetings that we find in the AA Meetings Lists and Directories. Typical AA meetings are scheduled to last one hour.

Business meetings are conducted by committees and we typically meet until the business is done.

Please realize that the purpose of our Steering Committee is to focus on what ways we might conduct pertinent business in an efficient manner.

**STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CO CHAIRPERSON:** JJ | [co\\_chairperson@vwhi.org](mailto:co_chairperson@vwhi.org)

H&I Awareness day still needs help – please volunteer

**SECRETARY:** Katy | [secretary@vwhi.org](mailto:secretary@vwhi.org)

Motion to accept minutes, second. No opposed.

**TREASURER:** Dennis | [treasurer@vwhi.org](mailto:treasurer@vwhi.org)

Nugget of the night: read letter from confined alcoholic in Lewis Prison

Motion to accept, no one opposed. Motion carries.

**LITERATURE:** Keith | [literature@vwhi.org](mailto:literature@vwhi.org)

\$5,574.80 – 780 books, 500 pamphlets (no tracking number because of storm on East Coast – will call anyone still missing books). Book orders needed by April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**AWARENESS DAY:** Amy | [awareness\\_day@vwhi.org](mailto:awareness_day@vwhi.org)

Not present – no report.

**WEB SERVANT:** Eric F. | [webservant@vwhi.org](mailto:webservant@vwhi.org)

Stats: 670 visitors this month, 2,162 visits

Once school is out in May – Eric will leave pdfs available but full text will be up as a post. Also, a way for people to leave their info for service work.

**TREATMENT COORDINATOR:** Eric S. | [treatment\\_chair@vwahi.org](mailto:treatment_chair@vwahi.org)

New form for people who want to chair and speak at H&I meetings – now including zip codes so we can find meetings close to you.

**\*If you are looking for any type of service opportunity – please contact Eric!**

**CORRECTIONS COORDINATOR:** Bootsie | [corrections\\_coordinator@vwahi.org](mailto:corrections_coordinator@vwahi.org)

Still looking for input for coordinator workshops. Should we have a workshop at Awareness Day? Quick straw poll seems to be yes – please contact Bootsie and give some ideas.

**SERVICE LIAISON:** Melissa | [service\\_liaison@vwahi.org](mailto:service_liaison@vwahi.org)

Present – no report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Durango Coordinator open | Downtown Phoenix | [durango\\_jail@vwahi.org](mailto:durango_jail@vwahi.org)

Robert is standing – 10/3/10, former chair of H&I, Spanish intergroup coordinator, literature chair, co-chair and chair.

James – 8/21/14 – has run security at AA events, sponsors dudes. H&I at Calvary and Banner.

**Aaron calls for vote – Robert is voted as coordinator.**

2) Perryville Coordinator open | 2105 N. Citrus Rd. in Goodyear | [perryville\\_prison@vwahi.org](mailto:perryville_prison@vwahi.org)

Guadalupe: Alexandria (her daughter) is interested in this coordinator position, will come to the business meeting last week.

3) Lewis Coordinator open | 26700 AZ-85 in Buckeye | [lewis\\_prison@vwahi.org](mailto:lewis_prison@vwahi.org)

4) Federal Corrections coordinator open | Coordinates with Chaplain for women’s federal corrections facilities, gets literature and coordinates meetings. Let people who need training know and coordinate with them. [federal\\_corrections@vwahi.org](mailto:federal_corrections@vwahi.org)

Nancy – almost two years – Founders Day, state conventions, very active in homegroup

**Aaron calls for body to waive 2 year sobriety requirement to elect Nancy. Motion to accept Nancy as Federal Corrections coordinator - Majority votes yes – motion carries**

\*any old business from the floor? No.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

### **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 (Not reporting this month.)

**TREATMENT CENTERS:** Tracey (Not reporting this month.)

**COMMUNITY BRIDGES WEST:** Matt (Not reporting this month.)

**COMMUNITY BRIDGES EAST:** Georgia (Not reporting this month.)

**MCSO:** Shawna | 972 741 1322 | [mcsso\\_liaison@vwhi.org](mailto:mcsso_liaison@vwhi.org)

- New Volunteers Training – Tuesday, March 20, 3:30PM-6:30PM, Lower Buckeye Jail
- April's training dates TBD

- AA Mtgs for the MOSAIC program at the Estrella Support Bldg

- Both male & female volunteers are needed, but must meet the following criteria:

- Chairs must have been badged for at least 1 year or & experienced (on a consistent basis) chairing mtgs at the Maricopa County jails
- •All volunteers are **required** to be scheduled via the MCSO Liaison prior to chairing these mtgs per Bridget Mack at MCSO & Correctional Health Services

**DETAILED INFO REGARDING SOBRIETY REQUIREMENTS, VOLUNTEER TRAINING, CURRENT MTGS AT EACH JAIL, & QUALIFICATIONS FOR MOSAIC MTGS ARE ALL LOCATED ON WEBSITE: [VWHI.ORG/VOLUNTEERS](http://VWHI.ORG/VOLUNTEERS)**

**SPANISH:** Salvadore A. | [spanish\\_coordinator@vwhi.org](mailto:spanish_coordinator@vwhi.org)

Guadalupe |

Manuel chaired a Spanish AA meeting at Lower Buckeye Jail on Feb 24, 2018 at M#2 with 3 inmates in attendance. Manuel also went to M#4, no inmates in attendance.

AA volunteers Alexandra and Maria chaired a meeting at Estrella on March 2, 2018 and had 6 female inmates in attendance.

Maria and Guadalupe chaired a Spanish AA meeting on Friday March 9, 2018 at Estrella. 4 female inmates in attendance.

AA meeting schedule has changed at Estrella and will be each Wednesday from 10:30am – 11:30am

New volunteer Margarita S. has been fingerprinted and her application is pending.

Aurelio T. will attend the MSCO orientation on March 20, 2018.

**DURANGO:** (open) | [durango\\_jail@vwhi.org](mailto:durango_jail@vwhi.org)

Robert is now coordinator.

**TOWERS – ESTELLA:** Shawna | [towers\\_tents\\_estrella@vwhi.org](mailto:towers_tents_estrella@vwhi.org)

- Chairs are very much needed at Towers on Saturdays to fill vacancy for Tower 2

- Apprx. 20 inmates on roster requesting weekly AA mtgs
- They have not had an AA mtgs for at least 4 MONTHS!
- Any time slot between 10am to 5pm can be arranged

**LOWER BUCKEYE - 4TH AVENUE:** Aaron B. | [lower\\_buckeye\\_fourth\\_ave\\_jails@vwhi.org](mailto:lower_buckeye_fourth_ave_jails@vwhi.org)

Has shown 2 men how to bring meetings into the jails. Women can go into the men's jail as a speaker or a chairperson. SO many service opportunities available – pick the day and time and you can take a meeting in!

Arizona Correction Conference is this weekend in Tucson.

**PHOENIX WEST:** August | [phoenix\\_west\\_prison@vwhi.org](mailto:phoenix_west_prison@vwhi.org)

No report.

**FEDERAL CORRECTIONS:** (open) | [federal\\_corrections@vwhi.org](mailto:federal_corrections@vwhi.org)

Nancy is now coordinator.

**ALHAMBRA:** Tony | [alhambra\\_prison@vwhi.org](mailto:alhambra_prison@vwhi.org)

Fred filling in for Tony – all meetings are going well. New volunteer David Z. taking meetings to F unit on Friday. Kelly B. - finished online training is closer to being badged, taking meetings to women in alhambra. Emailed time ticket to Chaplin Hendersen. We can use male and female volunteers TONY

**JUVENILE CORRECTIONS:** Bre | [juvenile\\_corrections@vwhi.org](mailto:juvenile_corrections@vwhi.org)

No report.

**LEWIS:** (open) | [lewis\\_prison@vwhi.org](mailto:lewis_prison@vwhi.org)

**FLORENCE:** John | [florence\\_prisons@vwhi.org](mailto:florence_prisons@vwhi.org)

Florence corrections complexes include 1 county, 3 state, 2 federal and 4 private prisons housing roughly 22,000 inmates. A minimum of forty meetings are held by AA volunteers each week; at least one outside AA-facilitated meeting in every unit every week. 15 additional informal meetings are held each week by the inmates. Currently 47 badged volunteers with 53 more in process. Back to Basics workshops recently concluded, graduations were held. Meetings have resumed at the Eyman/Rynning Unit and have yet to be resumed at the Florence/Each unit. ETV channel 28 is broadcast to all state inmates from 8am to 10am and 8pm to 1am M/W/F, includes 53 AA videos and 39 AA talks. New material uploaded every weekday morning. Florence will be represented at the Annual Corrections Conference 3/16-3/17 in Tucson. Florence Complexes

group conscience meetings, customarily held the first Sunday of every month at 2pm at the Road Recovery meeting room, are presently suspended.

**PERRYVILLE:** (open) | [perryville\\_prison@vwhi.org](mailto:perryville_prison@vwhi.org)

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** Alvin | [newcomer\\_liaison@vwhi.org](mailto:newcomer_liaison@vwhi.org)

Not present.

**BRIDGE THE GAP:** Ashley | [bridging\\_the\\_gap@vwhi.org](mailto:bridging_the_gap@vwhi.org)

BTG connects people just leaving institutions with active members of AA who can take them to meetings within the first 48 hours.

Volunteer workshop on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm at Glendale Fellowship Hall at 8910 N. 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Glendale, 85302

BTG committee meets the last Thursday of the month at Hob Nobs Cafe, 149 W. McDowell Rd. – 6pm for dinner, meeting at 7pm

### **INTERGROUPS**

**SPANISH:** Guadalupe | [hispanic\\_intergroup@vwhi.org](mailto:hispanic_intergroup@vwhi.org)

Yesterday at our regular hispanic intergroup meeting, Guadalupe gave two applications of renewal for the county badges, and one new application from a member of La Paz group. Contacted Salvador and gave updated report of Estrella jail meeting: meeting changed from 10:30am to 11:30am on Wednesdays. There are 14 inmates who are on the rosters and we usually help 2 volunteers at a time. Guadalupe also took Margarita Santillan to get her fingerprints.

**AGUA FRIA:** George | [afi\\_liaison@vwhi.org](mailto:afi_liaison@vwhi.org)

Day in the Park was March 3<sup>rd</sup> – sold over 200 tickets, very successful event.

AFI campout and fishing derby – April 13, 14, 15 at Bartlett Lake. \$10/adult – need fishing license to fish. More info at [www.westphoenix.org](http://www.westphoenix.org) or contact Jason

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – service workshop – topic will be 12<sup>th</sup> step calls - all are welcome.

Still a few positions open at AFI – see Jen,

April 3<sup>rd</sup> for next AFI committee meeting

Financial AFI is in the black – group contributions are up.

**EAST VALLEY:** Amy | [evi\\_liaison@vwhi.org](mailto:evi_liaison@vwhi.org)

Not present – no report

**SALT RIVER:** Sandra | [sri\\_liaison@vwhi.org](mailto:sri_liaison@vwhi.org)

Not present – no report

### **Additional notes:**

Laura – announcement – co-chair of 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SRI: April 28<sup>th</sup> at Central High School

Guadalupe – announcement – need AA meetings at Glendale Mission and Ministrey Center at  
6242 N. 59 Ave 85301  
Contact Pastor Kega Nasios at 623 937 2359 at Monday/Wednesday/Friday

**CLOSE:** 8:20pm

BIRTHDAYS

RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION