

Berkshire Institutions Committee Meeting on 9/19/18

The meeting opened at 7:05 with the Serenity Prayer.

Bronwyn N rolled in as Institutions Group Rep for RAY OF HOPE BB Lee, by way of the recent service workshop put on by the District 3 GSRs

Others present:

Nick M, IGR for Lenox BB Step

Michal S, IGR for WATCH YOUR STEP GROUP Housatonic

Don W, IGR for GB Men's Mtng and filling in for KEEP IT SIMPLE Nooner in GB

Andrew E, IGR for Southern Berkshire Group

Pat B, for Berkshire Intergroup

We are in need of more IGRs to have a healthy committee and smoothe running of 65+ institutions meetings per month in Berkshire County House of Corrections and various treatment facilities.

During the last month we had No shows or groups coming to facilities on the wrong night 7 times. twice at MCGee, 3x at CSS, once at Berkshire County House of Corrections, and once at Jones.

The Institutions Committee is in need of a CO-CHAIR and secretary.

9 OPEN MEETINGS AWAIT GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIP:

McGee Detox, BMC:

1st and 2nd Tues of Even Months 7pm

3rd Saturday monthly 7pm

Clinical Stabilization Service, BMC:

2nd, 3rd, and 4th Fridays at 7pm

Jones II Behavioral Health Unit, BMC:

2nd, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays at 11 am

Hillcrest Commons 3 Speaker meeting on October 24 Weds, 7pm

So far we have one speaker booked for this meeting. New Institutions speakers are encouraged to give it a try. An experienced AA will chair.

These commitments must be filled by subs and fill ins until meeting sponsors (group or individuals) come forward. If you are available to sub any one of these commitments in october, please reply immediately.

Nick M, from Lenox Big Book Step, is going back to his group this month with the proposition that they take the 1st 2 Tuesdays, EVEN MONTHS, at McGee. The group shared the commitment with Lenox Unity Group until recently. The two Lenox groups doing EVEN month Tuesdays and the Southern Berkshire Group does the ODD months. It would make the most sense for the large BB Step group to take the entire month of tuesdays on the EVEN Months. Nick will get a group conscience at the next business meeting and let us know next month. If they decide to take the extra Tuesdays, it would begin in December. October will be filled by subs.

Don W shared with those present some joys and concerns of bringing meetings into Berkshire County House of Correction where Trevor J has taken over from Jenn M as the G-Pods staff meeting coordinator. There were a few bumps in the road with some CORI's during the transition. Chaula will reach out to see if she can set up a meeting with Him and some of the other staff who cooperate with AA.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 with the Responsibility Pledge.

The Committee will re-convene on Wednesday October 17th at 7 pm at Berkshire Intergroup Office, 152 North Street, Suite 30C, elevator to 3rd Fl above Pancho's Mexican Restaurant. Some members meet prior to the meeting downstairs at Panchos for soft Tacos after 5:30. All welcome.

Chaula drives to the larger Western MA Institutions Committee, from whom we receive our Institutions literature, on the first Weds of the month, next meeting in Holyoke will be on October 3rd at 7pm at Providence Hospital just across the border from Springfield. If anyone would like to ride along, contact Chaula, number below.

If you or anyone from your group can fill in or sub any of these immediate vacancies, or if you have any questions or concerns, or donations of literature, or newly interested parties to introduce to the committee, please contact Chaula H, berkshireinstitutionscommittee@gmail.com

Thanks for your service!

Respectfully submitted Chaula H