

Berkshire Institutions Committee Meeting 10/17/18

Meeting convened 7pm with 10 attending. Doug, Michael L, and Mike R (3 visitors from Northern Berkshire Group), Institutions Group Reps: Michal representing WATCH YOUR STEP group, Nick M representing Thurs BB Step Lenox, Bronwyn N representing RAY OF HOPE, Andrew E representing Southern Berkshire Group...committee welcomes Richard D representing Lee Young Peoples Group, and Eddie B representing Central Berkshire Group. Pat B was present for Berkshire Intergroup Office. Sharon H was unable to attend but communicated with this writer by phone after the meeting.

Of primary concern this month.

Still no co-chair, secretary or facility liaisons for Jones, McGee, and CSS. Positions explained, none came forth. Election nominations next month will also need a Chair for next year.

Open Commitments:

These are open, meaning....not currently sponsored by an individual or group.

McGee Detox

3rd Saturday 7pm

Jones II BMC

2nd, 3rd, 5th Saturdays 11 am

3rd Sunday 10 am

CSS (Clinical Stabilization Service) BMC

3rd Tuesday 7pm

5th Sunday 7pm

2nd and 4th Friday

Hillcrest Commons 3 speaker meeting will be in its 2nd month next week on Weds. October 24. Thanks to Bronwyn N, Sharon H, and Race Car Rick for covering that commitment. They will meet in the lobby of Hillcrest Commons, 169 Valentine Rd, Pittsfield at 6:15 pm.

Thanks to Richard D who volunteered to be one of 3 covering Next Month's Hillcrest commitment on November 28th at 6:30 pm.

Thanks to Lenox Big Book Step meeting for taking on the 1st and 2nd Tuesday EVEN Months at McGee Detox. Beginning the first Tuesday in December, they will do ALL tuesdays on even months, splitting that commitment with the Southern Berkshire Group who continue to do all Tuesdays ODD months.

Thanks to Sharon H who will be rotating into the 3rd Friday CSS beginning on November 16.

A calendar was passed and committee members volunteered to temporarily fill uncovered commitments in the month of November as follows:

Michal covering CSS Friday, Nov 9, 7pm

Eddie B covering Jones II Saturday Nov 10, 11 am

Bronwyn N covering Jones II Saturday Nov 17, 11 am

Richard D covering Jones II, Sunday, Nov 18, 10 am

Still uncovered in November are:

McGee Detox, Saturday, 11/17, 7pm

CSS Tuesday 11/20, 7pm

CSS Friday, 11/23, 7pm

Hillcrest Commons 3 speaker meeting on 11/28 (2 speakers)

Group Institutions Reps, please announce these opportunities for service and notify Chaula if someone steps forward. (note there are no 5th Saturday Jones or 5th Sunday CSS in November as they only occur 4 times per year- a tidy little commitment if someone has 4 hours per year to serve.)

It was a great meeting. Wonderful to make it to 10 in attendance. Please spread the word we need a chair ad co-chair, a secretary, and 3 facility liaisons for McGee, CSS, and Jones II. Nominations will take place at our next meeting on November 21st at 7pm Berkshire Intergroup Office, 152 North Street, suite 30C, 3rd Fl above Pancho's Restaurant, Pittsfield. Some of the committee members meet for dinner at Pancho's before the committee meets, ..5:30 onward. They have great soft tacos! All Welcome and encouraged.

Note: Chaula drives to Holyoke for the larger Western MA Institutions Committee meeting every 1st Weds of the month. The meeting is at 7 and she leaves Pittsfield between 5:30 and could meet anyone from south county at the Big Y Parking lot near turnpike entrance in Lee at 6. That next W MA Committee meeting will be on November 7. Please come along!

Questions, concerns, Chaula berkshireinstitutionscommittee@gmail.com