

Berkshire Institutions Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/16/2019 # attending 7 (see attached sign-in sheet)

Meeting started at: 8:05PM

Open with Serenity Prayer

Read Statement of Purpose: The Berkshire Institutions Committee organizes and supports AA meetings held at county hospitals, corrections facilities and other institutions.

Chair's Report:

- Nothing but Institutions – I propose that this committee meeting hear only reports that pertain to Institutions business. We can discuss during New Business.
- I will do my best to keep these meetings to 30 minutes.
- Open commitments
 - CSS – 7PM 2nd Friday – taken by Jessica D.
 - Jones – 11AM 3rd Saturday – still open
 - McGee – 7PM 3rd Saturday – still open
 - Jones – 10AM 3rd Sunday – still open
- Distributing Literature – I'd like to change how the literature that I get from Western Mass Institutions is distributed. I want to distribute it to those in attendance here, and have you all bring it to our various facilities. Also, I'd like you to get an idea from the facilities what is most helpful for them, and I'll try to get that.
- Liaisons – this committee is supposed to have a liaison to each facility that we bring meetings to, but we haven't had liaisons in a long time. I propose we do away with the position unless we have too many facilities in the future for the Chair to manage.
- My term – Since I didn't serve as co-chair, I am willing to serve a two year term.

Respectfully – Connell M 2019 Chair

Facility Reports: (from any reps that bring meetings to these facilities)

McGee: All good – nothing new to report

CSS (Clinical Stabilization Services): The new facility poses the following problem: If we get there too early, we are asked to wait outside in the cold and dark, in an unsafe neighborhood. Chair will call the facility to ask for a solution.

Jones II: Going well. nothing new.

BCHC (Berkshire County House of Corrections): No representation

Rep Check-ins: (any other comments by reps)

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

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Chair's term – Since I didn't serve as co-chair, I am willing to serve a two year term. We will seek a co-chair in 2020 to roll in as Chair in 2021. Discussed and approved unanimously.

Close with I Am Responsible

Meeting ended at: 8:37PM