

Berkshire Institutions Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/20/2019

attending: 8

Meeting started at: 7:00PM

Open with Serenity Prayer followed by introductions of those present

Chair's Report:

- Still need meeting sponsors for Jones 3rd Saturday at 11AM and 3rd Sunday at 10AM – covered for March by Bronwyn (Saturday) and Sharon (Sunday).
- Jones 1st and 5th Sundays has opened up and needs coverage. 5th may be covered.
- CSS has asked us to start meetings on Saturday evenings. Will discuss under new biz.
- Williamstown Commons (nursing home) meeting – we will do monthly if there's enough support from North County AA. Looks good so far. Micheal L of N Adams is taking point. Discuss under new biz.
- Reaffirm we are an independent committee, not a subcommittee of WMIC. So we decide which new meetings to take on. Members in agreement unanimously.

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

McGee: all good. A few meetings missed this month. Will contact meeting sponsors

CSS (Clinical Stabilization Services): discussion about attendees being disruptive. Perhaps add 'no crosstalk' to the format.

Jones II: all good. Format changes needed.

BCHC (Berkshire County House of Corrections): need CORI forms distributed. Connell will dig it up and distribute.

Rep Check-ins: (any other comments by reps): None

Old Business: Connell contacted CSS about members being asked to wait outside. Won't happen again.

New Business:

1. Should we do the Williamstown Commons commitment? – yes unanimous – first meeting set for Wed 3/13. Monthly at first. Commitment will be the responsibility of north county AA members.
2. Should we add Saturdays to our CSS commitment – yes unanimous – George D volunteered to take 4th Saturdays.
3. Need to review all meeting formats for consistency and the right message. Will bring them next meeting to start this process.
4. Bridging the Gap – how does it work? Where is that 800 number being answered? Is our list of local BTG volunteers current? Sharon volunteered to call the 800 number for more info. Connell will reach out to McGee and CSS for their experience with it. Connell will get the existing list from BIG. All reps were given BTG sign-up sheets to bring to their meetings for new sign-ups.
5. Literature – how is it used on the units? What do they need? Is our lit distributed to patients or kept in-house? Connell reaches out to units.
6. CORI forms for jail AA meetings – how often does it need to get updated? Connell will confirm our current form is their current form and distribute.

Close with I Am Responsible

Meeting ended at: 7:50PM