

Berkshire Institutions Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/17/19 # attending: 9

Meeting started at: 7:00 PM

Introductions of all people there.

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:

- Minutes available for those who want them.
- SEVEN Open commitments
 - o Jones – 11AM 1st, 2nd, 4th Saturdays 11AM
 - o Jones – 10AM 3rd Sunday 10AM
 - o CSS – 2nd and 5th Saturdays 7PM
 - o McGee – 3rd Saturday 7PM
- New sign-in sheet was used on all units in June; I have copies of them for you to look at, if you want. Here's the breakdown of missed meetings:
McGee: 1 out of 22 - 5%
CSS: 0 out of 18 - 0%
Jones: 0 out of 10 - 0%
1 missed out of 50 = 2%!!!
These numbers are outstanding; let's do it again next month. I sent an email to all meeting sponsors with a report on No Shows. I plan to do that every month so that everyone knows how we are doing.
- BTG – Names of BTG volunteers are starting to trickle in. We now have seven in Berkshire county.

Reports: JONES: need more pamphlets and new racks. They use clear plastic racks that stick to the wall; we don't supply those. Connell will discuss with Jones staff to see if they can get new ones.

McGee: All is well there; nothing to report.

CSS: All their Big Books are gone. Discussed whether we can keep a stock of books for BB meetings. Challenge with Staff not knowing what we want. Maybe mark some of the books as "Stay at CSS". Discussed what to do when your speaker goes off format. Prevailing opinion was, it's the Chair's job to keep on format.

BCHC: Need more CORI'd men to fill commitments. Connell will reach out to men on the list.

Old Business:

- Continued to review and edit meeting format. Almost done!

New Business:

- Distributed the new hand-out describing Bridging the Gap volunteers. We will review before next meeting and resume discussion at next.

Distributed books for delivery to units.

Close with I Am Responsible

Meeting ended at: 8 PM