

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 1391
HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391**

**BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2022**

The temporary location will be the **United Congregational Church at 300 Appleton St., Holyoke - Next Meeting site 7 PM**

xx members were in attendance in person. Held in person.

Andrew opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, and the Guidelines of the committee. xxx read the Tradition 10 of the month, and xxx the Concept 10 of the month.

Introductions of the committee members: Chair, **Andy**, Co-Chair, **Jim R**, Sec. **Jax M**, Scribe Secretary (absent), Treasurer, **Matt F.**, Liaison **Carla C.**, Librarian, **JD**, BTG, **John F.**, CPC, **Charlie M.**

**New Institutions Reps (IGRS):
ROLL OUTS – ??**

ROLL INS - 3 ??

Secretary's Report: Jax M. was not present to read the minutes of the last meeting. Report submitted. Group asked for Correction to Baystate BCC, to call Dan. Losing track of the Letters meaning for the BSS commitments.

Treasurer's Report: - the Treasurer was present to give a report in person. He had two unsigned checks.

● Ending Balance from Prev.	\$900.00
● Total donations	\$1442.24
● Expenses	\$134.06
● Ending balance for book purchases	\$1308.24
● Ending Balance to Carry (reserve)	\$900.00

Report was read, voted, and accepted.

Liaison Report: – Carla C. (###) ###-####

Librarian – JD present to give a report.. Stocked books. Spanish versions, "AA in Prisons", "Came to Believe", "Living Sober", "Daily Reflections", Educational Pamphlets on Groups of Attention, AA Books, Step Books. "Ind Our Own Words", "Emotional Sobriety", "Voices of Women in AA", "AA in Prison", "AA in the Military". Chris handed in a receipt for books.

Motion was made to spend money on books. **Report was read, voted, and accepted.** Motion second to buy books. Motion passed to buy and store books.

Joe made a motion to continue Books to Mira Vista.

We voted, and accepted to continue month by month exceptions to helping other Alcoholics. Motion passed to buy.

BTG – John F., ###-###-####, ***@***.***** was present to give a report.

Statement of Purpose: The Berkshire Institutions Committee organizes and supports AA meetings held at county hospitals, corrections facilities, and other institutions. – <https://sites.google.com/view/berkshireinstitutions>

- John F reported electronically His committee Meeting met over Design, plan, an easy system from Jail to Meeting, Drivers. Nam, Address. Meeting of Interest to email to BTG.

CPC - Charlie M, CPC, ###-###-####, cpc@area31.org, not present.

Statement of Purpose: Cooperating with professionals, therapists, Institutions, judges, lawyers, Indigenous Americans. They may step in to assist when any institution contacts a facility director, recovery coach, nurse, or corrections officer requesting information about AA.

Area Delegate: –xxx, Area Delegate, ###-###-####, **Area General Service Meeting;** - 7:30 pm 2nd Wednesday of the month. United Methodist Church, 30 Carew St., So. Hadley, MA. **Convention Registration: : Early bird only \$25 thru Oct 20; \$30 thereafter.** Click on the image to the right and use the QR Code found in the flyer or visit our website to Register and choose your dinner/breakfast options today at aamastateconvention.org. **Walk-In Registrations are Welcome at the Convention. Friday, November 11, 2022 - 3:00pm to Sunday, November 13, 2022 - 12:00pm!** Lunch boxes will also be available at the Hotel. Mailed registrations & checks must be received by Oct 31st.

Chair, Andy called for: Open discussion of meeting issues: - The Liaison position is open. Request to the Group to fill the position. Andy has not heard from Jax as to why she is not here. Tonight we will take it up. COVID shut Holyoke, Carlton Detox (M), all other commitments may continue to open and close again. East Longmeadow, second Monday canceled; 2nd (M) canceled. Joe asked the meaning of BMC, Baystate - CSS versus the Berkshire Commitment. Andy asked Jax to call Dan.

OLD BUSINESS: JD got a blank check from the Institutions to be collected at each meeting. Matt, the Treasurer will bring a check for books purchased. The liaison is a position on the committee. This position needs filling. Chair appoints as it is an appointed position. Liaison is a two year position requiring Service and recommended sobriety for 2 years. We will take requests for this position. They will keep the coordination between facilities we serve. Just a reminder that Mira Vista was formerly Providence Hospital. Questions on titles: 1.) BMC - Berkshire Medical Center, CSS, McGee; Pittsfield, BMC - Berkshire Medical Center, Psych Unit, 2.) BCC - Berkshire County House of Corrections, 3.) BCC - Berkshire Medical Unit, 4.) BHN - Carlson, Springfield 5.) BMC - Baystate Medical Center Psych, Springfield. 6.) Hope Center - CSS, Springfield. There may have been some confusion over BMC Baystate Medical is now in Springfield. It was also in Greenfield.

In January 2022: Tyler Reported, VA Suspended, Sec 35 no info and by August 2022 we are filling. Carlson was waiting, Amy approached Andy. Her email is amy.grant.bhninc.org; M, W, Th, F. That is being filled. Tyler Contacted Swift, Noble, Sister's House, VA, Phoenix, SpringSide.

New Business: Joe made a motion to continue sending books to Mira Vista. Motion passed to continue sending books when requested by anyone representing in need of serving. - Vote is taken month by month. Andy was filling the Liaison Position. A motion was made to Elect Carla C. The Motion carried. Carla C. is the new Institutions Liaison. She would like a current list of institutions and contacts. Sec. Pro Temp is emailing one to her.

The next meeting will be on November 2, 2022 - 7 PM in person at 300 Appleton Street. Due to the closing of the Grace United Church at 474

Pleasant St. in Holyoke, the Western Mass Institutions meeting has been relocated starting with the November 2nd meeting.

Bridging the Gap
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Your 2021 Institution Committee.

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Co-Chair Jim R.

Secretary Jax M.

Treasurer Matt F.

BTG John F.

Liaison Carla

Co-Liaison Jim R

Librarian JD

CPC Charlie M. email: cpc@area31.org

Institution	Day	Time
BMC CSS	3rd Sunday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS	1st Friday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS	3rd Friday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	1st Monday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	3rd Monday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	4th Monday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	1st Fri	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	2nd Friday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	3rd Friday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	4th Friday	7:00 PM
Chicopee Hmpdn (W)	Saturday	10:00 AM
Chicopee Hmpdn (W)	Sunday	10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
 Jax M., Scribe Pro Tem
 Contact information for Bridging the Gap: Jeff F - Bridging The Gap coordinator

Franklin County (W)	Sunday	6:00 PM
Franklin County (M)	Tue or Thu or Sat	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	2nd Friday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	1st/2nd/3rd Friday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	4th/5th Friday	7:00 PM
Gandara House	Friday	1:30 PM
Hampshire Cnty (M)	1st/3rd Wed.	7:00 PM
Hampshire County Corr. LifeSkills (M)	1st/4th/5th Tuesday	7:00 PM
Highview Nursing Home Leeds	Tuesday	5:00 PM
Hillcrest Commons	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM
Hillcrest Commons	4th Wednesday	7:00 PM
Hmpdn Cnty Lud (M-SPAN)	Mon	7:00 PM
Hmpdn Cnty Ludlow (M)	Tue	7:00 PM
Hmpdn.Cty.PreRelease(M)	1st/4th Wed	7:00 PM
Hmpdn.Cty.PreRelease(M)	Saturday	8:30 AM
Jones 2 (BERK)	3rd Sunday	10:00 AM

Jones 2 (BERK)	1st Saturday	11:00 AM
Jones 2 (BERK)	2nd Saturday	11:00 AM
Liberty Prep Academy	1st/2nd/3rd Thursday	11:15 AM
Ludlow, Section 35	Saturday	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M)-	2&4 Wed	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M)-	Tuesday	6:00 PM
Mill Street (M) Spanish VIRTUAL	Monday	7:00 PM
Mill Street, Section 35	2nd-5th Monday	7:00 PM
Mill Street, Section 35	2nd/3rd/4th Tuesday	7:00 PM
Mill Street, Section 35	3rd/5th Wednesday	7:00 PM
Mill Street, Section 35	1st Thursday	7:00 PM
Opportunity House	Tuesday	5:00 PM