

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

**BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday April 5th, 2023**

24 members were in attendance.

Matt opened the meeting at 7:00 and read the article of purpose:

In agreement and cooperation with the Responsibility Pledge of Alcoholics Anonymous, the primary purpose of the Institutions Committee is to coordinate the work of the individual AA members and their groups who are interested in carrying the AA message of recovery to all alcoholics who might benefit from a meeting brought into their facility and to facilitate a means of Bridging the Gap from the institution to the larger AA community.

Introductions of the committee members;

Chair Matt, secretary Alyssa (covering for Urgyen), librarian JD, treasurer Steve, Jax co-chair, John BDG

Reports

Secretary’s Report- Matt read minutes from March meeting

Jax brought up that she’s not getting emails from the secretary report

ACCEPTED

Treasurer's Report- Steve

● Ending Balance from Prev.	\$900
● Total donations	\$1,953.35
● Expenses	\$421
● Ending balance for book purchases	\$1,132.40
● To Next Month	\$1,100

ACCEPTED

Bridging the Gap (BTG)- John

People are signing up for BTG, between 23 and 26 people signed up and continue to. People have not been looking for rides to meetings as of yet, Carla got a hold of someone from a detox and they have the information. John will be going to the Berkshires to the district meeting to let them know what’s going on. He has forms for people to scan with QR codes. Dennis asked if the cards for clients to call on the business card was still the same, John replied we are not using them anymore.

Librarian- JD

Last month we were given \$1517 for books, we spent the whole thing. The only books he ordered last month were big books and 12 and 12s. When we run out of grapevines, we won't be ordering as much as is seen tonight.

Liaison- Carla not present. Gave a report to Matt that she is considering taking on an ad hoc committee for reaching out to places because she's been having a hard time. She will be thinking about doing that next month.

Berkshire Institutions: Kiev- Berkshire institutions meeting has been meeting once per month on zoom. They are reaching out to all groups in Berkshire county to ask them to assign an institution's rep and pick up commitments. There is a lot of group and individual interest. They are doing well regarding literature. Someone asked if there could be a donation of grapevines to the group, Matt said he would find out, JD said grapevines are available. Berkshire county has been requesting printed when and where; they are not being printed anymore. Mary brought up discomfort that when and where aren't being printed because not everyone has access to the internet. JD said World Services said they're not going back to the when and where.

Issues with Current Commitments

None

Invited Committee Reports

Area- John- Next big thing that's coming up is the western mass roundup. May 19-21st at the Clarion in West Springfield. Information is on the area website.

CPC- No one present.

End Reports

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs)

Evan- from the Here and Now meeting East Longmeadow, he does not have an email address

Roll Outs

None

Roll Ins

Kiev 3/28/21 Great barrington men's meeting, Stockbridge group rolling in to the 3rd sunday CSS commitment (Berkshires)

Old Business

Hairston House; Motion tabled last month. Hairston house, which is a sober house where people *can* leave, has requested Institutions Committee to bring meetings in. We were unclear on what the procedure is, if our committee is appropriate to go in to a space where the residents are able to leave and go to regular meetings.

-Person at Hairston House told Matt the residents are on a 30 day lockdown when they first get to the house, so they will qualify now. Matt read the letter of intent from the Hairston House.

John made a motion to add them to the list, it passed and it is now going on the list M-F 7pm.

New Business

*Our secretary Urygen is going to be moving away from the area in June or July so we will need a secretary in a couple months.

*JD expressed concern with a situation when he cleared out the locker at MiraVista, he came across books about AA and the military. He had given out 50 of those books to the VA when he first started, and he wanted to find another organization who could use them. Motion passed, he will donate the books.

*Motion to continue to donate books to MiraVista, passed.

Motion: \$1,132.40 to JD for books

PASSED, none opposed

Motion to close

Meeting closed at 7:38pm

End minutes

The next meeting will be at 7pm on April 5th at 30 Carew Street, South Hadley.

Open Commitments

These commitments are double checked to be accurate and open.

Open Commitments (3/1/2023)				
Institution	Address	Type of Facility	Day	Time

CHD-Aster House	51 Old Lyman Rd, South Hadley, MA 01075	Co-Occuring Enhanced Residential Rehab. Program CO-ED	1st & 3rd Monda y	Flexible- afternoon or evening
CHD-Aster House	51 Old Lyman Rd, South Hadley, MA 01075	Co-Occuring Enhanced Residential Rehab. Program CO-ED	2nd & 4th Monda y	Flexible- afternoon or evening
CHD-Aster House	51 Old Lyman Rd, South Hadley, MA 01075	Co-Occuring Enhanced Residential Rehab. Program CO-ED	2nd & 4th Tuesda y	Flexible- afternoon or evening
MissionCare at Holyoke	35 Holy Family Rd, Holyoke, MA 01040	Long term care, dual diagnosis, Compassionate Care provider for inmates of MA Dept. of Correction CO-ED	1st & 3rd Wedne sdays or Thursd ays	2 PM or 4:30 PM
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BHN-Unity South	471 Chestnut St., Springfield Same building as Carlson. Use main Carlson entrance door (the one on the left), ring the doorbell marked "Unity Place South."	CSS/ Residential MEN, no female speakers per facility	2nd & 4th Monda ys	6:30 PM
Ludlow Men Section 35	Stony Brook Facility	Section 35	every Sunday	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Monda y	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Tuesda y	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Wedne sday	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Thursd ay	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Friday	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Saturd ay	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Sunday	7:00 PM

(Possibly) Open Commitments

This list may not be 100% accurate. If you are interested in taking a commitment off this list, please reach out so we can double check.

Carla (liaison) [email redacted], [phone # redacted].

Urgyen (secretary) [email redacted], [phone # redacted]

OPEN COMMITMENTS		
Institution	Day	Time
BHN- Unity South	2nd & 4th Monday	6:30 PM
BMC CSS	3rd Sunday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS	1st Friday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS	3rd Friday	7:00 PM
CHD Aster House	1st & 3rd Monday	
CHD Aster House	2nd & 4th Monday	
CHD Aster House	2nd & 4th Tuesday	
Chicopee Hmpdn (W)	Saturday	10:00 AM
Chicopee Hmpdn (W)	Sunday	10:00 AM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	Monday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	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
Hairston House	1st and 3rd M-F	7:00 PM
Hairston House	2nd and 4th M, W, Th, F	7:00 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
Ludlow Jail	1/3/5th Sunday	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

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Mill Street, Section 35	3rd/5th Wednesday	7:00 PM
Mill Street, Section 35	1st Thursday	7:00 PM
Mission Care, Holyoke	1st & 3rd wed or thurs	2:00 PM
Mission Care, Holyoke	1st & 3rd wed or thurs	4:00 PM
Opportunity House	Tuesday	5:00 PM
Phoenix House	Saturday	7:00 PM

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