

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

BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday June 7th, 2023

23 members were in attendance.

Jax opened the meeting at 7:01 with serenity prayer

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;

Co-Chair Matt, Secretary Urygen, Librarian JD, John BDG, Liaison Carla, Treasurer Steve

Reports

Secretary's Report- Urygen read report from May
ACCEPTED

Treasurer's Report- Steve

Ending Balance from Prev. Month	\$1,300
Total donations	\$2,467.71
Expenses	\$277.00
End Balance w/ Reserves and expenses	\$3,767.71
Ending balance for book purchases	\$1,990.71
To Next Month	\$1,500

ACCEPTED

Bridging the Gap (BTG)- John

No new updates; but forms available

What is Bridging the Gap? A way to get people who are getting out of an institution to their first meeting. You can sign up by scanning the QR code on this form and signing up with your location, availability.

Librarian- JD

Handed out 141 books last month. 970 assorted books on hand. Spent 819.50.

Things are going good, a lot of inventory we are ready and able to give out.

Liaison- Carla

There's a database that was made pre-covid, not updated during the pandemic. The ad-hoc committee is going through the database to call all commitments and check their status and to get fresh letters of intent. Ones we can't get through to Carla is calling the institutions directly.

If anybody would like to be involved with helping make these calls, please connect. Carla's contact is at the end of these minutes.

Berkshire Institutions: Hedley

Not much to report... doing the same thing you guys are trying to do; trying to figure out which commitments from pre-pandemic are being met and which ones aren't. Several jails are receiving commitments Hudson women's jail reached out to Berkshire Institutions to see if they would come in and hold meetings.

Carla Q: Is Berkshire Institutions a separate entity from Western MA? Ans: Technically a subcommittee but functions separately.

Invited Committee Reports

Area Delegate- Mike

This Saturday, Grapevine Comm 12-4 writing workshop. Food first and writing workshop after

Area has concept meeting on the first thursday of the month, hybrid, 30 Carew area31aa.org

MA state convention planning committee is looking for people to get involved August 12 Dist 4 is having a workshop called "Balanced Triangle".

CPC- No one present.

End Reports

Issues with Current Commitments

Sam: Rolled in to Hairston house commitment last month... spoke to someone who is currently a resident there... asked about the 30 day lockdown that is mentioned in the letter of intent... not really a lockdown, just a buddy system where people can't leave alone... Sam and Sean decided not to do the commitment because residents can leave the facility.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs)

Roll Outs

Sam and Sean Hairston House

Roll Ins

Anthony, sobriety date August 3rd 2017, home group Tuesday night big book study BHN Unity South

2nd and 4th Monday Carlson

Alternate Les Tuesday night big book study; 11/21/22

Accepted

Taylor

Do or Die group

Aster House 2nd Monday at 7

Sam

1st and 3rd Monday CHD Aster House

Haydenville

Motion to let Sam and Sean roll in even though Sean is not present.

- 13 For, 4 Against
- Minority opinion; by-laws, traditions, group conscience are there for a reason.
- Re-vote; 12 in favour; 4 opposed.

Motion passes

Sam and Sean roll in to CHD Aster House 1st and 3rd Monday

Old Business

None

New Business

Joe:

The last year and a half been putting the Institutions Committee in an awkward position; asking for books on a monthly basis for Mira Vista... it was passing but there was some opposition... Mira Vista ended their detox services, so no longer asking for books. On behalf of the 2 groups I represent; Morning Light and Not So Young People's Group, want to thank the committee for your support. We see some of the people we've served in the detox back in our meetings, and that's been very meaningful.

Motion: \$1990.71 for books
Passes

Motion to close
Meeting closed at 7:50pm

End minutes

The next meeting will be at 7pm on July 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	2nd & 4th Monday	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 Tuesday	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 Wednesdays or Thursdays	2 PM or 4:30 PM

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	2nd & 4th Wednesdays or Thursdays	2 PM or 4:30 PM
Ludlow Men Section 35	Stony Brook Facility	Section 35	every Sunday	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Monday	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Tuesday	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Wednesday	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Thursday	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Friday	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Saturday	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield		Every Sunday	7:00 PM
Hairston House	25 Graves Ave, Northampton	Mens Sober House	1st and 3rd M-F	7pm

Hairston House	25 Graves Ave, Northampton	Mens Sober House	2nd and 4th M, W, Th, F	7pm
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(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) [redacted].

Urgyen (secretary) [redacted]

Institution	Day	Time
BMC CSS	3rd Sunday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS	1st Friday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS	3rd Friday	7:00 PM
CHD Aster House	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 Tuesday	8:00 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 PM
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

CPC

Your 2023 Institutions Committee

Chair	Matt F.	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]
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