

Area 31 Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

Committee Agenda

February 11, 2020

- I. Call to order, open with a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer
- II. Introductions
 - A. See sign-in sheet. Communication will be sent out via email & text if needed throughout the month.
 - B. Welcome to the visitors from the Berkshires.
 - C. Mike R. appointed as new CPC co-chair.
- III. Tradition of the month:
 - A. Mary discussed Tradition 2, and how it pertains specifically to CPC.
- IV. Reports for this month's commitments
 - A. Institutions (2/5):
 1. Dawn attended and met with Charlie, the committee chair and Cody, the committee liaison, and gave a brief overview of what CPC did in 2019, as well as what CPC plans to continue to do this year.
 - B. AIC Substance Use Provider Fair (2/6):
 1. Dawn and Ky and Michael, the PI chair, attended. This commitment came as a result of CPC's prior work with AIC, as well as DCF. The event was open to the public, and had very good attendance. At this commitment, like those in the past, CPC does offer to take professionals to an open AA meeting, or meet them there.
 - C. Reminder upcoming events this month:

Brief reiteration that if you have signed up to attend a commitment on behalf of the committee and are unable to fill the obligation please contact the chair, and/or other members of the committee to ensure coverage is provided.

-We will provide a brief overview of what we present when attending committee meetings.

 1. Intergroup: Ruth (2/13) is unable to attend so Carolyn will be filling in for her.
 2. Radio Show: Anne (2/17) needs coverage so Melissa will be filling in for her.
 3. Display boards at the Randall Group anniversary: Tim (2/23)
 - a) This will be Randall's 65th anniversary. We are currently looking for the boards we would like to display, as there is a question of their last location. It was also discussed if we would like to create a smaller version of these boards that would be easier to display at events we attend.
 - (1) UPDATE- Boards were found, we will continue to discuss a smaller version to be created but we are all set for display on 2/23. Tim was made aware.
- V. Commitments for next month

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- A. Tradition of the month for CPC Committee Meeting – discuss: Ruth
- B. Institutions: Wednesday, 3/4 @ 7pm (Providence Hospital) – report: Matt
- C. Intergroup: Thursday, 3/12 @ 7:30 pm – report: Mary
- D. Radio Show: Monday, 3/16 @ 5pm (Basketball Hall of Fame) – chair & identify speaker- Ky
 - 1. Two people only for attendance to this commitment, as that is all space allows. Please remind your speaker not to name any institutions, per radio station policy.

VI. Old business

- A. Elms College Future Professionals student presentation for spring 2020
 - 1. Melissa G is waiting to hear back from Fr. Mark
- B. Inventory supplies, business cards, boards, etc.
 - 1. Ruth: Looks good. The materials we have on hand are for display for fairs, packets to be made for professionals and the “all in one” info card created with info re: meeting guide app, hotline numbers, Berkshire CPC, newsletter, and pertinent websites.
 - 2. Inventory needs/updates will be kept within the CPC email.

VII. New Business

- A. District 3 CPC Update
 - 1. District 3 CPC was created to focus on institutions specifically within Berkshire County.
 - a) First meeting was held in January at the Stockbridge Town Hall and will be held there on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm
 - (1) Eight “seasoned” AA’s were in attendance. CPC videos via GSO were played, and discussions were had re: visiting Berkshire Medical Center, Fairview Hospital, and the Bar Association.
- B. Understanding Anonymity review
 - 1. Due to the media presence at the recent substance abuse fair that CPC attended, the committee chair felt it would be beneficial to discuss anonymity among committee members. At the previous event , the media was respectfully asked that faces of AA members not be shown as affiliated with AA. 22 News respected the request and featured information about AA’s attendance while respecting the anonymity of the individuals present.
 - a) Anonymity is an individual decision and it is each person’s choice if they would like to identify as an alcoholic when speaking with a professional one on one.
 - b) When dealing with the media/public, no AA should be in photos, or introducing themselves as aligned with Alcoholics Anonymous.
 - (a) This is per GSO guidelines
 - c) Tim suggested the committee drafting a card for CPC members with a simple statement along the lines “I don’t represent Alcoholics Anonymous.....”

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- (1) Does GSO already have something like this?
 - (a) Would AA's "Blue Card" be helpful in this situation
 2. Should we send 22 News a thank you note?
 - a) Discussed amongst the committee with only positive comments and encouragement to go ahead and do so.
 - (1) Keeps the line of communication open, and creates an opportunity if CPC or PI can be helpful in the future.
 3. For the next meeting committee members were asked to please read the following prior
 - a) ["Speaking at non AA Meeting" pamphlet](#)
 - b) ["Understanding Anonymity" pamphlet](#)
- C. Area report related to CPC
1. Paul discussed kits and workbooks pertinent to CPC and how to obtain via GSO or their website for reference. The committee was asked to review the materials, as these kits/workbooks will be discussed at the assembly.
 - a) CPC kits are \$20 and can be obtained via GSO. Members can also access electronically for free at https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-66w_CPC_Kit.pdf
- VIII. Adjournment
- A. Close with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10 @ 7:30pm, 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke, MA