

Area 31 Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

Committee Minutes

March 10, 2020

- I. Call to order, open with a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer
- II. Introductions- See sign in sheet.
- III. Tradition of the month: Ruth discussed how Tradition 3 pertains to CPC.
- IV. Reports for this month's commitments
 - A. Intergroup (2/13):
 1. Carolyn attended but says there was nothing to bring back pertaining to CPC.
 - B. Randall Group Anniversary (2/23):
 1. Tim said there were approx. 100 people in attendance. CPC was 1 of 5 sets of boards being displayed. Each display gave a 1-2 minute presentation on the purpose of their committee.
 - C. Institutions (3/4):
 1. Matt gave CPC report. It was brought up after he shared his report; in new business. A motion was made to limit the committee reports. The Area Chair did voice that if any report should be shared w/the institutions committee it is CPC. The motion was tabled for the April Meeting
 - D. Reminder upcoming events this month:

Overview given of what should be reported on behalf of CPC when attended committee meetings

 1. Intergroup: Mary (3/12)
 2. Radio Show: Ky (3/16)
- V. Commitments for next month
 - A. Tradition of the month for CPC Committee Meeting – discuss: Melissa
 - B. Institutions: Wednesday, 4/1 @ 7pm (Providence Hospital) – report: Ky
 - C. Intergroup: Thursday, 4/9 @ 7:30 pm – report: Tim
 - D. Radio Show: Monday, 4/20 @ 5pm (Basketball Hall of Fame) – chair & identify speaker- Doug
- VI. Berkshires CPC Update
 - A. No representative from Berkshires CPC were in attendance.
- VII. Old business
 - A. Elms College Future Professionals presentation scheduled Thursday, March 31, 4:15 – 5pm
 1. Students will consist of social work, nursing, and criminal justice majors. Students need to attend this meeting as part of their curriculum.
 2. Discussed CPC presentation out of the CPC kit.
 3. Discussed how presentation was given when the committee attended last year.

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- a) 1 member chaired, 2 members spoke for 10 minutes each.
- b) Chair gave a brief overview of AA (10 mins)
 - (1) The membership pamphlet was useful to look over prior to chairing, and to include points from the pamphlet into the discussion.
4. Ky, Ruth, Mary, and Anne volunteered to attend and participate.
5. Leave 15 minutes for questions from the audience.

B. Anonymity discussion

1. Pamphlets were discussed and to remain anonymous in press, radio, TV, and film because it is crucial to AA as a whole.
2. Discussion on no full face photo aligning that person w/AA. Last names within the fellowship are ok.
3. On a personal level outside of the committee is an individual decision.

C. Thank you letter to Channel 22 WWLP

1. Has been formed and will be sent out by PI

VIII. New Business

A. Mini-Conference preview of CPC agenda

1. Agenda items have been sent out by the CPC chair for reps to bring to their groups, and get a group conscious on those items.
2. Brief discussion was had on the 4 agenda items that were received via email prior to CPC committee meeting.
 - a) Is AA in our community too similar to the flyer?
 - b) Do we need a pamphlet for MH professionals? Why or why not?
 - c) Discuss progress on LinkedIn page that was launched on 11/19/19
 - d) CPC kit review - give feedback to Delegate
 - (1) Kits are not getting out, need to update membership pamphlet.

B. NERASSA review of CPC items

1. The CPC chair and Secretary attended.
 - a) Many of the CPC committees that were represented have combined CPC/PI committees.
 - b) It was discussed that many of the committees have the shared problem of “How to transfer leadership from year to year”

C. Area report related to CPC

1. The agenda for the mini conference was discussed.

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a) Packets w/agenda items and background info will be given out randomly and then groups will have breakout sessions related to that packet.

2. Reminder also given that the concept meeting is held the 1st Thursday of every month.

a) The Berkshires have been teleconferencing in.

D. It was recommended to investigate getting smaller boards and updating the boards we do have.

E. Mary looking into scheduling commitment w/physician(s) at Baystate Noble

F. The committee was reminded we are always welcoming new requests and recommendations for outgoing commitments for the group.

G. Committee has a outgoing presentation planned to the Pioneer Valley Emergency Nurses Association for 6/23/2020

1. This will be discussed further at the next CPC committee meeting.

IX. Adjournment

A. Close with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 14 @ 7:30pm, 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke, MA

UPDATE: CPC is not meeting on April 14, due to stay-at-home recommendations for the MA State of Emergency regarding Covid-19 pandemic. All commitments have been canceled. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2020.