

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

**BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday March 2, 2021**

11 members were in attendance in person and virtually.

Andrew opened the meeting at 7:00 with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, and the guidelines of the committee. Carolyn read the tradition of the month, and Joe F the concept of the month.

Introductions of the committee members: Chair, **Andy**, Co-Chair Jim R, Sec. **Jax M**, Scribe Secretary, Treasurer, **Mat**, Liaison *Tyler T*, Co-Liaison, Librarian, **Chris T**.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Meg, 7:30, Daily Reflections; Amy Women's Fireside, Holyoke, MA; Liz, Not So Young Club, Providence Hospital. Joe C, Hope Springfield; Mark, Wilbraham, Friday nite.

Secretary's Report: Jax was present to read the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Mat was present to give a report in person.

● Ending Balance from Prev.	\$900.00
● Total donations	\$1128.67
● Expenses	\$212.31
● Ending balance for book purchases	\$916.36
● Ending Balance to Carry (reserve)	\$900.00

Matt, Treasurer's Report was read, voted and accepted.

BTG – Jeff was not present to give a report. BTG volunteer forms will be printed and distributed. Chris Reminded us that Sonja is coming up with a design for Regrouping but not present.

Liaison – Tyler was not present. Liam said Tyler followed up with the VA. We are waiting for an update on Section 35 since a new opportunity to join them in shared service delivery of Hope is now open to IC. Also we need an update or confirmation that, Hope Springfield, Mondays is available. Mark said, Contact Mike. Sec 35, Jail.

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

Berkshires – [Berkshire Institutions Chair](https://sites.google.com/view/berkshireinstitutions) – Bronwyn was unable to make this meeting. <https://sites.google.com/view/berkshireinstitutions>

Open discussion of meeting issues

Chris T. asked about the retention of commitments.

Master list: attempted updates to show, "OPEN" those commitment slots facilities requested, Listed commitments met, all reopened commitments we are asked to fill, regarded as "OPEN". Previous meeting chairpersons who wanted to resume their commitments, have done so,. through the facilities directly.

Area Delegate – Mike, Delegate ###-###-####. Reported The area office is in South Hadley, Church on Carew Street, gave updates on. Area31.org updates, potential changes in AA. 1.) Term "Person in Custody", is outdated..New Terms have been put up to review by members. The State of Oregon has already taken action. 2.) Make AA changes Slowly 3.) Assure Equal Distribution of Work Service Volunteers. On the Area31.org can be found additional news on the current democratic membership in AA, mini sessions, N.E.R.D. Regional Delegate Meeting. -New Inter Group in Holyoke, MA is at 300 Appleton St. All are Welcome Mar. 26, 2022 at 9:30 AM, Saturday for Break out discussions.

CPC - Charlie M CPC ###-###-#### co-chair Cooperating with professionals, Institutions, may step in to assist when an institution contact, a facility director, recovery coach, nurse, or corrections officer requests more information about AA.

ROLL OUTS – None.

ROLL INS - 5; 3 week hold on Hope Springfield, Will fill the alternate or the other Hope Commitment, if Monday Hope is not available in Springfield. Please check for him.

OLD BUSINESS -

- Not Available for Update: Gary W. Adolescent Boys, 4 reps at a time, 18 mo. sobriety. 178 Fairfield Ave. Chicopee.
- **Joe made a motion** for a temporary March 2022 consideration during Covid, to present participants who attended the March 2 Meeting, who request to receive AA Books, Literature; to be continued on a month by month. Motion, Second, Passed.
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- We reviewed our decision at the March meeting. *Mark made a Motion seconded, passed to review in each month for two months, only.*
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- Question: Mira Vista (formerly Providence Hospital), who indicated that the facility will not be using the Institutions Committee to fill commitments. Restrictions are changing everywhere.
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- **NEW BUSINESS:**
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- The jail has just reopened to meetings. Desire to share commitments again and negotiate a working team, again. Mark, said Sec 35, Jail.
- Tyler can contact Mike to discuss new terms of negotiation to revisit a shared service program. This may require a written request of intention to address a new opportunity to serve together again.

The next meeting will be on December 1st in person at 474 Pleasant Street.

Your 2021 Institution Committee

Chair	Andy	institutions@area31aa.org
Co-Chair	Jim R.	
Secretary	Jax M.	
Treasurer	Matt F.	
BTG	Jeff	
Liaison	Tyler F.	
Co-Liaison		
Librarian	Chris T.	

Respectfully submitted,
Jax M
Scribe Pro Tem

Contact information for Bridging the Gap: Sonja P ###-###-####- Bridging
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Committee Elections:

OPEN COMMITMENTS		
Institution	Day	Time
Franklin County (M)	Tue or Thu or Sat	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	1st/2nd/3rd Mon	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	Tue	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	1 Wed.	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	3 Wed.	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	2&4 Wed	7:00 PM
Mill Street (W) VIRTUAL	Tuesday	6:00 PM
Mill Street (W) VIRTUAL	3rd Monday	6:30 PM
Mill Street (W) VIRTUAL	1st Wed	6:00 PM
Mill Street (W) VIRTUAL	2nd Wed	6:00 PM
Mill Street (W) VIRTUAL	4th Wed	6:00 PM
Mill Street (M) Spanish VIRTUAL	Monday	7:00 PM

OPEN ALTERNATE SLOTS		
Institution	Day	Time
BCHC (M) VIRTUAL	Wed Week D	6:30 PM
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	1st Friday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	2nd Friday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	3rd Friday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	4th Friday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	1st Saturday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	2nd Saturday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	3rd Saturday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	4th Saturday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	5th Saturday	7:00 PM
BMC McGee Unit VIRTUAL	Tuesdays (Odd Months)	7:00 PM
BMC McGee Unit VIRTUAL	1st Thursday	7:00 PM
BMC McGee Unit VIRTUAL	2nd Thursday	7:00 PM
BMC McGee Unit VIRTUAL	3rd Thursday	7:00 PM
BMC McGee Unit VIRTUAL	4th Thursday	7:00 PM
BMC McGee Unit VIRTUAL	5th Thursday	7:00 PM
Franklin County (M)	Tue or Thu or Sat	7:00 PM
Franklin County (M)	Wed	6:00 AM
Franklin Medical Center	Sun	5:45 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	4th/5th Friday	7:00 PM
Hope Center Coed	1st & 3rd Sun.	6:30 PM
Hope Center Coed	2nd Sun.	6:30 PM
Hope Center Coed	4th, 5th Sun.	6:30 PM
Hope Center Coed	3rd Monday	6:30 PM

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Providence Hosp Detox	2nd Friday	6:30 PM