

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

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**September 7, 2022**

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**20** members were in attendance in person. Held in person.

Andrew opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, and the Guidelines of the committee. Carla read the Tradition 9 of the month, and Rich the Concept 9 of the month. John will Represent Andy next week at the Area Intergroup and Sept Meeting.

**Introductions of the committee members:** Chair, **Andy**, Co-Chair, **Jim R**, Sec. **Jax M**, Scribe Secretary, Treasurer, **Matt F.**, Liaison **Open.**, absent 3 wks, Librarian, **JD**, BTG, **John F.**, CPC, **Charlie M.**

**New Institutions Reps (IGRS):**  
**OUTS – none**

**ROLL**

**ROLL INS - 3** Carla and Brit, Concepts; Andy, Amherst Beginners, Phyllis, Northampton, Reflections.

**Secretary's Report: Jax M.** was present to read the minutes of the last meeting. Report was read, voted, and accepted. Group asked for Correction to Baystate BCC, to call Dan.

**Treasurer's Report:** - Mat was present to give a report in person. Mat said he had two unsigned checks. 1. Saturday Night 2. Singleness of Purpose, Groups. Matt will be stepping down. We thank him for his Service. He and his wife are having a child.

• <u>Ending Balance from Prev.</u>	\$900.00
• <u>Total donations</u>	\$2273.87
• <u>Expenses</u>	\$134.06
• <u>Ending balance for book purchases</u>	\$2139.84
• <u>Ending Balance to Carry (reserve)</u>	\$900.00

Report was read, voted, and accepted.

**Liaison Report:** – Tyler F. (###) ###-####, not present to report.

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

Motion was made to spend money on books. **Report was read, voted, and accepted.** Motion second to buy books. Motion passed to buy and store books.

Joe made a motion to continue Books to Mira Vista.

We voted, and accepted to continue month by month exceptions to helping other Alcoholics. Motion passed to buy.

**BTG – John F., ###-###-####, \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*.\*\*\*** was present to give a report.

**Statement of Purpose:** The Berkshire Institutions Committee organizes and supports AA meetings held at county hospitals, corrections facilities, and other institutions. – <https://sites.google.com/view/berkshireinstitutions>

- John F reported that he is excited by the ease of solution being created electronically by His committee Meeting to Design, plan, computerize, to track, with phone, distance of travel, special accommodations necessary like a wheelchair, online rides in transition from re entry : an easy system from Jail to Meeting, Drivers. Nam, Address. Meeting of Interest to email to BTG.

**CPC** - Charlie M, CPC, ###-###-####, [cpc@area31.org](mailto:cpc@area31.org), not present.

**Statement of Purpose:** Cooperating with professionals, therapists, Institutions, judges, lawyers, Indigenous Americans. They may step in to assist when any institution contacts a facility director, recovery coach, nurse, or corrections officer requesting information about AA.

**Area Delegate:** –Mike, Area Delegate, ###-###-####, Reported that a Hybrid area meeting happens from the office in South Hadley, Church on Carew Street. He gave Area31.org updates on: We have a Convention on Nov. 11-13. “Democracy is how, along with conventions, we see the Evolution of AA”. Sturbridge Host Hotel. September 27, End of 291, Paul H will host rides. There is a call for Stories. Third Wednesday is the Service Manual meetings. There is a GSR survey. John asked if the Area Committee speaks at Groups. Mike said, “we do”.

**Chair, Andy called for: Open discussion of meeting issues:** - The Liaison position is open. Our Liaison has not been here for 3 weeks. Request to the Group to fill the position. Holding over to OCTOBER. John from Holyoke said that the Carlton Detox (M), all other commitments closed again. East Longmeadow, second Monday canceled; 2nd (M) canceled. Joe. asked the meaning of BMC, Baystate - CSS versus the Berkshire Commitment. Andy asked Jax to call Dan.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jim R. stated that Phoenix House reached out. b.) Mira Vista information will be forwarded to Tyle, but Tyler never responded to the committee. - Jeff Shapiro is the follow up. A Request made for an inpatient Ambulatory Health Center Meeting at 1223 High St. is needed for Tuesday or Friday, 6:30 - 7:15 PM.) - Question: Was Mira Vista formerly Providence Hospital asked, Scrambled Eggs. Answer: "Yes, it is now named Mira Vista." -Joe made a motion to continue sending books to Mira Vista. Motion passed to continue sending books when requested by anyone representing in need of serving. -Vote is taken month by month to adjust to new Covid Schedules. -

**New Business:** JD wants a blank check from the Institutions to be available at each meeting. Motion was made for the Treasurer to bring a check so that books can be purchased. The liaison is a position on the committee. This position needs filling. Chair appoints as it is an appointed position. Liaison is a two year position requiring Service and sobriety for 2 years. This person, like the CPC, is the face of AA. They will keep the coordination between facilities we serve.

**The next meeting will be on October 5, 2022 - 7 PM in person at 474 Pleasant Street.**

Your 2021 Institution Committee

Chair	Andy	email: <a href="mailto:institutions@area31aa.org">institutions@area31aa.org</a>
Co-Chair	Jim R.	
Secretary	Jax M.	
Treasurer	Matt F.	
BTG	John F.	
Liaison	Open	
Co-Liaison	Jim R	
Librarian	JD	
CPC	Charlie M.	email: <a href="mailto:cpc@area31.org">cpc@area31.org</a>

Respectfully submitted,  
Jax M., Scribe Pro Tem

Contact information for Bridging the Gap: Jeff F - Bridging The Gap coordinator

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<b>OPEN COMMITMENTS</b>		
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
BMC CSS	3rd Sunday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS	1st Friday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS	3rd Friday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	1st Monday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	3rd Monday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	4th Monday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	1st Fri	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	2nd Friday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	3rd Friday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	4th Friday	7:00 PM
Chicopee Hmpdn (W)	Saturday	10:00 AM
Chicopee Hmpdn (W)	Sunday	10:00 AM
Franklin County (W)	Sunday	6:00 PM
Franklin County (M)	Tue or Thu or Sat	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	2nd Friday	7:00 PM

Franklin RC / Northern HC	1st/2nd/3rd Friday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	4th/5th 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
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
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	2nd/3rd/4th Tuesday	7:00 PM

<b>Mill Street, Section 35</b>	<b>3rd/5th Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Mill Street, Section 35</b>	<b>1st Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Opportunity House</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>

THE OPEN COMMITMENTS DATABASE NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT BY DAN. IT IS NOT TOTALING..THE 1 ON HOLD OR 0 ZERO FOR TAKEN.