

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

183 Books distributed

P.O BOX 1391

HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, May 6th, 2026

17 Groups in Attendance

JD opened the meeting at 7:00pm with The Serenity Prayer, and the group representative description including responsibilities of the position.

*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.

Introduction of committee members:

Chair JD, Co-Chair Erick, Secretary Maureen (not present)

Librarian Jason, Bridging the Gap Betsy, Liaison Erika, Treasurer Doug

REPORTS

Secretary: (Maureen not present) Doug read April's report. Motion for minutes to be accepted - *passed unanimously.*

Treasurer: Doug

Beginning Balance - \$ 495.59

Total contributions (31 Groups) \$2,235.14

Expenses- \$ 188

Total For Books - \$ 2,047.14

Ending Balance \$ 495.59

Bridging the Gap: (Betsy) – Provided an explanation of what the Bridging the Gap program is and how it works. We are seeing an increase in volunteers. We could use more volunteers to sign up to answer the call and be available to people after they exit an institution to bring to area AA meetings.

Librarian: (Jason) spent \$1,498.94 for 143 books and When & Wheres. In April, a total of 183 books were distributed. A total of 18 commitments received books. The current literature inventory stands at a total of 808 books.

Liaison : (Erika) – Mill Street has communicated that they would like more meetings. Awaiting an updated Letter of Intent. Boca Recovery Center has requested to add Saturday meetings at, Motion made – *Passed Unanimously.* WM Regional Women's Correctional Center Jail requested to add on Fridays to their commitment list available times 3pm & 7pm, Motion made - *Passed Unanimously.*

INVITED COMMITTEES

Area Delegate: Provided an explanation as to what they do and the services they offer. Their services include outgoing commitments to groups to share their recovery and service experience. A delegate can also help a group coordinate a group inventory utilizing a prior delegate. If interested, please email Area Chair. Mass State Convention planning committee will be meeting May 26th. This is a hybrid meeting. For more information go to Massstateconvention.org. Area 31 did not get the bid for the next NERASSA. GSO quarterly report is available on website. There will be an intergroup golf tournament on June 20th at the Agawam Country Club. Archivist still need meeting histories. Please visit Area 31 website for more information.

CPC: (Karen): not present

ACCESSIBILITIES: (Mark) – Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The meeting is hybrid. There are 27 commitments a month. All of these meetings are open. For meeting dates and times, visit Area 31 website.

Pi: - not present

WMPAA: (Mark): Meets on the first Sunday of the month at 5:30. There are service positions available. Fun things are being planned!

Berkshire Institutions: not present

Chair Report: (JD): Thanked everyone for coming. Institutions will be at the Round-up.

Co-Chair: no report

Feedback:

Roll outs - *Boca (4th Tues) Mixed Nuts

Roll ins * Chicopee Womens Corr. Center (Friday – 1st) Susan (Chair) Marilyn (Co-Chair), *Boca (Thurs – 2nd) Wednesday Night Mens Discussion Group (Victor), * Retreat of Boston (Sat – 1st) Holyoke South St Daily Reflection Group (Kevin & James), *Boca (Tues – 4th) John F (Chair) Christopher (Co-Chair)

END OF REPORTS

Old Business: none

New Business: (Doug) motion to spend \$2,047.14 on books - *passed unanimously*.

Closed Meeting 8pm w/ The Responsibility Pledge

The next meeting will be at 7pm first Wed. of the month, 6/3/2026, 30 Carew St, South Hadley

Your 2026 Institutions Committee

Email: institutions@area31aa.org

JD Chair; Eric Co Chair; Maureen Secretary; Doug Treasurer
Betsy BTG; Jason Librarian; Erika Liaison

OPEN COMMITMENTS - AA Service Opportunities - Updated May 2026

To take on a commitment: Roll-In during the monthly Institutions Meeting.

IC Meeting is at 7PM on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 30 Carew St South Hadley MA

(W)Women (M)Men *Notes					
Institution	Address	Day	Time	* Notes	
Boca Recovery	200 Kendall Street, Springfield MA	Saturdays 2-5	6:15 PM		
Boca Recovery	200 Kendall Street, Springfield MA	Sunday 5th	6:15 PM		
New View Section 35 (W) *	21 Kenwood Street Greenfield MA	Sundays	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome	
New View Section 35 (W) *	21 Kenwood Street Greenfield MA	Tues 1st/3rd	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome	
New View Section 35 (W) *	21 Kenwood Street Greenfield MA	Weds 1st/4th/5th	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome	
New View Section 35 (W) *	21 Kenwood Street Greenfield MA	Fridays 1st/3rd/4th/5th	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome	
Retreat of Boston	14 Chestnut Place, Ludlow MA 01056	S/Th/F(s)	6:30 PM	1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th	
Retreat of Boston	14 Chestnut Place, Ludlow MA 01056	Saturdays	6:30 PM	1st/2nd/4th/5th	
Retreat of Boston	14 Chestnut Place, Ludlow MA 01056	Wednesdays	6:00 PM	2nd/5th	
Salvation Army (M)	327 Liberty Street Springfield MA	5th Tuesday	7:00 PM		
Salvation Army (M)	327 Liberty Street Springfield MA	5th Thursday	7:00 PM		
Stonybrook Ludlow Section 35 (M)	325 Alabama Street Ludlow MA	Saturdays	7:00 PM	*Cori	
Stonybrook Ludlow Section 35 (M)	325 Alabama Street Ludlow MA	2nd Friday	7:00 PM	*Cori	
Valley Springs Hospital	45 Lower Westfield Road Holyoke MA	Sundays	6:30 PM	1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th	
Western MA Regional Women's Correctional Ctr (W)	701 Center Street Chicopee, MA 01013	Mondays	7:00 PM	1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th *Cori & Orientation	
Western MA Regional Women's Correctional Ctr (W)	701 Center Street Chicopee, MA 01013	Saturdays	2:00 PM	1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th *Cori & Orientation	
Western MA Regional Women's Correctional Ctr (W)	701 Center Street Chicopee, MA 01013	Fridays 2nd/3rd/4th/5th	3PM or 7PM	*Cori & Orientation	
There is a lot of service opportunity here please consider sharing your time, even 1 day/month.					
Working Together we Make a Difference!					