

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

243 Books distributed

P.O. BOX 1391

HOLYOKE, MA 01040-1391

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026

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

Steve read the tradition of the month.

REPORTS

Secretary: Maureen read May report. Motion for minutes to be accepted - *passed unanimously*.

Treasurer: Doug

Beginning Balance - \$ 595.59

Total contributions (24 Groups) - \$1,487.94

Expenses- \$ 188

Total For Books - \$ 1,299.94

Ending Balance \$ 595.59

Bridging the Gap: (Betsy) – Provided an explanation of what Bridging the Gap program is and how it works. 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. Provided an overview on how business cards work.

Librarian: (Jason) Received \$2,047.14 for literature. Spent \$2,043.79 for 195 books and When & Where's. In May, a total of 243 books were distributed. A total of 24 commitments received books. The current literature inventory stands at a total of 758 books. We have brought in an additional storage cabinet for books.

Liaison: (Erika) – A few updates: WM Recovery & Wellness Center at Mill Street has provided a Letter of Intent, Cori is required. Request is for meetings on men's side of facility. We are communicating further for the women's side. Carlson will remain open they have reorganized from

detox to a CSS. We have been in communication regarding meeting requests. Cori is not required for Carlson. LOI has been updated/received, there has been a time change from 7pm to 6:30p. So, all meetings at Carlson are now at 6:30PM. Asking that all commitments Roll-In at the IC meeting.

Holyoke Medical Center point of contact has changed; meetings remain the same days/times. Tuesday commitments at HMC should report to unit M5. Thursday commitments report to unit M3. Motion made to add Mill Street & Carlson to Open list – Passed unanimously

Erika thanks everyone for their service and communication, we have more commitments to fill so please share with your Home Groups; their participation is needed to continue sharing the message!

INVITED COMMITTEES

CPC: Not Present

Accessibilities: Not Present

PI: Not Present

WMYPAA: Not Present

Berkshire Institutions: Not Present

Chair Report: (JD): Recommends that we refer Grace House request to Accessibilities. Erick will be leading the Ad Hoc committee to revamp guidelines. Motion made to move forward with the formation of an Ad Hoc committee – passed unanimously

Co-Chair Report: (Erick) Agreed to lead the Ad Hoc Committee per guidelines.

Feedback: Steve – Only 24 groups donated last month. Group reps should make announcements at meetings and check in with their groups to ensure they are contributing to the pie chart.

Jason – a reminder that we are not to hand the books to the institution's staff. Books are to be handed directly to residents.

Roll Outs:

***Carlson** (3rd Thurs) Patrick – Do or Die Group ***Astor House** (2nd Wed) Connor – Better Life Group

Roll Ins:

***Carlson** (3rd Mon) Patrick Do or Die ***Carlson** (2nd&4th Mon) Anthony (Chair) Bob (Co-Chair), ***Carlson** (4th Wed) Connor – Better Life Group ***Carlson** (2nd,3rd,4th&5th Sat) Kim – Morning Light Group ***Carlson** (1st Fri) Jerry C. – Pioneer Valley Group ***Carlson** (1st Mon) John – Holyoke Group ***Carlson** (1st Sat) Mike – M&M Group

END OF REPORTS

Old Business: none

New Business: (Doug) motion to spend \$1,299.94 on books - *passed* unanimously.

Closed Meeting 8pm w/ The Responsibility Pledge

The next meeting will be at 7pm first Wed. of the month, 7/1/2026, 30 Carew St, South Hadley

Your 2026 Institutions Committee

Email: institutions@area31aa.org

Chair JD Co-Chair Erick

Secretary Maureen Treasurer Doug BTG Betsy Liaison Erika Librarian Jason

OPEN COMMITMENTS - AA Service Opportunities - Updated June 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 1-5	6:15 PM	
Boca Recovery	" " " "	Sunday 5th	6:15 PM	
Carlson Recovery Center	471 Chestnut Street, Springfield MA	Sundays 2nd/4th	6:30 PM	
Carlson Recovery Center	" " " "	5th Monday	6:30 PM	
Carlson Recovery Center	" " " "	3rd/5th Wednesdays	6:30 PM	
Carlson Recovery Center	" " " "	3rd/4th/5th Fridays	6:30 PM	
Holyoke Medical Center	575 Beech Street, Holyoke, MA	Tuesdays 1st/3rd/5th	6 or 7 PM	
Hoyoke Medical Center	" " " "	Thursday 5th	6 or 7 PM	
Mill Street (M) - WM Recovery & Wellness Center	155 Mill Street, Springfield, MA	Sundays	9 or 10 AM	*Cori
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Mill Street (M) - WM Recovery & Wellness Center	" " " "	Tuesdays 1st/2nd/3rd	7:00 PM	*Cori
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Mill Street (M) - WM Recovery & Wellness Center	" " " "	Thursdays 2nd/4th	6:00 PM	*Cori
Mill Street (M) - WM Recovery & Wellness Center	" " " "	Saturdays	1 or 7 PM	*Cori
New View Section 35 (W) *	21 Kenwood Street Greenfield MA	Sundays	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome
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New View Section 35 (W) *	" " " "	Fridays 1st/3rd/4th/5th	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome
Retreat of Boston	14 Chestnut Place, Ludlow MA	S/Th/F(s)	6:30 PM	1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th
Retreat of Boston	" " " "	Saturdays	6:30 PM	2nd/3rd/4th/5th
Retreat of Boston	" " " "	1st/5th Wednesdays	6:30 PM	
Salvation Army (M)	327 Liberty Street Springfield MA	5th Tuesday	7:00 PM	
Salvation Army (M)	" " " "	5th Thursday	7:00 PM	
Stonybrook Ludlow Section 35 (M)	325 Alabama Street Ludlow MA	Saturdays 1-5	7:00 PM	*Cori
Stonybrook Ludlow Section 35 (M)	" " " "	2nd/4th/5th Fridays	7:00 PM	*Cori
Valley Springs Hospital	45 Lower Westfield Road Holyoke MA	Sundays 1-5	6:30 PM	**Meetings Needed**
Western MA Regional Women's Correctional Ctr (W)	701 Center Street Chicopee, MA	Mondays 1-5	7:00 PM	*Cori & Orientation
Western MA Regional Women's Correctional Ctr (W)	" " " "	Saturdays 1-5	2:00 PM	*Cori & Orientation
Western MA Regional Women's Correctional Ctr (W)	" " " "	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!				