

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes October 13, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by H&I Co-Chair Brian, with 13 addicts in attendance. Motion by Donnie, seconded by Brian, to approve the minutes from the September meeting, passed. James read the 12 Concepts of NA service. Collected 7th tradition of \$15.15, which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

Sage read the H&I Dos and Don'ts.

Literature Report (Garrett reported): We have plenty of literature.

Panel leader reports:

- Dakota Co. Jail (James reported): Have been going to the 3100 unit for a while with the intention of having them start their own meeting. Last week started rotating to other units. 3100 still needs a meeting format, James is working on it. Next week will go to the 8100 unit, the following week back to 3100. Have 5 addicts willing to go, are rotating the people; can always use more participation. Brent moved to donate 1 set of readings and 10 basic texts (of the 20 at the jail) to the 3100 unit for their meeting; seconded by James, motion passed.
- Detox (Donnie reported): Went very well, had 6-7 addicts attend; Donnie may need to give up the panel leadership due to health issues.
- Haven in Woodbury, adult group (Garrett reported): Went on September 21, had 5 addicts share & 5 clients in attendance, it went well.
- Haven in Woodbury, adolescent group: (Sage reported): They do have a new counselor who is supposed to contact Sage.
- Haven in Shakopee, morning (Brian reported): Have gone twice since last committee meeting. Had 2 addicts sharing, it went well.
- Haven in Shakopee, evening (Brian reported): Haven't heard how it went.
- Journey Treatment Center (Todd reported): Had 4 addicts participate, it went well. Next commitment is in November.
- Cochran Recover Center (Brent reported for Matt): Had 3 addicts share, it went well. Could use some addicts from outside of Hastings to speak, as the clients at the center regularly attend meetings in Hastings.

Other H&I business:

- See Other Business below.

Outreach Subcommittee

- Todd V. is the new Outreach Chair.
- Meeting of Month: For October, Keep it Simple on October 21. James will give Todd the sheet keeping track of which groups have been visited when. Donnie suggested Monday Night in the Grove on November 21.
- Todd suggested making the meeting of the month a "month-long" designation to help out meetings that are struggling. Donnie stated that's the way the Twin Cities area handles it. Brent stated that the original idea was just to get people showing up at different meetings together; trying to do it all month stretches our resources more. Rich stated he didn't even know what the Meeting of the Month is when it was announced at a meeting; it would help if it was explained at meetings by GSRs.
- We need an Outreach Co-Chair!

Activities Subcommittee

- Tim is stepping down, so we need a new Activities Chair & Co-Chair. Please announce at meetings.

Public Relations Subcommittee

- Kevin is sending out meeting lists to 6 treatment centers. Melissa suggested announcing Bridging the Gap at H&I commitments & sending information about it to the treatment centers.
- Kevin updated H&I commitment flyers.

Other Business

- James suggested discussing Bridging the Gap. Melissa stated that it's a good way to carry the message and get people into the rooms; it's something we can all do. Brian suggested letting people at meetings know about the project.
- Brian suggested making sure the panel leaders communicate with the H&I Chair about how the commitments are going.
- Discussed the draft H&I Presentation Format. Brent suggested including the phrase "Alcoholism is too limited a term for us", which was agreed by all.
- Todd has an H&I handbook and some IPs, which were given to him. If anyone wants to borrow the handbook just ask.

Meeting closed at 8:05pm.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda November 10, 2011

Opening
Introductions
Approval of minutes
Reading of 12 Concepts of NA Service
7th Tradition
Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee
 H&I Introduction/Dos and Don'ts
 Literature Report
 Panel Leader Reports
 Dakota Co. Jail
 Dakota Co. Detox
 Haven (Woodbury) – adult and adolescent
 Haven (Shakopee) – morning and evening
 Journey Treatment Center
 Cochran Recovery Center
 Other H&I items
Outreach Subcommittee
Activities Subcommittee
Public Relations Subcommittee
Other old/new business
Adjournment
Discussion of 11th Concept of NA Service