

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes September 8, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by H&I Chair Lisa F., with 12 addicts in attendance.

Motion by James, seconded by Todd, to approve the minutes from the August meeting, passed.

Brent read the 12 Concepts of NA service.

Collected 7th tradition of \$8.00, which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

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

Literature Report (Garrett reported): We have plenty of IPs but need 2 sets of readings and non-contact meeting lists.

Panel leader reports:

- Dakota Co. Jail (James reported): Have been going to the 3100 unit for last month, focusing the meetings on discussion of the readings. We are only committed to working with that unit for now, trying to get them to the point of holding their own meeting. May move to another unit in the next week or two. Have a draft list of rules and guidelines [see Other Business]. There are still some issues/questions about whether or not people on probation can participate in the commitment, so for now we must assume that people on probation should not participate.
- Detox (Donnie reported): Went very well, had 6-7 addicts attend, and about 10 clients attended, it went very well this time.
- Haven in Woodbury, adult group (Garrett reported): Upcoming commitment on Wed., Sept. 21, 6pm.
- Haven in Woodbury, adolescent group: No update, we haven't been able to make contact with current counselor.
- Haven in Shakopee, morning (Brian reported): Didn't go on Labor Day, going this coming Monday at 11am (instead of 10am). Looking for people to go.
- Haven in Shakopee, evening (Lisa reported): Went a week late, had 5 addicts show up, it went very well.
- Journey Treatment Center (Todd reported): No commitment last month, but Todd dropped off meeting lists and event flyers. Commitment coming up this month. Brian got a call from someone who went there, he hasn't been on a meeting list as a contact for a long time, so they must be handing out old meeting lists. Todd will make sure they have current ones. We wished Todd Happy Birthday!
- Cochran Recover Center (Brent reported): Had 2 addicts attend with only 3 clients, it went well.

Other H&I business:

- See Other Business below.

Outreach Subcommittee

- Meeting of Month: Went to Midweek NA in Cottage Grove, meeting had good attendance. This month is NA Day on September 16. For October: Keep it Simple and Tuesday Morning Women's Recovery Group haven't been at area recently. Brent nominated Keep it Simple on October 21, approved.
- Could use submissions for the newsletter.
- Discussed whether or not to print more newsletter submission forms. GSRs don't seem to be distributing them. Matt asked if we should put more informational items in the newsletter (upcoming events, information from region or world, etc.); James will look into it.
- James' term is up as Outreach Chair, he plans to step down at next area meeting.

Activities Subcommittee

- Chair not present.

Public Relations Subcommittee

- Kevin is sending out some meeting lists to treatment centers. He has gotten some new treatment program listings.
- Todd suggested sending some treatment lists to Avalon.
- Kevin will work on updating the H&I commitment list.
- Kevin's term is either up or close to being up.

Other Business

- Dakota Co. Jail: James read the draft rules and guidelines document; most of it is from the Do's and Don'ts. There are additional guidelines for apparel (no apparel with logos, no shorts, no sandals). There is one designated NA contact with jail personnel at each commitment, that person should be the only person interacting with jail staff. If a participant knows anyone in the unit, they must leave immediately. James will get clarification on the statement about allowing the inmates to be the focus of the meeting. Need clarification on statement of what to do if the meeting breaks down and we have to leave early. We also need a list of all of the people currently cleared to attend.
- James also wrote up a meeting format for the jail commitment, which we discussed.
- Matt suggested incorporating an Introduction to NA from the basic text (with terminology) into the H&I Meeting format. Garrett will draft a version.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda October 13, 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