

AREA 67 CPC COMMITTEE MEETING UNOFFICIAL MINUTES, April 04, 2016

****The committee decided to try meeting at the SBMC for the meeting this month to test the Wi-Fi connection for the purpose of hopefully making the go-to-meeting option more effective for committee members****

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer, 7:30 pm

12 Traditions-April: Cletus B.

Introductions: Betsy G., Cletus B., Darren M., Deborah G., Jim B., Jim L., Kate E., Michelle H., Richard G., Rick M., Vern P.(RECORD ATTENDANCE ☺)

CPC Committee Purpose: Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Workbook - page 5: Rick M.

Pamphlet Review:

- **April-** “Problems Other Than Alcohol”- Michelle H.- Small but mighty this piece of literature is. For me I see this pamphlet as a very powerful piece in that it explains our singleness of purpose in real life examples that most of us today can relate to based on our daily participation with home groups, meetings, service, conferences, conventions & 12 step work, whether it’s our own or another members & the people we come into contact with through our sobriety. I love that it doesn’t just lay out the common questions that come with other addictions, but that it also gives solid answers as well. This piece also clearly defines our motives in having a purpose, if we, AA collapse, no one can be helped. We are not being judgmental, egotistical, exclusive or just plain rude, we simply cannot convert non alcoholics into alcoholics & we feel strongly that we would like to keep the hands of AA free of the blood that could come with even one death of an addict inside our rooms. Our place in problems other than alcohol is to help you find the help you need & welcome you as an observer to gain that help & inspiration.
- **April Assembly-** “The AA Member-Medication and Other Drugs”-Vern P.
- **May-** “AA in Correctional Facilities”-Rick M.

Secretary’s Report: March minutes stand as approved. Rick will have them posted on the webpage.

Treasurer’s Report: Monthly phone service fees. All expenses have been reimbursed & are up to date. More expenses will be incurred after the April Assembly, as well as a small literature order, these items will be reflected in the May report.

Chairperson’s Report:

- D32 Workshop Update- big success, Rick, Vern, Betsy & Michelle participated. All presentations went well, excellent turnout, nice facility that accommodates us very well.
- GSC Agenda Items for CPC-see below under new business
- Probation Department mail out update-over 30 pieces mailed out, only 2 return postcards requesting meeting schedules, 3 returns for wrong addresses, Rick will research these for corrections, hopeful for more responses.

District Reports:

- **D20-** Darren reported that a member made a motion at the District level to reach out to the groups, past & current servants within the District to start group level PI/CPC work, with the intent of gathering enough members to approach the District for support & funding to form a District PI/CPC Committee.
- **D32** – Vern reported that last month was solely devoted to the workshop preparations & he has been asked to submit an article to the Area newsletter reflecting on the workshop, any & all feedback/input is welcomed.
- **D40** – Jim reported that we met on last Monday with a couple steps forward, Jim will write an article for the D40 newsletter using the CPC Workbook to create some trivia questions in hopes of attracting new committee members to come & visit the committee.
- **D52-** Richard had rotated on as District CPC Rep & the position is currently open, they did however distribute over 100 folders to professionals over the course of 18 months.
- **D81/82-**Jim is building a clergy database, Grapevine & La Vina issues were distributed to doctors, dentist, and hospital facility by Rick.

Upcoming Events:

- Area 67 Assembly, 04.09.16-02.10.16, JFK Sheraton

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

- As discussed at our March meeting, we will dispense with unfinished/ongoing business in order to focus on the CPC related GSC Agenda items

New Business: [Response Forms will be filled out with committee's feedback on the agenda items listed below & submitted to the Delegate at the Assembly.](#)

Cooperation with the Professional Community — Item A

Consider discontinuing the pamphlet “Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W.”

- The 2015 Additional Committee Consideration of the Conference C.P.C. Committee requested that the trustees' C.P.C. Committee review the pamphlet noting the 2015 Conference Committee's concerns related to its language, outdated information and relevance to modern day medical professionals. On November 1, 2015, the trustees' C.P.C./Treatment/Accessibilities Committee agreed to forward to the 2016 General Service Conference the recommendation that the pamphlet, Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W., be retired because the pamphlet is too lengthy and dated. The committee acknowledged that Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W. remains a very important piece of A.A. history and asked the subcommittee in their review of other C.P.C. pamphlets to ensure that any still-relevant information from the pamphlet was captured in other A.A. literature.

Do you think the pamphlet Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W. is still relevant? Why or why not? After review, discussion & consideration, the committee unanimously agreed with the subcommittee's recommendation to retire this pamphlet with an emphasis on the importance of preserving its historical value & purpose.

Cooperation with the Professional Community — Item B

Consider adding text regarding A.A. and medications to the pamphlet “If you are a Professional...”

- January 16, 2016 report of the trustees' C.P.C./Treatment/Accessibilities Committee reviewed a progress report from the Subcommittee on Reading and Reviewing C.P.C. pamphlets and agreed to forward to the 2016 Conference Committee on C.P.C. the following suggestions:
 - That text be added to the pamphlet “If You are a Professional...” to suggest that in cases where a patient says they cannot take prescribed drugs because they are a member of A.A, the doctor refer them to the pamphlet “ A.A. Member – Medications and other Drugs.”
 - Draft text for the new section in the pamphlet “If you are a Professional...” (Page 5 beneath the “Singleness of Purpose and Problems other than Alcohol” section): A.A. Members and Medications. No A.A. member should “play doctor”; all medical and treatment should come from a qualified physician. The suggestions provided in our pamphlet “The A.A. Member Medication and Other Drugs” may help A.A. members find the right balance and minimize the risk of relapse. (The draft text comes from existing language in the Conference approved pamphlet “The A.A. Member-Medication and Other Drugs”)

Do you agree with adding the draft text to the pamphlet “If you are a Professional...Alcoholics Anonymous wants to work with you”? Why or why not? After review, discussion & consideration, the committee agreed 10-1 with the subcommittee's recommendations. What we'd like the Delegate to know is that we believe the new section placement is appropriate & has a nice flow. Also, that the suggested text is targeting professionals in the medical field & their patients, therefore we feel like if we had to choose one piece of literature to incorporate these recommendations it would be in the pamphlet “The Health Care Professional”, but ideally having the stated changes in both pieces of literature, could potentially cover a larger number of professionals.

Side note to this item, through our discussion we believe that since this text suggests the doctor refer the patient to another pamphlet designed for the AA member, that it might be a good idea to have a list of pamphlets/literature that would be helpful to professionals in referring their patients to for further guidance. A “Resource List” for example, that could be audience specific for its users.

Cooperation with the Professional Community — Item C

Consider adding text to the pamphlet “Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?” regarding A.A. as a resource for small business

- January 31, 2016 report of the trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment/Accessibility reviewed a progress report from the Subcommittee on Reading and Reviewing C.P.C. pamphlets and agreed to forward the 2016 Conference Committee on C.P.C. the following suggestion(s):

- That text be added to the introduction of the pamphlet “Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?” to clarify that A.A. can work with employers of any size, including small businesses such as medical practices, etc.
- Draft additional text for the pamphlet “Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?” (first page, last paragraph, additions in bold) “A.A. can help organizations of any size from large corporations to small businesses such as medical practices, etc., contact men and women who have achieved sobriety, and are willing to share their experiences freely with anyone who seeks help.

Do you agree that this text be added to the pamphlet “Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace? Why or why not? After review, discussion & consideration, the committee agreed unanimously that we could do not agree with the subcommittee’s recommendations, if they would take into additional consideration to remove the words “such as medical practices, etc.” completely because we do not agree with targeting one specific field & these words imply that, we feel that the words “any size from large corporations to small businesses” is adequate & effective.

Committee Meeting Relocation- It was unanimous by the committee to continue meeting at the SBMC for the remainder of the rotation, Betsy will contact the club to inquiry about any potential problems with our use of the facility on a monthly basis, and Rick will contact the Council to let them know we have moved & notify the Area Webmaster of the change.

Announcements: (Go-To-Meeting Available for the Area Meetings, except Assembly meetings)

- Area 67 April Assembly, 04.09.16-04.10.16, JFK Sheraton
- Area PI Committee Meeting, 04.09.16, 4:30 pm, Assembly
- Area CPC Committee Meeting, 04.09.16, 4:30 pm, Assembly
- D32 PI/CPC Committee Meeting, 04.11.16, 7:00 pm
- District 40 PI/CPC Committee Meeting, 04.25.16, 6:30 pm, WRC

Close Meeting: Responsibility Statement, 8:52pm