

## Area 48 Treatment Committee End of Year Summary- November 12, 2016

### Area 48 Treatment Committee Members:

*District Treatment Committee Chairpersons:* Steve A. (District 1), Hans R. (District 2), Anthony M. (District 3), Hallie E. (District 4), Jessica P. (District 5), Pattie B. (District 7), Sue W. (District 10), Kristin F. (District 11), David B. (District 12, alt area treatment), Steve N. (District 13), John S. (District 15), Mike E. (District 16), Jeri H. (District 18), Mark S. (District 19)

*District Contacts:* Mike L. (District 8 DCM), Jim C. (District 9 DCM), Liz D. (District 14 DCM), Heather C. (District 15 DCM), Don G. (District 17 DCM)

*Area 48 Treatment Committee Chairperson:* Joe M.

### 1) Difficulties

- Began without any information or contact lists.
- Contact lists not being up to date and missing information (no phone number or email address).
- Incorrect location information of district meetings in the meeting schedule.
- Difficulty getting started... December no meeting, January Inventory day- no opportunity for committee meeting, February no meeting....
- When there was no newsletter for first half of year, there were questions on how the Treatment Committee was to pass on reports and information.

### 2) Progress this year

- Developed a working mission statement:
  - To support the districts in Area 48 in their mission to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in a consistent manner to as many alcoholics in as many institutions within their districts as possible.
  - To conduct open dialogue with accurate and timely information between this committee and the groups it serves.
  - To provide educational material, programs, and training to support the districts in carrying the message within our AA traditions.
- Confirmed with the BTG Committee Chairperson how BTG is being handled- the correct form and where to email the form.
- Developed a phone and email list of all current district treatment committee chairpersons. In cases where there isn't one, a contact (usually the DCM) has been added to the email list.
- Treatment Committee Chairperson visited all district meetings this year and made Treatment resource literature available.
- Developed the pamphlet- *Treatment in Area 48*- some general information on treatment in Area 48 and how people/groups can get involved in their districts.
- Developed the pamphlet- *Suggested Guidelines for Service Work in Treatment Facilities*- some basic information on how to carry the message in the treatment setting
- Developed the pamphlet- *Spirit of Rotation in Treatment Work*

- Made the following resources available at [www.aahmbny.org/treatment](http://www.aahmbny.org/treatment) - *Treatment in Area 48, Suggested Guidelines for Service Work in Treatment Facilities, Spirit of Rotation in Treatment Work, AA in Treatment Facilities, and Treatment Committee Guidelines.*
- Area 48 Treatment Committee Reports are made available at Area meetings, online at [www.aahmbny.org/Area-Secretary](http://www.aahmbny.org/Area-Secretary), and in the newsletter.
- As suggested by the *Treatment Committee Workbook*, a Treatment Resource Literature Display Rack has been developed and made available at area meetings/events.
- Members of the Area 48 Treatment Committee have been funded to attend conferences and events
  - NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly)- Steve A. (District 1) and Joe M. (Area 48 Treatment Committee Chairperson)
  - NYS Informational Workshop- David B. (District 12, alt area treatment chair)
  - HMB Convention- Sue W. (District 10)
- Started having quarterly conference calls so that committee members can discuss treatment issues- August, November, February, and June.
- Literature and treatment resources were purchased and made available to districts as needed.

**3) Where do we go from here?** (as suggested from the *Treatment Committee Workbook*)

- Plan on visiting district meetings again and making treatment resources available.
- Develop a presentation that could be offered to treatment facility staff, including handouts.
- Develop a presentation that could be offered to AA members interested in treatment work, including handouts.
- Continue to reach out to hospitals, detox/rehabs, nursing homes, psychiatric hospitals, homeless shelters, half-way houses, out-patient rehabs, and VA hospitals to offer presentations or meetings.
- Invite Corrections, BTG, CPC, PI, and Accessibilities Area Committee Chairpersons to participate in our quarterly conference calls.

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Please contact your local District Treatment chairperson or the Area 48 Treatment Committee if you or your AA group is interested in supporting treatment facilities in your local district by being a speaker, donating literature, or supporting an ongoing meeting on a regular basis. Please let us know if you have any suggestions on how we can support the already great treatment work that is being done at the district level.

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