

PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6TH, 2024. 😊



ATTENDANCE: Tim C, Karah B, Dean A, Ashley C, Gil U, Kieffer B, Mario

OPEN POSITIONS: -

12 Traditions: Kieffer B

12 Concepts: Dean A

Service Prayer: -

REPORTS

Chair: Megan S

Hello PR fam-

We have attended a few outreach events this past month, I will let Kieffer tell you all about those but I just wanted to say how cool it was to see how many PR trusted servants and as well as other members of our fellowship come out to support and help facilitate those events! It has come up that we should have some type of giveaway on table for people to take along with our IP's and Lit so Katy and I have found some cool pin buttons she can show us that have been ordered at a small price. Katy and I are willing to donate those funds to pay for them if Area doesn't agree to cover the \$40 cost for 100 buttons! Tim has also asked for a purchase of some more literature for outreach events so we've come up with a lit order I will take to Area this month to request funds for.

We were approved for \$135 by area to design and purchase static clings for hospitals and business cards for places like police stations and hospitals to pass out to people who they think may benefit from connecting with us. Katy and I are in the process of designing those and they will be ordered soon!

As per discussed the past couple months, We are removing the Web servant and Schedule coordinator from the PR guidelines as those will be combined and moved to the area service body. This will include taking the schedule distribution piece

from the schedule coordinator and added to the PR chair's duties as well as facilitating the poster drive added to both the Outreach Coordinator and the Fellowship Development coordinator. This was those two positions can work together with the rest of the subcommittee to create and disperse those to the community as a team. As we have also been discussing the need of a Co-Correctional Facilitator I will be adding that position to the guidelines as well. It will simply state that their job is to assist the Correctional Facilities coordinator in all tasks listed under that position. I will be taking our revised guidelines to Area this month to be approved by the area body. I will share them in our chat before I take them to area so everyone can read them and add suggestions if there are any that come up. I think that's all were working on so far this month,

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the newcomer. We're saving lives one phone call and institution meeting at a time!

In loving service,

Megan S.

Co-Chair: Karah B

Hey family!

First I would like to say thank you for electing me as your trusted servant. It is truly an honor to be a part of this area, and to be a part of this committee. I don't have much to report, as this is my first report, but I just wanted to offer my help and support to each position. Please feel free to reach out with anything that you might need! I am very excited to see what this year has in store, to learn and grow, and to help further our primary purpose with all of you! Thank you for allowing me to serve.

ILS, Karah B.

Secretary: Ashley C.

All PR minutes are up to date and online. Thanks for letting me serve.

Co-Secretary: Gil U

Taking notes, learning, and asking questions for the secretary process from Ashley. Thank you for letting me serve.

Correctional Facility: Katy G

Hi addict called Katy

This month I wrote a letter addressing the Sheriff of Traverse City and the Jail administration at the Grand Traverse County Jail. (See below) Before I was able to go into the jail the administration recently changed so I am planning on this week. We are waiting on a couple of softcover books that I can drop off at the jail along with the letter in hand in case no one is there to talk to me face to face. Oaks facility is still going good. I have the application if there are any men who are interested in getting cleared with the facility in manistee. I am also going to mail a letter introducing myself to our outlying jails and hoping to connect with them and see what I can do to help get the message in there. That's all I have to report

In loving service

Katy G

Letter Below:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to discuss an important issue that I believe could significantly benefit the individuals within our jail system: the integration of Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings into the jail.

NA meetings all have a common purpose: recovery from the disease of addiction. In meetings, members speak of their experiences managing life situations without returning to drug use, and discuss recovery principles contained in the Twelve Steps. People of diverse backgrounds, ages, races, religious perspectives, occupations, and lifestyles attend NA meetings. The personal identification which occurs during meetings provides a powerful message of hope.

Incarcerated addicts throughout the world have been recovering from the disease of addiction for over twenty years within institutions. Many of these incarcerated addicts are housed in long-term correctional facilities. Equally, many of our members who found recovery while incarcerated (or involved with drug courts) remain drug-free and active in NA meetings all over the world. Within these meetings, addicts found hope from others recovering – hope to live drug-free, productive, and rewarding lives.

Implementing NA meetings within the jail would require collaboration between the Sheriff's Department and NA volunteers, ensuring that meetings are conducted in a secure and respectful manner. I would be happy to assist in facilitating these

discussions and helping to establish a plan that aligns with the department's protocols and goals.

I sincerely believe that integrating Narcotics Anonymous meetings into our jail system is a step towards more effective rehabilitation and a safer community.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this further and explore how we can work together to make this positive change.

Warm regards, Katy G.

Treatment Facility Coordinator: Dean A.

In my first month I have slowly started to acclimate to the responsibilities, thanks in no small part to Casey D. She has made the transition not only easier but possible.

While we needed to make more substitutions than I had expected, everything always worked out quite simply because the people in N.A. service bodies are awesome.

I've had several people make suggestions about the availability for literature. I would love to start a conversation about getting solid number of basic texts for a restocking pool throughout the month, or if not possible the little white booklets.

On a more personal note, I know this is the perfect position for me because it presents problems that I cannot physically fix myself and have to instead ask for help from the people of this program. I thank you again for allowing me to be of service.

Fellowship Development Coordinator: Ashley C

I attended the Irons event Sept. 17th. The event was great! Knew some faces and met some others. I asked about schedules. They were all good but they needed the green pull tab phone number flyers thankfully I had a couple of packs in my car. (Flyer, letter to professionals, and updated schedules)

Maybe I should get a stack put together to carry with me so I can take them to the meetings I go to to hand out if needed?? Also, should we add an IP talking about NA??

It was a nice event hoping to get some more people out to meetings in the surrounding areas to show some support. I did not make it to the Ludington

meeting but I do plan to go to the new NA meeting in Wellston at 2pm on a Saturday this month and go to a Cadillac meeting or two. Thanks for letting me serve ❤️💎

Phone Line Coordinator: Casey D

Hey family I'm an addict named Casey,

I am the phone line coordinator although I haven't taken the proper steps to take on any of the responsibility. I will reach out to Katy and have a goal of completing that within 2 weeks time. I apologize for not being there, I have all the kids and Travis had to finish up a job this afternoon. If Dean or anyone else has any questions for me please don't hesitate to call or text anytime. Thank you all for your dedicated service!

In Loving Service

Community Outreach Coordinator: Kieffer B

Sup fam! The safe harbor event was great got a lot of information from one of the staff members there I think her title was an information outreach coordinator of sorts! I will remain in contact with her. Also have a flier for another event that narcotics anonymous could attend on the 21st of this month that I don't think I can personally attend but am looking for volunteers to show up. I've made contact with the guy at the resort and will provide further details when I hear from him. This is all I have to report. Thank you for letting me be of said service 😊

Report - Tim C

I have a few things to report. First, we had a PR table at the PORCH-A PALOOZA that ATS put on thanks to all that helped out with it. Always good to Represent.

At the Safe Harbor event we left some schedules & IP's there. I got contact information for Jaclyn D and they would be open to us bringing in an H&I meeting, would just need to coordinate the details.

Also I talked with our contact at BATA about where we stand currently on paying for the ads, how much we've paid and how much we owe. He will get back with me tomorrow. He would like us to pay for a year and didn't remember telling me \$1000.00 instead of \$1200.00 so I sent him the email he sent me. I will have this info before Area and let Megan know. I will be talking to him tomorrow. Then I

will be passing this on to Kieffer and giving him the contact information. Thanks for letting me serve.

OLD BUSINESS

QR codes - Tabled Katy G info? (3 for \$50 for BATA to change out)

ER packets - Tabled Casey D info?

Dakoske Saturday meeting? No willingness as of now.

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget request Dean A - New readings, 5 basic texts, and 10 white booklets
- Poster drive materials

OPEN SHARE

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**NEXT MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD,
2024 AT 5PM**



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