

Institutions Coordinator Report
SCWS Assembly
May 21, 2016

Institutions Engagements Summary

1. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Volunteer Advisory Task Force (VATF) Committee Meeting
2. Southern California 35th Annual H & I AA Conference with Al-Anon Participation
3. Strategic Alliance: Liaison to AA Southern California Hospitals and Institutions Intergroup
4. The Northern California 44th Annual Hospital and Institution Conference of AA with Al-Anon Participation
5. Area Institutions Strategic Planning Barbeque

Institutions Engagements

1. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Volunteer Advisory Task Force (VATF) Committee Meeting

February 25, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Meeting discussed many of the challenges faced by volunteers entering prisons and some of the steps being taking by the State to ease that process

2. 35th Annual H & I AA Conference with Al-Anon Participation “Gateway to Service”

Dates: April 8th, 9th, 10th 2016

Location: Holiday Inn

14299 Firestone Blvd.

La Mirada, CA 90638

- Attendance
 - Overall Conference: 205
 - Al-Anon Luncheon: 52
 - AA Banquet: 82
- Next year’s 35th Annual H & I AA Conference with Al-Anon Participation
 - May 5-7 or May 19-21. Date to be finalized at the May 22nd AA H&I Intergroup Meeting
- Excellent Speakers and Panelists
 - Al-Anon Luncheon Speakers
 - Greg R. – Inland Empire– Prisons
 - Attended Al-Anon Meetings while incarcerated
 - Started Prison Al-Anon Meeting
 - June D. – Inland Empire – Recovery Centers
 - Bob L.– Inland Empire – Service
 - Al-Anon Panels
 - Prisons—David B., NorCal Area Institutions Coordinator
 - Actively involved in 11 Prisons in NorCal

- Hospitals and Recovery Centers – Corinna L, DR60 and Portia C., District 6 Institutions and Public Information Coordinator
- Schools – Marley D., DR21
- FAQs – Pete B., Alternate Delegate

3. **Strategic Alliance: Southern California AA Hospitals and Institutions Intergroup Liaison for Al-Anon**

- I was invited by AA H&I Intergroup Area Coordinator to serve as an Al-Anon liaison for the purpose of understanding some of AA's H&I best practices and the sharing of information in dealing with Institutions
 - Southern California Hospitals and Institutions Intergroup for AA is comprised of delegates from the Hospital and Institution committees and liaisons from General Service Areas within Southern California
 - Southern California Hospitals and Institutions Intergroup also liaisons with AA Contact on Release, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Northern California Hospitals and Institutions Intergroup
- Attended AA Southern California Hospitals and Institutions Intergroup meeting on April 10th
- Plan to attend AA SoCal Intergroup Meeting Sunday, May 22, 2016 , 11:00
510 South 2nd Avenue (502 Club) in Big Room
Covina, CA 91723

4. **The Northern California 44th Annual Hospital and Institution Conference of AA with Al-Anon Participation *'Service is Recovery'***

Dates: April 29, 30 & May 1, 2016

Location: Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Hall 1351 Maple Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

- **Keynote Speaker: Claire R., AFG. Inc. (WSO) Virginia Beach, VA**
- Professional Representatives from:
 - **4 Treatment Centers**
 - **2 Women's Crisis Centers**
 - **3 Juvenile Services**
- **Update on work being done at 4 Correctional Facilities**
- **Sharing our Service Workshop**
 - Acknowledging 65 years of Al-Anon Service in
- The 2017 Nor Cal H&I is the first weekend in May, the 5th, 6th & 7th and will be in San Jose

5. **Area Institutions Strategic Planning Barbeque**

- When: July 16th
- Where: Los Angeles (Location will be given)

- Time: 2:00 – 5:00
- Who Is Invited: Institutions, CPC, and Public Information Coordinators for the AIS/Intergroup and District
- RSVP Only: institutions@scws-al-anon.org, 949-836-2311

The Strategic Planning Barbeque has the following objectives:

- **Create Awareness**
 - From an Area perspective, it is unclear who is involved in Institutions related activities at the District and AIS level
 - It's unclear how best practices are shared between the Area, Districts and AISs
 - It's unclear if the Districts and AISs see any value add from the Area
- **Discuss Expectations**
 - Discuss expectations of the Districts and AISs for the Area and vice versa
- **Evaluate Infrastructure**
 - Discuss infrastructure requirements to facilitate greater collaboration between the Area, Districts, and AISs
- **Inventory Existing Panels in the Districts and AISs**
 - Who is doing what at the AISs and Districts
- **Next Steps**
 - Discuss Short, Intermediate, and Long Term Objectives

Cordially,

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