

Area 82 Active Committees Meeting

March 28th, 2022

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm NS time

Chaired by Gerry W. Area 82 NS/NL A-GSD

In attendance.

Gerry W. Area 82 Alt-GSD

Paul W (District 6) PI Chair

Clayton (District 1 & 2 PI, CPC and Literature)

Boyd B. (District 15 PI) Area 82 NL PI Co-Chair (Report in absentia)

Gerry opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Gerry explained that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of better minutes and asked if anyone had any objections. No-one did.

Gerry referenced the location of the minutes on the Area 82 Website at <https://area82aa.org/area-docs/> but did not review them. (Sense of the room was that the minutes are available and that no corrections were necessary)

- **Boyd B. (District 15 PI and Area 82 PI Co-Chair)**

CPC/PI Report – February 15th, 2022

1. Literature distribution in public places – Ongoing (all). Reminder – whenever we are in public places (e.g. hospital bulletin boards, doctor's offices, pharmacies, supermarkets, etc.) we should all be checking to see what literature (pamphlets, cards, meeting lists, posters, etc.) may be displayed, always keep in mind and update as required. Chair recently received a request from a pharmacy student for pamphlets for purposes of doing a presentation and one from a doctor at the medical clinic in Shea Heights. Some pamphlets are also posted on the new District 15 website. Chair will be checking to see what we have/need in terms of pamphlets or other literature.
2. PSAs , ads, letters to professionals, associations, labour unions, churches, schools, EAP/EFAPs, larger businesses, e.g Bell, that have regular communication with their employees. This generally occurs every 1-2 months. PSAs and letters went out again in the past month. Many going to schools bounced back, so member is going to see if he can update our contacts for the schools in question.
3. Recruitment for PI Committee Required - Recruitment efforts should be ongoing as more participation is needed. New member has now joined us, but another will be leaving this month. Chair approached two members with a view to joining the committee, but they declined.

4. Digital & other advertising (Static Ads) – we now have ads running in the Business Post newspapers, signs on Metrobus and the new social media campaign pilot project via Facebook has also started, as of March 3, 2022 and preliminary results look positive. Member will provide weekly updates and we will evaluate the results of the project at our next meeting.

New Business

Social media campaign – See #4 above

Requests for pamphlets – See number 1 above

Makovik meeting – Member advised that at the Area 82 committees' meeting, it was decided to explore starting an online meeting in Makovik, but no start date has been set as of yet.

RNC Crime Prevention Guide – given cost and current circumstances, it was unanimously decided not to advertise in the guide this year

Concerns re institutions – Chair has received some communication from members expressing concerns about materials provided at Humberwood being outdated and re the general operations of the Grace Centre. The question was posed as to what we could do to assist in such situations. We no longer have an institutions sub-committee and these institutions are outside our district, however, we could perhaps contact these and other institutions, e.g. Recovery Centre, to advise of our existence/mandate and offer assistance and materials should they wish to have them. Member in Corner Brook may be able to assist with approaching Humberwood

The message we carry – Member expressed concern that many in the professional community do not seem to understand the message meant to be carried by AA, i.e. that we achieve and maintain recovery/sobriety through the program set out in the Twelve Steps. The perception instead seems to be that we attend meetings and encourage one another, i.e. fellowship. We could encourage members to carry the message of the program, not just the fellowship. This would hopefully encourage new members to embrace not just the fellowship, but also the program of the 12 steps, which would then lead them into service and a better chance at achieving and maintaining sobriety/recovery for themselves and others who follow.

Reports

Intergroup – Chair has been named to head up the committee for the spring convention, whose next meeting will be on March 16, 2022. Convention chair inquired as to whether we could supply a pamphlet display for the convention. IG had a profit of about \$500 last month and has a current balance of about \$8,500.00.

Treasurer - Current balance of \$4,472.55. Outstanding invoices for the Grapevine renewals (\$66.50) and new print materials (\$253.10) will be deducted from this amount. We also have pending invoices for the new social media campaign and the Metrobus ads. After payment of all items, it is anticipated we will have about \$1,300.00 remaining.

Institutions Report:

Current meetings as follows:

- HMP – Mondays – 6-7PM – Meetings resumed on February 28, 2022 and are currently ongoing.
- Recovery Centre – Saturday – 6-7PM
- Recovery Centre – Tuesday - 8-9PM
- Recovery Centre – Wednesday, 8-9PM
- **Note: Recovery Centre meetings suspended pending end of Alert Level 4; still suspended as of meeting date**
- Eastern Health Drunk Driving Program – Chair has made contact but no reply to date

Volunteers needed for all meetings.

Area 82 Committee – Member provided a link to the committee for the last Area 82 meeting minutes. Area 82 elections will be held this fall.

ATSA (Addiction Treatment Services Assoc) – focus of current sessions appears to be on drugs, but ATSA has committed to also focus on alcohol in future, perhaps in the fall. Advised Emmanuel house has increased capacity by changing rooms from single to double occupancy. They will advise if they need anything from us.

School presentations – see #2 under Business Arising

Meeting ended with the I Am Responsible pledge at 7:17 p.m.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6PM, via Zoom.

(End of District 15 Report)

- **Clayton (District 1 & 2 PI)**

Hi, everyone. Good evening. My name is Clayton and I am chair of the District 1 and 2 PI Committee.

Our committee met in-person just before this Zoom meeting at 45 Connolly to put together some information packages (including pamphlets) for doctor's offices and clinics in the area. We've done that a couple times, and have put together quite a bit of materials. We've now got some new members who have stepped up and are making calls to the different clinics and helping by compiling lists. It's slowly coming together now we've got some materials all ready to go. Next week, we're going to do some more deliveries. It might take a few weeks, just based on our schedule, the price of gas and all that good stuff. But we're getting some movement on it. We're starting to get out and do some, some more work in in the community.

Going forward, as restrictions are lifted for in-person meetings and as Covid becomes less of an issue, our committee will become more active.

Older item included for the update below. "My committee members have some suggestions for improving the Area 82 website. They propose adding a section for professionals, and perhaps a separate page for key Committee contacts in different districts."

Note. This is in the works by the Area 82 website folks.

- **Paul W (District 6) Chair; PI**

I dropped in on the Millbrook Health Center, the Indian Brook Health center the Eagles Nest Center in Sc Shubenacadie Because of Covid I'm not able to get in to the facilities but I'm usually well received and I'm able to drop off contact information and literature. This would include our small poster, similar to and copied from, the one used by district one and two. It contains our 24 hour number as well as the area 82 website. A person calling the AA number for District 6, reaches an answering service which takes the callers number and then contacts a member who calls them back. I put them on bulletin boards all over the place.

- **Gerry W. Area 82 Alt-GSD**

Trudy D. (GSD) and I have been kept busy with the Area 82 website. One volunteer offered to help out (Thank you Lise, we will organize familiarization as soon as we get the Pre-Conference behind us)

We now have a hybrid meeting there via Zoom and in-person at the Makkovik fire hall boardroom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87887876370>

Still no luck contacting the new treatment center in Goose Bay. I will keep trying.

The assigned Agenda items have been sent out to the Area 82 Districts for discussion and to be presented at the Pre-Conference Workshop on April 2nd Ask your GSR or DCM what Agenda items have been assigned to your District and try to participate. Your group counts, make it's voice heard.

https://area82aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Pre-Conference_Flyer_2022-Rev1.pdf

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- The meeting adjourned at 6:45 NS time with the Responsibility Statement
- Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm NS time, 6:30 NL time on April 25th , 2022

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>

Roughly transcribed by Gerry W.

