

District 23 Treatment Facilities Committee

Meeting Minutes - 2/17/2016

7:30pm Jackie opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance were Jackie, Paula, Jeffery and Maria, all members of the committee.

David H. retired from the group and 3 other members could not attend.

We discussed "Bridging the Gap." This program is designed to have an AA member in good standing, be available to meet with any client leaving detox or treatment who wishes a temporary contact to help them get introduced to AA, meetings, and a sponsor.

This temporary contact would take the client, upon release, to meetings closest to their home.

a) Introduce them as a new comer and not disclose information about the treatment center. This is in keeping with the 6th Tradition.

b) Help them meet other AA members.

c) Encourage them to find a sponsor and a home group.

d) Answer any questions the contact may have about the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and the 12-step program of recovery, and also what AA does not do.

e) Provide the contact with a meeting schedule.

f) Use your own judgment to dictate how many meetings you take him/her to.

g) Keep general conversation to AA related matters.

h) Avoid becoming involved in discussions about your contact's treatment or confinement. We have no opinions about outside issues.

Paula has agreed to stand as BTG's coordinator under the umbrella of the Treatment Center Committee. She was voted in by all who attended.

Each home group should encourage their members to become temporary contacts.

Bridging the Gap volunteers will be asked to fill out a form showing their desire to become a temporary contact. This information is confidential and will be kept inside AA under Paula's control. These forms can be found and downloaded in the Treatment Committee section on G.S.O.'s AA website at www.aa.org.

Jackie advised she will be ordering a Treatment Committee Workbook for all committee members. And she will be responsible for putting together the recommended literature for the contact/new comer.

The meeting was closed at 8:30 pm with the we version of the Serenity Prayer.