

Winter Assembly
December 13 2014

Registration

Call to Order

 Quite Time

 Serenity Prayer

 New Attendees

 Anniversaries

 Twelve Concepts

 Announcements by Host District

Approval of minutes from last Assembly

Treasurer Report

Finance Committee Report

Operating Committee Report

Delegate Report

Service Committee Breakout Sessions

Conference Reports

 2014 Big Book Conference

 2015 Spring Conference

New Business:

 1 Elections of:

 Treatment Facilities Chair (Alternate?)

 BTG Chair & Alternate

 Alternate Archives Chair

 2 Approve Area Calendar 2015

 3 Approve Area Primary Purpose Register 2015

 4 Bids for 2016 State Conference

 5 Proposed wording for submission in the Area Service Manual by R&C
 Committee on BTG

 6 Motion by R&C Committee concerning the Area Service Manual

 7 Motion by Manus concerning the Area Service Manual

Service/Administrative Committee Reports:

 Answering Service

 Archives

 Archivist

 Corrections

 Concepts

 Cooperation with the Professional Community

 Electronic Equipment

 Grapevine

 Literature

 Public Information

 Report & Charter

 Special Needs

 Treatment Facilities

 Web Administrator

Officer Reports:

 Alternate Delegate

 Alternate Chair

 Alternate Treasurer

 Secretary

 Registrar

 Alternate Registrar

 Chair

Open Microphone

Adjournment

| Event | Date | Location / Host |
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| Winter Committee Meeting | January 24 th | Officers Lord of Life |
| Spring Conference | March 27 th -29 th | Districts 22, 61 & 20 Pheasant Run |
| Spring Assembly | March 28 th | District 71 Pheasant Run |
| Pre-General Service Conference Workshop | April 11 th | District 11 |
| Spring Committee Meeting | May 9 th | District 10 Lord of Life |
| Summer Assembly | June 13 th | District 41 |
| Summer Committee Meeting | Aug 8 th | Report and Charter & Special Needs Lord of Life |
| Fall Assembly/ Area Elections | September 19 th | District 90 |
| Fall Committee Meeting | October 17 th | District 61 Lord of Life |
| Big Book Conference | TBD | District 21 |
| Winter Assembly | December 12 th | D 51 |

Bridging the Gap Committee
Information for the NIA 20 Service Handbook

1. Remove pages 44 and 45 of the Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Handbook, version 6/11/2014

Corrections

The NIA Corrections Committee coordinates activities of individual AA members and groups, who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in correctional facilities. In addition it helps Corrections Committees develop ways to “bridge the gap” between correctional facilities and the larger AA community.

Replace it with the following:

Corrections

- The NIA Corrections Committee coordinates activities of individual AA members and groups, who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in correctional facilities
- Facilitates a `` Pre-Release connection between the alcoholic being released from a facility into the AA recovery community.

2. Remove the following from pages 45 of the Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Handbook, version 6/11/2014

Treatment Facilities

The NIA Treatment Facilities Committee coordinates the work of Groups and individual AA members interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities.

Replace it with the following:

Treatment Facilities

- The NIA Treatment Facilities Committee coordinates the work of Groups and individual AA members interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities
- Facilitates a Bridging the Gap program connection between the alcoholic being released from a facility into the AA recovery community.

3. Remove the following from pages 64 of the Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Handbook, version 6/11/2014

Correctional Facilities Chairperson Responsibilities

Perform all duties as outlined in the Service Committee Chairpersons Responsibilities section of this document. Develop and maintain, with the input and assistance of District Corrections Committees, lists of local and regional correctional facilities and organizations that exist in communities served by groups in NIA. Arrange for A.A. participation (presentation, panel discussion, exhibit, etc.) at one or two meetings of correctional organizations in Northern Illinois Area each year. Maintain, or help Alternate maintain, a continually updated list of all correctional meetings within the area and the sponsor(s) of these meetings.

Replace it with the following:

Correctional Facilities Chairperson Responsibilities

- Perform all duties as outlined in the Service Committee Chairpersons Responsibilities section of this document.
- Develop, with the input and assistance of NIA district Corrections Committees, lists of local and regional correctional facilities and organizations that exist in communities served by groups in NIA and maintain updated list of all correctional meetings within the area and the sponsor(s) of these meetings.
- Arrange for A.A. participation (presentation, panel discussion, exhibit, etc.) at one or two meetings of correctional organizations in Northern Illinois Area each year.

4. Remove the following from pages 65 of the Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Handbook, version 6/11/2014

Treatment Facilities Chairperson Responsibilities

Perform all duties as outlined in the Service Committee Chairpersons Responsibilities section of this document. Develop and maintain, with the input and assistance of District Treatment Facilities Committees, lists of local and regional Treatment Facilities, Detox Centers, and Hospitals that provide treatment services in communities served by groups in NIA. Facilitate "Bridging the Gap" efforts throughout the area.

Replace it with the following:

Treatment Facilities Chairperson Responsibilities

- Perform all duties as outlined in the Service Committee Chairpersons Responsibilities section of this document.
- Develop and maintain, with the input and assistance of District Treatment Facilities Committees, lists of local and regional Treatment Facilities, Detox Centers, and Hospitals that provide treatment services in communities served by groups in NIA.
- Develop and maintain, with the input and assistance of NIA district Treatment Committees, lists updated list of all meetings in treatment facilities within the area and the sponsor(s) of these meetings.
- Arrange for A.A. participation (presentation, panel discussion, exhibit, etc.) at one or two meetings of treatment organizations in Northern Illinois Area each year.
- Assist the NIA Bridging the Gap (BTG) Committee identify opportunities to coordinate the effort of setting up programs within the NIA districts.
- Whenever possible attend the Annual Bridge the Gap Weekend Workshop to gain additional knowledge and share experience of those participating in BTG12 Step Work throughout the United States and Canada.

5. Add the following to “Service Committees” section of the Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Handbook, version 6/11/2014 which begin on page 43

Bridge the Gap (BTG) Committee

The NIA BTG Committee coordinates the work of Groups and individual AA members interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment, correctional facilities to set-up and maintain a Bridging the Gap program between the alcoholic being released from a facility into the AA recovery community.

6. Add the following to the “Responsibilities of Service Committee Chairpersons” section of the Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Handbook, version 6/11/2014 which begin on Page 61.

Bridge the Gap (BTG) Committee Responsibilities

Part of Bridging the Gap between a treatment program and A.A. is the Temporary Contact Program, which is designed to help the alcoholic in an alcoholism treatment program make that transition.

- Perform all duties as outlined in the Service Committee Chairpersons Responsibilities section of this document.
- Support the BTG efforts of the groups and district committees and coordinators within NIA 20.
- Create a sub- committee to develop guidelines to implement the BTG program within NIA 20. This committee would include those familiar with the BTG program and the process.
- Provide a uniform Bridging the Gap program the districts may follow along with supporting materials for duplication.
- Maintain a database of temporary contact volunteers contributed by the districts.
- Facilitate Bridging the Gap workshops to be held throughout the year rotating among the districts.
- Coordinate the efforts between the Corrections, Treatment, CPC and PI committees and standardize the processes for Bridge the Gap, Temporary Contact or any other name given to the 12 Step work of linking the alcoholic coming out of a facility with the AA recovery community

- 6 The Report and Charter Committee recommends the following motion:

The Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Handbook (Unabridged) shall be the Official Handbook for distribution to NIA trusted servants, which includes all Area Officers, Area Committee Chairs, DCM's, and GSR's. The Abridged version shall no longer be printed or distributed.

Discussion:

Per an August 2014 quote obtained by Phil Goodwin the cost of printing the 128 page spiral bound handbook is \$5.31 ea. for 1,000 copies (\$5,300) or \$6.06 ea. for 500 copies (\$3,030). The Area Officers shall determine quantities each year to account for service rotations within NIA and Districts.

The Report and Charter Committee will need to alter the wording of the Concepts Editor Responsibilities to reflect the single NIA Service Handbook. The term GSR should be removed from the Handbook description on the seventh and eighth bullet points on page 67. The Concepts Co-Editor Responsibilities may remain the same.

It is recommended that the Treasurer and/or Concepts Editor prepare a dollar amount for the Primary Purpose Register. That amount will be determined by Area Officers or their appointed committee based on estimated printing costs.

7 It is moved that the unabridged NIA 20 Service Handbook be printed and distributed to all members requesting a copy. It is suggested the first printing be 1,000 copies and further printings of 1,000 be printed as needed. Cost is to be covered by NIA and there shall be no charge to recipients. The Area chairman will appoint an individual to be responsible to update and have the handbook printed as needed.