



Area 59

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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Cooperation with the Professional Community Subcommittee Quarterly Report – Q2 2016

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The CPC Subcommittee can bring the A.A. message to professionals and to students at professional schools in the community, helping them to understand how and why A.A. works.

- A District 39 A.A. member Melissa G. wrote regarding staff training at local treatment centers and “how important it is to spread the "right" ideas of AA”. This A.A. member asks specifically for comments on having a CPC Committee at the InterGroup level or combining CPC activity with PI.

Response - I spoke to Melissa regarding this issue. She is going to talk with her Intergroup Rep and others about starting CPC committee. I referred her to the http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/cooperation-with-the-professional-community-cpc-committees for information and resources regarding CPC committees and offered to consult with her and her group about setting up a CPC committee at the District or Intergroup level. Additionally, I offered that we could help by giving an initial presentation to a group of professionals with them. I also advised her to contact SEPIA.

- An A.A. member from District 53 writes concerning possible “breach of our traditions”. The A.A. member writes “To my knowledge, it's the responsibility of the AA group to preserve the quality of the AA message at the group's meeting. But what about when AA is being used in places outside of the AA group/meeting? Evidently, judge at a Treatment Court and treatment center counselor are using the tools of the A.A. program in their programs, e.g., the judge asking a client what Step they are on and what it means to them, the counselor disciplining a treatment center client for missing a scheduled meeting by having the client “write a 7 page "assessment" of the step he is on”.

Response - The agreements that the "clients" make with TC for the justice process is between them and that court and the professionals working on behalf that court. Therefore, whatever the court does is an outside issue. They are not guided - nor expected to be guided - by our Fellowship Traditions. Our Fellowship has not viewed the Steps as belonging only to AA - they are not copyrighted and our Fellowship has not moved to exclude nor prevent any other organizations from applying them.

- A District 37 A.A. member wrote asking how CPC requests for support are processed by GSO. I told her that requests come to me as Subcommittee chair for Area 59 and I direct them to the appropriate individual for follow-up.



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Invitations

- District 38 held a workshop on April 23, 2016. Michael attended this workshop on behalf of the CPC Subcommittee
- District 36 is holding a workshop entitled, “Where Money and Spirituality Mix” on June 4, 2016, 1PM – 5 PM in Harrisburg, PA
- District 35 is holding a workshop entitled “Our Primary Purpose” on June 25, 2016 in Chambersburg, PA.
- CPC Presentation requested at Health Fair - Crozer Keystone Hospital, 9 AM till noon. A CPC member, John will attend and provide the presentation.
- District 30 is partnering with Districts 31, 44 and PENNNSCYPAA Bid Committee on workshop schedule for September 24, 2016. Details to follow

The CPC Subcommittee is updating CPC displays as needed

There have been no requests from GSO for support since last Quarterly meeting.

Yours in Service
RiverStone