

## Panel 69, Area 59 Subcommittee Minutes Treatment and Accessibilities

The treatment and accessibility subcommittee aids groups and districts within area 59 with special need solutions. The subcommittee is also responsible to assist in carrying the message into treatment facilities.

Our first task as a sub committee was to become familiar with both the Treatment and Accessibilities workbooks. Providing us with a vast understanding of how we can be of maximum assistance in carrying the message within Area 59. Along with the T/A workbooks the we also reviewed the “Bridging the Gap” reference guide. Assisting us in the ability to educate professionals within treatment facilities, but also ensure the suffering alcoholic leaving treatment has someone within the fellowship to reach out.

Treatment and accessibility committee is made of 5 very committed members. Each of member volunteered to take specific regions of Eastern Pennsylvania in agreement that we will attend Workshops and any district events within those regions to share treatment and accessibility information.

Over the past eight months the committee has been able to meet face to face three times. We have had two conference calls. During the face to face meetings we discussed contacting treatment facilities to have access to take meetings. Specifically, we are assisting district 35 in getting meetings into in Fulton County Facility. Reached out to main facility, to establish contact with no return calls. Discussed arranging workshops to educate treatment and accessibilities activities, specifically “Bridging the Gap”. Mileage and area expenses were also discussed and agreed upon. The two conference calls that the committee held were centered around the EPGSA workshop and Area inventory.

Upcoming activities the committee will be focusing on include:

- Working with chairperson to develop a list of available translators and interpreters to keep on file for Area events.
- Devise a list of districts without intergroups:
  - work with these districts on “Bridging the Gap” setting up presentations for professionals and establishing contact

Our committee continues to communicate with one another through email and text messaging.

Next face to face will be at EPGSA for our T/A Fundamentals workshop. Subcommittee will then be meeting again on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> for Face to Face meeting .