

Corrections Report
EPGSA Area 59 Panel 73
June 9, 2024
Quarterly Meeting, Q3 (Williamsport, PA)

We were without an official chair since Joe had to step down though we have been making do. Pete B. Just asked Ruth to step up as Chair and she accepted. We got a new addition to the subcommittee when we met virtually in April and oriented her on what our subcommittee does.

Between Steve and Ruth, since the last quarterly meeting, the subcommittee has brought displays to a workshop in District 22 (Greater Northeast Philadelphia) on April 20, a workshop in Langhorne on May 4, both Mini-Conferences, PENNSCYPAA in Wayne, and this quarterly meeting.

GSO Corrections has been sending multiple requests for Bridging the Gap pre-releases to the Area Corrections Subcommittee. We received four requests for people being released from prison into Allentown, Lancaster, Matamoras, and Philadelphia. We have forwarded them to Jim of Bridging the Gap. As we were discussing Matamoras, the DCM for 62, where Matamoras is located, overheard us and I forwarded her the letter from GSO regarding this individual.

GSO also forwarded to us a request for literature at a correctional facility in Bellefonte, PA. I spoke to the ADCM of District 43 and she had me forward the request to the DCM.

Joe and Jim spoke to a clinical director of SCI Camp Hill and educated her on the information available to inmates via tablets. A representative from EDOVO, an organization devoted to providing educational materials to incarcerated individuals, gave the clinical director step-by-step instructions on how to access the materials.

We think it might be a good idea for Grapevine and Corrections to team up and put forward a recommendation to PI or CPC on how to educate correctional facilities to access AA materials, particularly the Grapevine.

Joe also communicated to the Camp Hill clinical director about the difficulty the Harrisburg intergroup has had in getting literature to the prison. He asked her for a contact person for the Intergroup rep to reach out to which he then forwarded to Harrisburg IG.

Rich M., the director of NEPA Intergroup, reached out to me and asked about the possibility of an online calendar that could be implemented for scheduled meetings in correctional facilities that volunteers could sign up. Honestly, it sounded like he already had made headway in doing somebody about it in the Northeast region of the Area.

Submitted by Ruth D.