



Area 59

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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Treatment and Accessibilities Annual Report

E.P.G.S.A. Area 59 Panel 73

Year 2 – 2024

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This committee has met 10 times on Zoom or in person before Area quarterly meetings this year. The budget of \$1900 for travel and supplies was not exceeded and available funds exist should needs arise. Display literature was updated, rotated and ordered throughout the year to best meet the needs of certain events, districts and populations. Committee purchased the newly released “Black in AA” pamphlet to continue adding to displays. Several Plain Language Big Books have been ordered to educate the committee and next panel on this resource. Attempts were made at updating banner stands but creating formal display flyers was recently completed to update information and QR codes more cost-effectively.

This committee has continued to familiarize themselves with the Treatment and Accessibilities workbook, Safety and other resources and pamphlets. Committee displays were shown at various workshops and events throughout the area this year. In addition to speaking at commitments about accessibilities and safety at such events. Offering and providing support to Area, YPAA and other events this year was maintained and suggested as common practice for future events due to accessibility needs.

Supporting Bridging the Gap efforts throughout the Area continued to occur. This committee finalized new pamphlets that included Area 59 logo and passed a motion to approve them at the Quarterly 4 meeting. Sub-committee chair and secretary have continued providing support to BTG special servant directly.

Support has been available to all intergroups in the area who are effectively coordinating with most treatment centers. Some support was provided to treatment centers not serviced by an intergroup and to facilities that were in the process of connecting with intergroup. This included a nursing home, for example, that had never had AA support before.

Several accessibility concerns were raised in the last year. Providing regular, Spanish, Braille and large print literature to a few organizations including mentioned nursing home was one way this committee shared the message. Several areas of need were explored in our committee meetings including Veteran/First Responder, babysitting, non-secular, deaf and hard of hearing, home-bound or rural community needs, and dyslexia/ reading disabilities. For this specific concern, we recommended Area 59 adopt more reader-friendly fonts such as Calibri or Aptos that do not have serifs.

Blessed in service,

Devon C.