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TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT, PANEL 69
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The Area 53 Treatment Facilities Committee and Bridging the Gap Program Team met for the first of four annual quarterly reporting meetings on 21 February 2020 from Noon to 1330, where 17 committee members and interested members attended in person, and the second on 16 May 2020 via Zoom, where 7 members participated.

As of 11 March 2020, a virus referred to as COVID-19 created a mass need to quarantine. Hence, closings and cancellations of institutions and public face to face gatherings began to be implemented. Those included are :

- members entering detox facilities for meetings
- registered and public meetings at treatment and detox facilities
- Area 53 Annual Mini-Conference, and Quarterly Assembly, 13-15 March 2020
- Bridging the Gap communications availability and coordination with treatment centers for the released new member

Next, TFC was invited by Area 53 District 28 to collaborate for one of their outreach events. The theme is “Extending the Hand of Sobriety”. It will be 3 hours of interactive learning about the Bridging the Gap Outreach Program that helps actually Bring Members into Alcoholics Anonymous after their treatment or detox experience. The date pends rescheduling and will be announced, with ALL invited in person or to “Zoom In”.

Additionally, we are excited to have collaboration with the Area 53 Grapevine and Treatment Facilities Committees to sponsor an Area-Wide LITERATURE DRIVE.

Initially, we reached out throughout Area 53 to ask members and homegroups to send unused/underused/purchased/extra grapevines and conference-approved literature with their DCMs and GSRs and members to the drop-off location at the annual Mini-Conference.

Since the Mini-Conference cancellation and surface-contamination awareness needs under COVID-19, many members still have their collected literature.

The Grapevine and Treatment Committees would like to report that we will be continuing to push forward.

We must not rest our laurels on zoom meeting outreach to connect us. WE are the “big book” that many people see. We must stay vigilant in how Our sober society connects amidst changes the COVID-19 pandemic, and world bring, while adhering to our Traditions and Twelve Concepts of World Service.

We must consider the reality of and how to get literature to Bridging the Gap participants, as well as the eight outreach areas under the TREATMENT FACILITIES oversight.

ACTION STEP :

We ask that DCMS, GSRs, and Members announce through emails, texts, and at Zoom or online meetings to continue GRAPEVINE and Conference-Approved LITERATURE collections. There are 3 ways to get the pre-used or new collections to us :

1. Call 740.466.5300 or 614.537.6620 to arrange mail or personal drop off.

We will place items in a holding area before distribution to assure COVID anti-contamination compliance.

2. Call to Purchase literature from COGF. 614.253.8501 .

Grapevine Books or Conference-Approved Literature as low as \$5 +tax. Your purchases over the phone are secure, supports COVID protocol elimination of surface contamination, addressess logistical aspects of collections, and supports your intergroup as well as alcoholics in need.

3. Bring to a (possible) TBD in-person AREA ASSEMBLY in 2020.

Last for now, we invite and look forward to hearing how you'd like to reach alcoholic addicts in need through the service structure. We know MANY of you stay interested in interacting with hospitals, institutions, and facilities.

We as a committee interact and have work and planning sessions at various times throughout the 3 months in between our Quarterly

reporting meetings. So, we are always glad to hear from you, and remain eager to outreach to alcoholics through the COVID-19 parameters and new societal safety and communication needs.

The Treatment Facilities Committee and Bridging the Gap meeting is held ON THE 3RD SATURDAY, QUARTERLY.

February, May, August, November.

The next Treatment Facilities Meeting is scheduled on
15 August 2020 at Noon

If we meet remotely via Zoom, The ID will be distributed in advance.

If we can safely resume meeting in person we gather at NOON at an intergroup office, COGF, 645 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 in Franklin County, Ohio, and have since our second meeting in 2019. Please make sure the Area website is updated and reflects this.

We offer inclusive access by conference call to include any and every one, since Area 53 includes 37 counties, and in many rural areas. The conference call dial-in phone number is (415) 200-1362. The Attendee Access Code is 489 1332# .

May Our One Authority Guide Us All.

In Unity and Service,

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