District 17 // Area 93 // Panel 75 **Reason & Recovery - GSR REPORT** February 3, 2025 <u>www.District17AA.com</u> <u>www.area93.org</u>

Area & District Service Positions: Camille - D17 Alt DCM Christopher C - D17 DCM, Archives David F - Central Office Liaison Erica G - Area 93 Rep Katie G - D17 Treatment Facilities Kristina O'N - D17 Treasurer Lindsay P - D17 Registrar Marcus W - D17 Secretary & Website Noel T - D17 Guidelines

Introductions around the room: Thanks to everyone for being present and being of service. We shared the our group and a fun fact.

<u>February AA D17 birthdays:</u> Jacob - 14 years Lindsey - 7 years Chris C - 2 years

District Officer, Committee, & Liaison Reports:

- Secretary Report: provided by Marcus January minutes read into the record. Christopher moved to approve; all approve
- Registrar report Lundsey & Camille will provide info for new orientation
- Treasurer report sent ahead, Kristan could not report. Provided before meeting.
- DCM Report Chris went to area committee meeting Jan 19, good turnout and his first as DCM. First ACM for new panel. Assembly on the 16th of Feb, women's workshop huge success, 200+ people and took in over \$6000. Talked about future assembly bids, attended convention and saw Erica at GSO sharing panel. Encourage attendance to area assembly.
- Guidelines Noel. Recap we have gone through ITems 1-3 and passed twice (they are now official). Now, Item 4 for guidelines, who attends D17 meeting, we are proposing to add District Officers. Motion made to add change, 2nd, Motion passed and will need to be voted on again to be ratified. Now, item #5 is on the agenda to be

worked. Want to match our guidelines to Area. Noel asked to table until next month, she needs to confirm the area changes before bringing D17 changes to vote. Discussed changes about the regional forum reimbursement levels, 20+ years old and need updating.

- Central Office Plain Language BB is back and in stock! Page by page reading of the AA service manual every Tuesday, all up on the CO bulletin board or website. Feb recovery times will be posted when completed, copies at CO. Over \$55K of literature to buy from CO. 49th annual AA convention, 50th annual planning will start on 3rd tuesday in April. AA service manual is updated and available.
- Archives Chris, \$5700 annual budget for archives (not \$15K). Still needing a home, need a place that has wifi and a place where we can digitize the archives (John is doing it solo himself now). Being run out of a large storage unit now, 400 sq ft or more in Ventura County.
- CPC Chris C (Coop with professional community and public info). Big push from CPC is "talk to your doctor", Chris is planning to bring a PDF flyer, and he gave "meeting in your pocket" flyer to his doctor.
- Web-site need inputs for updates, Marcus did remove links to incorrect Venmo info
- Need Grapevine rep and we have open committee commitments get with Chris or Camille to volunteer. Need committee chairs (Finance, Literature, Public Information/Accessibilities, Seniors in Sobriety, Translation, etc.)
- H & I meets on 3rd Tuesday of the month in Tarzana. Reach out to Lindsey for info. Lindsay P — San Fernando Valley H&I monthly meeting: 5657 Lindley Ave, Tarzana, 91356 Orientation - 7:00 PM Business Meeting - 8:00 PM Next Meeting is February 18

Old Business:

- GSR Flyer Simmie. Newest flyer was brought to group, with QR code, and Simmie posted to 3 Facebook groups to get it out and get feedback. Simmie volunteered to post it regularly to Facebook. We will add it to the web-site as well.
- Concept Report Christopher brought back up the thought as to whether or not if we wanted to have concept discussions. Had open discussion about the idea of doing concepts (one a month, time limits, etc.) and the general consensus was that it is a beneficial effort, but the only concern was the time added. Motion passes to added concepts with a 4 min limit starting in March, Cynthia wil present 3rd concept next month

New Business:

• District 17 Competing and bidding for events and discussion about District 17 hosting an event, like an area assembly. D17 is a well resourced district and we are in a good position to be of service to other districts that cannot afford to do so. If approved, we coils vote for a steering committee to manage the logistics and setup. Typically it is less than \$2400 total for catering and venue. Will bring up next month for discussion with the financial rep.

Upcoming Dates of Interest: refer to www.area93.org and www.district17aa.com

- 50th (2026) Annual San Fernando Valley AA Convention planning starts in April
- Unit A St. Valentine's Day Dance. Sat Feb 15th, after the 6 pm meeting. \$10 donation at the door

• Area Assembly Sunday February 16th, 2025, 8 am - 5 pm, Freedom Center, 515 Eubanks St, Camarillo, 93010

• PRASSA 3/7-3/9 Anchorage Alaska

Announcements for the Good and Welfare of AA:

There is a new plain Language BB study in Burbank on Fridays.(in person)

Bullet Points:

- Central Office needs to sell literature, they have the new GS Manual and PLBB!
- Archives still in storage, needs a new home
- Importance of a GSR and the new flyer
- Check out our web-site and send updates you want on the website send to Marcus
 - <u>www.district17aa.com</u>
 - <u>marcus@reasonandrecovery.org</u>
 - Cell: 505-681-9963

District 17 Map:



Final GSR FLyer:

"Why does my AA Group need a GSR?"

"Hey! Who decided to change the words in the preamble from 'men and women' to 'people'?"

"You guys did!"

"We did??"

"Yes! Your General Service Representative (GSR) brought the issue to your group, you discussed it and gave your feedback. Then your GSR took your opinions to the monthly District meeting, the District Committee Member (DCM) took that information to the Area Assembly, and they took it to the General Service Conference!"

"Our GSR? But we don't have a GSR!"

"Oh. Then I guess your group had no say in the matter. Sorry."

The G.S.R. is your Group's voice to AA as a whole.



Registered AA meetings in District 17 with a GSR

Registered AA meetings in District 17 District 17 GSR meetings are held online on the 1st Monday of each month at 5:45pm, with new GSR orientation at 5:30pm. Zoom ID: 883 2895 6800 PC: District17 See you there!!

Next meeting todo -Elect a GSR !!

G.S.R. GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

MAY BE THE MOST