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**TREATMENT &
ACCESSIBILITIES**

AGENDA

Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities

Monday, May 20, 2019 – 9 a.m. - Noon

Room 404

Chairperson: Jan R.

Secretary: Rick W.

Conference Committee Members

Panel 68

Alicia H.

Rick P.

Jan R.

Alizon W.

Panel 69

Teddy B.-W.

Jane E.

Rob M.

Sue T.

- ◆ Discussion and acceptance of trustees' committee report.
- A. Consider revising the pamphlet "Bridging the Gap" to include related corrections activities.
- B. Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet "Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers."
- C. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late."
- D. Discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with A.A.
- E. Review draft of proposed Remote Communities Kit.
- F. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- G. Review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

Note: 1989 Conference Advisory Action

Each Conference Committee carefully consider their agenda items and strive to make their recommendations for Advisory Actions to the Conference at the policy level. To be more financially responsible, when a Conference Committee recommendation involves a substantial expenditure of money, an estimate of cost and its impact on the budget be part of that recommendation.

2019 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities

ITEM A: Consider revising the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to include related corrections activities.

Background:

1. 2019-12-15 Request to revise “Bridging the Gap”
2. Committee Considerations related to Bridging the Gap
3. Pamphlet “Bridging the Gap between Treatment and A.A. through Contact Programs,” available on G.S.O.’s A.A. website at https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-49_BridgingTheGap.pdf

Letter from Delegate, Area 53, Panel 67

Hello Diana

Hope to find you well. I appreciated your input on the 68 Correctional Panel and also the 67 Correctional Panel where I believe we were both first timers. In May 2018 I received a note encouraging to pursue my thoughts on incorporating the phrase "Bridging the Gap" to be more inclusive. See enclosed

Thanks for the encouragement

Frank G
Delegate Area 53 Panel 67

Consider Revising the "Bridging the Gap" pamphlet to be broad and inclusive.

Pamphlets F-183 , F-184 and P-49

I have noticed that there is not a clear understanding of the wonderful phrase "Bridging the Gap". A definition of BTG "to serve as or create a connection between two disconnected or disparate things", e.g. uneducated to educated, poor to rich, insanity to a connection to a higher power, inside to outside. The treatment committee does fit, however just as much as other committees in A. A. In my area and in the correctional committee in New York there is some confusion, some say it applies to the treatment houses others state it was applied to the Corrections. The pamphlets do refer to both but not clearly. One elder stated that "Bridging the Gap / H&I" project was started in California and applies to Corrections also.

Pamphlets F-183 F-184 would be more inclusive if the front page would state

A.A. TEMPORARY CONTACT/
BRIDGING THE GAP
FOR
PRISONS, TREATMENT CENTERS
AND OTHER
CONFINED INSTITUTIONS

Note: The outside Pamphlet would still state "VOLUNTEER"

The inside Pamphlet would still state "REQUEST"

The "inside" pamphlet first page it states the alcoholic in an alcoholism treatment program make that transition ...

change to the alcoholic in an alcoholism treatment or correctional program make that transition...

The pamphlet P-49 be revised to

Bridging
the

GAP

between

treatment, prisons ,other
confined institutions and
through contact programs

For AAs on the



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BRIDGING THE GAP
VOLUNTEER

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INSIDE A.A. MEMBERS
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BRIDGING THE GAP
REQUEST

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General Service Conference Committee Considerations related to Bridging the Gap**Corrections Committee:**

1991: The committee discussed the need for a bridging the gap pamphlet specifically for correctional facilities Twelfth Step work. Because of the existing A.A. prerelease contact programs and the availability of *Carrying the Message Into Correctional Facilities*, the committee sees no need for a Correctional Facilities bridging the gap pamphlet at this time.

1992: The committee considered the need for another version of a “bridging the gap” pamphlet for pre-release contact, and because this material is included in the Correctional Facilities Workbook saw no need for another pamphlet at this time.

2003: The committee also considered a request that a pamphlet about “bridging the gap between prisons and A.A.” be published to encourage A.A. contact for newly released members, and took no action.

2006: The committee reviewed the Kit and Workbook and noted that some local committees prefer the term “Bridging the Gap” when referring to pre-release contacts and asked that acknowledgement of this local custom be included in the Workbook.

Treatment and Accessibilities Committee:

2004: The committee discussed Bridging the Gap activities, which also reflected a wide range of experience. The committee discovered that in some areas the Treatment Facilities Committee and Correctional Facilities Committee do their own Bridging the Gap work and in other areas a separate Bridging the Gap Committee has this responsibility.

2008: The committee discussed a proposal that the pamphlet, “Bridging the Gap” (BTG), be rewritten to reflect that the BTG program is used in both Treatment Facilities and Corrections service work and took no action.

2014: The committee thoroughly considered a proposal to revise the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to expand its scope to include information on related corrections service activity and took no action. The committee acknowledged the desire in some areas for a generic Conference-approved pamphlet about bridging the gap. While some areas have combined corrections and treatment bridging the gap activities, they remain separate in many others. The sense of the committee was that revising the current pamphlet to include both treatment and corrections might not adequately address the variety of bridging the gap programs that areas throughout the U.S. and Canada have developed to address their specific needs. Some of these areas have developed service material tailored specifically to explain their local programs.

2019 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities

ITEM B: Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers.”

Background notes:

At the July 2018 meeting of the trustees’ Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities (C.P.C./T.A.), the chair appointed a subcommittee to pursue efforts to support carrying the message to A.A. members who are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. The subcommittee reviewed accessibilities literature, continuing an evaluation of support for accessibilities issues within the Fellowship.

The committee reviewed sharing from members of the Fellowship and agreed that the experience from these members highlighted the following:

- a. The lack of a clear definition between the topics of Deaf versus Hard-of-Hearing in our literature and service material.
- b. The need to develop additional content and language regarding how A.A. handles ASL interpretation services.
- c. The need to detail how A.A. as a whole is overcoming access barriers of the Deaf versus Hard-of-Hearing.
- d. The need for references to designated seating for meeting and events to support overcoming access barriers for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing.
- e. The need to ensure A.A. members, who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, have full access to participation in all Three Legacies of A.A.

The subcommittee did a review of accessibilities literature with these ideas in mind, and made proposals for changes to A.A. literature dealing with accessibilities. At their January 2019 meeting, the trustees’ Committee on C.P.C./T.A. accepted the report of the subcommittee and agreed to forward to the 2019 Conference Treatment and Accessibilities Committee a proposal that an additional story from a member who is Deaf be added to the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers.”

Background:

1. Memo re confidential background
2. “The Inclusion of Deaf Alcoholics in A.A.” **(Provided to committee members only)**
3. Pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers,” available on G.S.O.’s A.A. website at: https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-83_AccesstoAA.pdf

To: Members of the 2018 General Service Conference
From: Rick W., Secretary, Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities
Subject: Confidential draft story

As a Conference committee reviews a new or extensively revised literature item, especially one which involves personal stories and copyright releases, it is general practice that drafts are reviewed by **committee members only**. This means that the rest of the Conference members will not receive copies of the pamphlet in their background materials for the Conference.

This year, the Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities will be reviewing the draft of a story for inclusion in the pamphlet "Access to A.A.: Members Share their Stories." The review will be primarily to determine whether or not the item that has been presented to them meets the intended goals of the pamphlet revision.

As with all Conference-approved A.A. literature, the Conference committee will be looking at the story to see "that everything in such literature is in accord with A.A. principles. Conference-approved material always deals with the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous or with information about the A.A. Fellowship." (Concerns about routine grammar, punctuation, editing, etc., will be addressed by the Publishing Department.)

Once the Conference Committee reviews the story proposed for inclusion in the pamphlet "Access to A.A.: Members Share their Stories," several things may happen. Among them:

- The committee might approve adding the story to the pamphlet and recommend the revised pamphlet be approved by the Conference as a whole.
- The committee might take no action.
- The committee might also send the pamphlet back to the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities with any significant concerns about the addition of the story to the pamphlet.

If approved by the Conference committee, experience suggests that copies of the story are made available to all Conference members with enough time to read it prior to voting on the item.) If the story come out of the committee process to the floor of the Conference itself, whether this year or in the future, that the item is viewed by anyone other than members of the Conference or trustees' Committee.

Prior to that point, any number of changes might be made by the trustees' or Conference committee. This confidential process ensures that the message that reaches the A.A. Fellowship is a reflection of A.A. as a whole, an assurance made by the Conference-approval process.

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ITEM C: Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late.”

Background notes:

At the July 2018 meeting of the trustees’ committee on C.P.C./T.A., the chair appointed a subcommittee to identify projects to pursue to improve the effectiveness of carrying the A.A. message and improve cooperation with the Armed Services. The subcommittee considered all branches of the military (in the U.S., the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, National Guard and Reserves; in Canada, the Canadian Armed Forces), as well as veterans and veteran services.

One focus of the subcommittee for improving the effectiveness of carrying the A.A. message and cooperation with the Armed Services was reviewing A.A. literature which contained stories from members of the military or veterans.

At their January 2019 meeting, the trustees’ Committee on C.P.C./T.A. accepted the report of the subcommittee and agreed to forward to the 2019 Conference Treatment and Accessibilities Committee a proposal that the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never Too Late” be revised. Suggestions for updating were to get more recent stories, replacing ones that reference the Depression and WWII; to include information about online meetings; and to add information about A.A. Grapevine and its website.

Background:

1. Pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late,” available on G.S.O.’s A.A. website at: https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-22_AAfortheOlderAA.pdf

2019 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities

ITEM D: Discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with A.A.

Background notes:

At the July 2018 meeting of the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities, the chair appointed a subcommittee to identify the projects to pursue to improve the effectiveness of carrying the A.A. message and improve cooperation with the Armed Services.

The subcommittee agreed on the usefulness of creating additional audio content to carry the message to military professionals, military personnel and veterans. These audio clips, 5 to 10 minutes in length, could be used in various places, such as G.S.O.'s A.A. website, an app, LinkedIn, the A.A.W.S. YouTube channel, etc.

The group discussed content, considering both A.A. member story content and informational content for C.P.C. or P.I. use. Because stories published by G.S.O. are Conference-approved, it was suggested that this content could come from the existing stories in the pamphlet "AA and the Armed Services" and the new GV book "A.A. in the Military." Additionally, interviews with military professionals were proposed.

For informational content, professional interviews with military professionals were discussed. These professional friends of A.A. could be asked their experience with the Fellowship, and how they overcame any challenges they might have had in working with A.A. A list of interview questions for both chaplains and medical professionals were created and reviewed by the committee.

The subcommittee agreed to have a concept audio interview recorded to provide to the full trustees' committee. The appointed committee member did a short interview to give the flavor of what the subcommittee had in mind. An unedited sample recording of this interview was created and provided to the trustees' committee members to review prior to their January meeting.

At their January 2019 meeting, the trustees' committee agreed to forward to the 2019 Conference Treatment and Accessibilities Committee the concept of posting anonymity-protected audio interviews with military personnel about their experience with A.A.

Background:

1. Unedited sample audio interview with a chaplain

NOTE: The unedited sample recording created for the January trustees' committee meeting is being provided as background to the Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities, and is being sent to the members of the Conference committee only. Other Conference members may access the recording in the background folder for the Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities on the Conference Dashboard, <http://aaws.hyperoffice.com>. Because this recording is an unedited sample, it is being provided only in the language in which it was created.

2. Proposed interview questions for chaplains

3. Proposed interview questions for military medical professionals

Proposed Interview Questions for Chaplains

1. Chaplain, tell us about your service, where you're stationed, your specialty, and how long you've been practicing?
2. What are your professional religious credentials?
3. Can you share specific examples of their experience working with alcoholics?
4. How did you end up in the Armed Forces?
5. Why (your service) ... Army/Navy/Air Force/Marines?
6. How long have you been in and where have you been assigned?
7. So a large part of your practice has been with junior (members of your service).
8. There are legendary stories of servicemembers who, let's say, sometimes overindulge in drinking. Have you seen a lot of that?
9. What are some of the common denominators among that cohort?
10. What's the most typical warning signal of alcohol abuse?
11. Do members of your flock ever come to you to discuss their drinking?
12. Many of us will say that we'll just have a couple of drinks a night. Do you know better? Can you see through that?
13. How does alcohol abuse or addiction affect individual and unit combat readiness?
14. How does alcohol abuse affect the individual? What's the effect on the family?
15. Do family members ever come to you about their spouse's drinking?
16. What's the most drastic consequence of heavy drinking you've ever seen?
17. What do you tell your flock about alcoholism?
18. What are some of the most effective ways to get sober that you've seen and/or recommend?
19. What are some of the most effective ways to prevent relapse by the recovering alcoholic?
20. Do you speak differently to enlisted/NCO/officers about their drinking problem?
21. Is stigma still a problem?
22. Do your troops share with you other problems that might be shields for their drinking?
23. How does your service support the servicemember after they come back from treatment?
24. What has been your experience with Alcoholics Anonymous?

Proposed Interview Questions for Armed Services Medical Professionals

1. Doctor, tell us about your service, where you're stationed, your specialty, and how long you've been practicing?
2. What are your medical credentials?
3. Can you share specific examples of their experience working with alcoholics?
4. How did you end up in the Armed Forces?
5. Why (your service) ... Army/Navy/Air Force/Marines?
6. How long have you been in and where have you been assigned?
7. So a large part of your practice has been with junior (members of your service).
8. There are legendary stories of servicemembers who, let's say, sometimes overindulge in drinking. Have you seen a lot of that?
9. What are some of the common denominators among that cohort?
10. What's the most typical warning signal of alcohol abuse?
11. As part of your screening/triage, do you ever ask your patients about their drinking?
12. Many of us will say that we'll just have a couple of drinks a night. Do you know better? Can you see through that?
13. How does alcohol abuse or addiction affect individual and unit combat readiness?
14. How does alcohol abuse affect the individual?
15. What's the most drastic consequence of heavy drinking you've ever seen?
16. What do you tell your patients about alcoholism?
17. What are some of the most effective ways to get sober that you've seen and/or recommend?
18. What are some of the most effective ways to prevent relapse by the recovering alcoholic?
19. Do you speak differently to enlisted/NCO/officer patients?
20. Is stigma still a problem?
21. How does your service support the servicemember after they come back from treatment?
22. What has been your experience with Alcoholics Anonymous?

2019 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities

ITEM E: Review draft of proposed Remote Communities Kit.

Background notes:

The 2018 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities suggested that the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities (C.P.C./T.A.) consider producing a Remote Communities Kit and Workbook.

At their July 2018 meeting, the trustees' committee requested the staff secretary to compile materials and bring a draft kit for review to the October 2018 meeting.

At their October 2018 meeting, the trustees' committee looked at a folder and draft content lists for a proposed Remote Communities Kit. They suggested that the AA Grapevine book *AA in the Military* be included in the kit.

At their January 2019 meeting, the trustees' committee agreed to forward the proposed draft of the Remote Communities Kit to the 2019 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities for their review.

Background:

1. Proposed Remote Communities Kit contents list
2. Draft proposed Remote Communities Kit (**Sent under separate cover to Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities members only**)

Contents of Remote Communities Kit

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Remote Communities (from Accessibilities Workbook)

Two most recent *Remote Communities Communicator* (English only)

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AA as a Resource for the Health Care Professional	(P-23)
A.A. for the Native North American	(P-21)
A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic	(P-51)
A.A. and the Armed Services	(P-50)
Do You Think You're Different	(P-13)
Many Paths to Spirituality	(P-84)
Experience, Strength and Hope: A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues	(P-87)

SERVICE MATERIAL:

Loners-Internationalists Meeting Information Sheet (LIM)	(SMF-123)
Online Meetings/Online Groups	(SMF-124)
Telephone Meetings	(SMF-204)
List of Materials available from Translated into Native Languages	

PUBLICATIONS:

Current *Box 4-5-9*

Box 4-5-9 Remote Communities articles

Remote Communities in A.A.: Notes from the Field, Fall 2018

250,000 Square Miles of Opportunity, Holiday 2013

Reaching Remote Communities in Manitoba, Spring 2011

A.A.'s in Canada Carry Message of Hope To the Inuit and Their Communities,
Oct/Nov 2004

Trudging the 'Road of Happy Destiny' In the Alaska Bush, Feb/March 2000

The A.A. Message Is Breaking the Ice In Remote Villages, Feb/Mar 1999

Grapevine Remote Communities articles

Out of Isolation, Feb 2002

Native North American Special Forum, Sep 2006

CATALOG/ORDER FORMS:

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AA GRAPEVINE RESOURCES:

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2019 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities

Item F: Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.

Background notes:

Kits and Workbooks for C.P.C., Corrections, Public Information, Treatment and Accessibilities are reviewed by the appropriate Conference Committees during each General Service Conference.

Workbooks and Kits are service pieces. Any suggested changes to their content from the Conference committee are put forth as Committee Considerations rather than recommendations.

Between Conferences, ideas for changes to a Workbook or to the contents of a Kit may be received. These may be reviewed by the appropriate trustees' Committee and implemented, or the trustees' committee may choose to forward an idea to the Conference Committee for review.

Typically, service kits are updated annually each fall. Due to the new G.S.O. ERP implementation, the updates have been delayed.

Changes to the Kit Contents this Year:

No new items were added to the Treatment Committee Kit this year, and no items were removed.

The only changes to the Kit contents were the inclusion of updated items as they were reprinted. This included the revised versions of the A.A. Guidelines on Sharing the A.A. Message with the Alcoholics Who is Deaf (MG-13) and the A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility for All Alcoholics (MG-16).

Background:

1. Treatment Committee Kit Contents List (See G.S.O.'s A.A. website at www.aa.org/treatmentkit)
2. Treatment Committee Kit (**Sent under separate cover to Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities members only**)

CONTENTS OF TREATMENT COMMITTEE KIT

The contents of this kit list are also available on G.S.O.'s website at www.aa.org/treatmentkit.

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A.A. GUIDELINES:

Accessibility for All Alcoholics	(MG-16)
Sharing the A.A. Message with the Alcoholic Who Is Deaf	(MG-13)
Treatment Committees	(MG-14)

CATALOG/ORDER FORMS:

Literature Catalog (includes A.A.W.S. and A.A. Grapevine material)	(F-10)
Treatment Committee Literature Discount Package Order Form	(F-39)

LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Some suggestions for possible use of this section	(F-186)
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OTHER RESOURCES:

Information on Alcoholics Anonymous	(F-2)
<i>About AA:</i> Singleness of Purpose (Fall/Winter 2002)	(F-13A)
<i>About AA:</i> A.A. Cooperates with Treatment Facilities to Help Alcoholics (Spring 2005)	(F-13B)
Fellowships Similar to A.A.	(SMF-38)

Back Pocket:

A Brief Guide to A.A.	(P-42)
A Newcomer Asks	(P-24)
A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues – and their Sponsors	(P-87)
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AA GRAPEVINE RESOURCES

AA Grapevine magazine	(F-41)
AA Grapevine Today/La Viña (One Page Flyer)	(F-188)***

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Item G: Review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

Background notes:

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Typically, service kits are updated annually each fall. Due to the new G.S.O. ERP implementation, the updates have been delayed.

The 2018 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities suggested that the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities continue exploring ways to meet the needs of A.A. members who are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. In 2018, a subcommittees of the trustees' committee reviewed sharing from A.A. members who are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing and in light of this sharing considered the pamphlet "Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers" and the five pieces of service material focused on accessibilities, A.A. Guideline Sharing the A.A. Message with the Alcoholic Who Is Deaf, Accessibility, A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility for All Alcoholics, and Serving All Alcoholics.

The subcommittees made suggestions for changes to the service material that focus on clarifying and differentiating deaf versus hard-of-hearing in accessibilities literature and expanding shared experience from members and committees regarding Deaf/Hard of Hearing in accessibilities literature; These suggestions are in the process of being implemented, and the revised service pieces will be added to the Kits when they are updated.

Background:

1. Accessibilities Kit Contents List (See G.S.O.'s A.A. website at https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-182w_SN_Kit.pdf)
2. Accessibilities Kit (**Sent under separate cover to Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities members only**)

CONTENTS OF ACCESSIBILITIES KIT

The content of this kit list is also available on G.S.O.'s A.A. website at www.aa.org/accessibilitieskit.

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Accessibility for All Alcoholics	(MG-16)

SERVICE MATERIAL:

Loners-Internationalists Meeting Information Sheet (<i>LIM</i>)	(SMF-123)
Online Meetings/Online Groups	(SMF-124)
Accessibilities Check List	(SMF-208)

PUBLICATIONS:

<i>About AA:</i> A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs (Spring 2014)	(F-13C)
<i>Box 4-5-9:</i> Sign of the Times (Spring 2014)	(F-36A)

CATALOG/ORDER FORMS:

Literature Catalog (includes A.A.W.S. and AA Grapevine material)	(F-10)
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AA Grapevine Magazine Accessibilities Issue

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AA Grapevine Today/La Viña Hoy (one page flyer)

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