

Area Committee Quarterly Report Form

July 2022 Quarterly

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Accomplishments from the past quarter

1. June 2022 Corrections Quarterly. Our Corrections Committee met for our June Quarterly at Seattle Intergroup for our first hybrid with half the attendees in person and half on Zoom. And from the feedback I received it was a success. Things are continuing to start happening!
 - September Corrections Quarterly – Hybrid at Pierce County Intergroup: We voted to hold the September Corrections Quarterly (Saturday, September 17) as a hybrid at the Puget Sound Central Service Office (Pierce County Intergroup) utilizing their hybrid capabilities. Thank you to Mike C., Pierce County Intergroup Corrections Chair, for offering to host!
 - Special Guest Speaker Monica F., Area 19 Delegate: Monica was this past year's Chair of the Delegate's Corrections Committee for the General Service Conference. She zoomed in from Area 19 Chicagoland and presented on this year's General Service Conference with emphasis on the work on the Corrections Committee and the corrections items on this year's agenda. She is an inspirational speaker and provided a great presentation including a discussion on the general service structure. Monica's presentation included references to the Service Manual and the Concepts as she provided a summary of the Conference and how it operates and how the various committees work together leading up to the General Service Conference. It was a double whammy for me of Delegate's Reports Back with Geene's report back just earlier that week.
 - Corrections Committee Reports:
 - David S., our Corrections Bridge Coordinator: David is also corrections chair of Eastside Intergroup. No bridge requests for the quarter. David will be working with Angel, D34 Corrections, on getting bridge forms and other AA literature to probation offices in his district. David also attended the Corrections Workbook Study and the Ad Hoc Committee. Kirkland Jail opened up to Zoom Meetings, its touch and go depending upon staff. Eastside Intergroup is flush with pink can money, if you have a literature request for literature to go into correctional facilities, please contact corrections@eastsideintergroup.org.
 - Vass S., Corrections Literature Coordinator: Minimal literature orders. Vass has been busy attending Island County jail meetings (D46) via zoom and in person meetings at Jefferson County Jail.
 - Amy F., Seattle Intergroup: Most facilities in King County are on lockdown. Some movement in juvenile facility. SCORE is very active, a short-term facility, they are asking for local home groups to go in and commit to certain Saturdays for attendance at these meetings.
 - Mike C. Pierce County Intergroup: Pierce County facilities have been pretty quiet, most facilities in the county are state run [DOC] and are not open [statewide]. City of Puyallup Jail is open to in-person meetings and have request AA come back in, so meetings have been going in for about a month and they have been replenished with literature, very exciting. Also, were able to get literature into Pierce County Jail.
 - Robert E., District 7 (Clark County): The facilities are still shut down but has been delivering literature to Clark County Jail and the Juvenile Facility and Skamania County Jail regularly (5 week basis). Has been including bridge requests within the big books. By attending the Workbook Study, Robert said it helped him reach out via email to the facilitators at the Clark County Jail and Juvenile Facility, and received positive response and in the Juvenile Facility, has led to an in person meeting with that facilitator.
 - John M., District 8: Meeting online in Thurston County Jail, both men and women. Cedar Creek has been sporadically open, was open last week last. The situation in Shelton is complicated. But he is in

touch with contacts at all seven facilities within District 8. And he has developed contacts and is talking to all 7 facilities in District 8. Also handling WCC Shelton, has made contact. They have changed contact people.

- o Veronica H., District 11: Whatcom County Jails and juvenile facilities reopened to in-person AA meetings, problem was all approved applications to go in had expired, so she put together a workshop to sign up new volunteers, 30 people attended in person, and received applications to go in and got 10 people approved right away. How did she get meetings back in? She went to the jails every other month and introduced herself and asked if they needed any literature and they came to know her as the AA woman, which made it easy when they were ready to open. Lots of people are ready and filling up the July calendar. And...last month they began meeting in person.
 - o Dennis L., District 21: Stafford Creek Corrections Center is reopened to meetings but its hit or miss. Dennis is also in contact with Aberdeen Jail and South Bend Jail. And is also reaching out to Parole Officers in his District to see about carrying the message on that front.
 - o Suzanne W., District 24: Main facility in her district is Monroe Correctional Facility and they are not open but she does keep in touch. She is working on volunteer applications. They are allowing literature in and Eastside Intergroup pink can provide funds, the large order discussed in my last quarterly report. And she has been attending the workbook study and now the ad hoc committee to assist with the website.
 - o Dan P., District 32: Dan is attending Seattle Intergroup monthly corrections meetings and is now their corrections bridge guy. And he is helping with King County Correctional Facility (SCORE)'s in person meetings.
 - o Angel, District 34: Has been working on bridging work re: Spanish speaking releasees from county jails and getting them to Spanish speaking meetings. Most are Spanish speaking and show up at Angel's home group.
 - o Joe B., District 35: Issaquah Jail is currently closed. Enjoyed being at the quarterly to learn how to get access to the jail. Mostly working on being prepared to be able to advise his replacement.
 - o Bob N., District 38: Kirkland Jail is having virtual meetings now and he is working with David S to facilitate those and learning the position.
 - o Matt T., District 41: Nothing to report, we are glad you were there. Keep coming back.
 - o Janie M., District 45: Leah is the liaison for McNeil Island, has made contact with her. Mike C covered everything. Can't get a lot of literature in and use up the pink can flush.
 - o Ginger R., District 46: Still taking meetings into Island County virtually via Starleaf (like Zoom). Working with the transition coordinator at the jail to work on volunteers for the bridge program. This is the longest running online meeting into a facility in our Area. Ginger has been reporting on this meeting since our March 2021 Corrections Quarterly.
 - o Pam G., District 56: Jefferson County, Have been taking meetings into the Jefferson County Jail for six months, some shutdowns but re-openings quickly thereafter. Everyone had to go through a new safety protocol, 10 women and 12 men that have been cleared. Taking Daily Reflections in, that is new to these facilities. Vaccinations and masks are required. 2 men and 2 women go in on Saturdays. Also, the book delivery person, they have plenty of Big Books and 12 and 12s. And now bring in Daily Reflections.
2. Corrections Workbook Study: We completed this year's Corrections Workbook Study, the second annual, this past month. It was such a great experience for everyone and turned into such a good meeting, we decided to move the Ad Hoc Webpage Meeting to every Saturday at 9:00 so we could keep up the momentum and corrections learning experience. It has been a very spiritual process and I want to thank all who participated and made it what it was.
3. Ad Hoc Committee on the Area 72 Corrections Webpage with Volunteer Registration. We are half-way there with a good idea of what content we want the webpage to contain, what links and literature we need, and are now working through the text and citations and summaries to include on the page. We are hoping anyone in Western Washington with an interest in corrections can go this page and become completely

informed and even register as a volunteer to go into facilities or be a local bridge coordinator. We will vote at our September Quarterly on the final version and go live in time for the October Assembly.

4. **Presentations and Inventories:**

- a. I assisted District 14 with their inventory. I was grateful to be able to assist them and facilitate the inventory. What a rich service experience. Thank you Dimitri and District 14.
- b. I attended District 19's Inventory facilitated by Heather C and took notes watching a master at work.
- c. I presented on Concept 5 and on Area Corrections for District 42 at their May monthly business meeting. Thank you Sarah and District 42 for the opportunity to be of service.
- d. I gave a corrections presentation to District 35 at their June monthly business meeting. Thank you Jennifer and District 35 for the opportunity to be of service.
- e. I have been attending Seattle Intergroup's monthly Service Manual Study every first Sunday, a shout out to Denis F. and Astri T., it will be two years attendance for me this October, and I have joined Crystal S's monthly Concept Study every first Wednesday, and the South Sound Seven's 2021-2023 Service Manual Study, also with Crystal, every last Thursday of the month. Come join me, they are a ton o fun.
- f. And last but not least, I participated as a panelist for the Area along with Karla and Steve C at the District 34 Third Legacy Workshop along with an Intergroup, DCM and GSR Panel, what a great experience to be a part of and hear from our service veterans .

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

None to report. Things are starting to move! It's summer and the July Quarterly is here.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

Looking ahead to this next quarter, here's what we have planned:

1. **Ad Hoc Committee on the Area 72 Corrections Webpage and Master List of Volunteers.** We are working on finalizing an updated Area 72 Corrections Committee Web page with links to literature, AA Corrections Videos, links to all the intergroup corrections pages and a place to register as a volunteer. We will meet every Saturday at 9:00 am to completion, present to the committee at our September Quarterly and go live before the Area Assembly in October.
2. **Interest in Corrections?** Continue to generate interest in District, Intergroup and Area Corrections by improving our organization, communication, information and outreach with the goal of building a rich trusted servant community for future Area servants to draw from. If anyone has any questions about service and/or corrections feel free to reach out to me. I am available and respond to emails regularly.

In closing, In closing, I am available to any Intergroup, District, Home Group and the like to share on corrections, personal recovery, or to moderate group inventories, or assist in group resolution. Just email me as I am always happy to be of service. Corrections@area72aa.org .

Yours in service,
Derek S.