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Inner City District Meeting Minutes

6th of June 2022

Online Via Zoom: ID: 968 070 9283, Password: 254685

- Welcome from DCM
- Member to read District Statement of Purpose:

The Primary Purpose of the AA District is the same as of all AA activity - to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, wherever he/she may be. The District seeks ways and means of accomplishing this goal by serving as a forum for sharing the experience, strength and hope of the General Service Representatives who come together each month from the groups in the District.

Experience teaches us that developing a sound structure enables us to carry our message more effectively to those alcoholics still suffering in our community, and to remain strong and united for those of the next generation.

DISTRICT MEETINGS serve the following purposes:

- *To provide support, guidance and information for the GSR's*
- *To maintain communication links between groups, members and AA as a whole*
- *To suggest, discuss and plan means of carrying the message to those alcoholics still suffering in the district community*
- *To seek ways to improve the structure and unity of the District groups*

These goals are achieved through discussion, workshops, sharing sessions, use of service literature and audio-visual material, visits by guests from other AA service areas, sharing group problems, etc. The emphasis shall always be on GSR sharing.

- 1. Apologies:** Josh D, Phil M, Clair W, Angela
- 2. GSR Roll Call:** Belinda, Spencer, Alex C, Alan, Nanna, Ollie, John, Julz, Michelle S, Dean S, Shane, Judy D, David C
- 3. Acceptance of previous minutes:** Spencer and Alex C
- 4. Committee reports** (*Please limit report duration to 3 minutes, GSRs present please note your questions and they will be addressed/discussed during general business to ensure these reports do not occupy the majority of the available meeting time*)

DCM

- Nanna has volunteered to be Alternate DCM (motion passed)
- Area F Assembly is on this Sunday, 1pm, 12 June. It is face to face.
- David C: Area F are currently looking for a Secretary.
- David C: Area F have taken control of the NYE Committee and will be looking for volunteers.
- Big thank you to Alan and Area F for the work they did establishing the relationship with the network of Monash Hospitals and Health Centres. A connection between AA and these chain of public hospitals has now been established. Patients under supervision may be able to be taken to AA meetings. The details are still being decided.
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Treasurer

- As per Treasurer's Report.

- Balance of over \$5000 will be reduced roughly \$2000 following the purchase/printing of PI packs, Facebook ad campaign and website fees.

Secretary

- Website requires some work which will commence shortly. Nanna and Alex C agreed to assist.
- ICD attendance is a little down from Pandemic levels. May be useful for GSRs to give district a plug at all the meetings they attend.
- We may have another pizza night to drum up attendance.

PI Co-ordinator

- Facebook Ads continue to perform really well.
- Various initiatives were discussed during the last lesson
 - Bus Ads
 - Radio ads
 - Toilet doors
 - University outreach
 - Legal Centres
- Next ICD meeting we will vote to spend approximately \$500 on advertising of a different nature to social media.
- Julz: Connections have been made with several Legal Centres in the ICD, such as Monash Legal. Julz is continuing to liaise with them to establish a line of communication, and to get some literature into their hands.

PI Literature/Database

- No report.

Rehab Coordinator

- Alan is the POC for Monash Hospitals now. A large public chain of hospitals that runs across Australia.
- Literature has been dispersed to several H&Is and it was provided at a discounted rate by GSO.

5. Previous discussion points

- Nil

6. New Business.

- Discussion of conducting another Doctor’s Forum. This agenda item will be discussed further next meeting.

7. Meeting Closed with the Serenity Prayer ‘we’ version: *God Grant us the Serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference.*

Next meeting – Monday 4th July 2022 @ 7:30PM

What’s on

<p>Bank details for groups to donate to ICD: Account name: Melbourne Inner City District AA; BSB: 033 039; Account number: 248688</p>	<p>Bank details for groups to donate to Area F: Account Name: AA AREA F; BSB: 033243; Account # 599186</p>
<p>Please ask your group’s treasurer to use group name as reference so your donation can be identified</p>	

Resources available through ICD

- **ICD DropBox folder:** Ask ICD secretary for an invitation to the folder.
- **Service manuals** can be purchased through your group's literature officer, from the Prahran office, downloaded via <http://aaservice.org.au/members/ServiceManual> or accessed via in the ICD DropBox folder.
- **ICD PI toolkit:** a box stocked with everything your group needs to do a public information literature drop and increase awareness of AA in your area. Please coordinate with **ICD PI literature officer**.
- **National service website:** www.aaservice.org.au. Valuable source of service information and resources from around Australia. You just need to request a log in via the website.
- **Public Information Packs** always available at ICD for groups to take
- **Business cards** always available at ICD for groups to take
- **New meeting start-up kits available,** Banners (Steps and Traditions), service manual and group handbook. Please contact Josh D.

Declaration of Responsibility

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

- Introduced in July 1965 at the 30th Anniversary International Convention in Toronto, Canada