

San Diego / Imperial Area Institutional Committee (SDIAC)

San Diego H & I

Policy Council Meeting Minutes

By Zoom July 18, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order** by Diana at 11:04. Present were David B., Diana, Blaine, Lauren, Bill Twain, Stevan, Davis R., Shelley B., Mario (and members of his committee), Zach, Larry F., Chris R., Eric F., Lindsay P., Howard F., Connor E.

A moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Diana celebrated 38 years this month. Congratulations, Diana!!

- II. Minutes** – June minutes were approved as submitted.

Reports:

1. Orientation (Del/Lauren) – Lauren reported that there were 3 people at the July orientation. It went well, and we hope these people are finding panels that are working. One of the ways we get people is through requests from the website. We try to tell people what panels are open when we can.

2. Librarian (Chris R.) – Chris reported no change from last month. He and Zach exchanged information so that Zach can obtain literature for his panels. We will look into the possibility of doing literature and green can contribution in person exchange at the Machinists Hall starting next month. Meanwhile, we will put a note on the website stating that literature requests should be sent via the “contact” in the website. Diana will see that the requests get to Chris.

3. Registrar (Howard) – Howard reported on his two panels – API, which happens on zoom; and which happens overlapping our committee meeting, and Sharp Mesa Vista, which is going back in person now.

4. Corrections Chair (David B.) – David reported that none of the Corrections meetings are currently happening, but that he will send the spreadsheet to the coordinators for any updates they may have. Larry F. reported that he has not yet had contact with the PI person at Donovan, but is still working on it.

5. Contact on Release (Shelly) – We reviewed COR – no new activity from requests, volunteer or follow-up coordinators. David reported he sent COR letters to Vista Hill Foundation and CRASH. Aurora is opening to in-person panels again, and David will emphasize COR to the patients there.

6. Treasurer (Lindsay) – Lindsay reported that we had income of \$1558, expenses of \$167. Our starting bank balance was \$32,057 and our ending balance is \$33,448. Our income is slightly under budget. Our expenses are also in line with our income. Connor asked about the contribution from Clairemont Men’s. Lindsay said she just processed a group of contributions and the receipt should be in the mail to him.

7. Treatment Chair (Open) – We unanimously elected Bill Twain as our Treatment Chair. He has been helping Lauren this past month with contacting facilities to determine resumption of H&I panels in person. Mercy Hospital wants to be back in person. We are having difficulty finding the current coordinators, and there is no facility coordinator at the moment. Sharp Mesa Vista is also going back in person. Davis and Howard are coordinating this effort. SARP needs two panel members for Thursday nights. Do not know who to contact at the VA. Bill Twain will try Andrea Patton. There is a panel going the third Monday of the month at 8 pm. No information on County Mental Health.

8. Clearance (Blaine) – Blaine has clearance forms. He will distribute them when/if asked.

9. Policy and Guidelines (Larry F.) – Larry is ready to update our guidelines in line with what happens going forward as we start back in-person. We can then proceed to approve current guidelines.

10. Alternate Chair (Lauren) – Lauren reported that she attended the Coordinating Council and gave our report. The coordinating council will continue to meet on zoom for the balance of the year (there was some question about going back to in person meetings). Lauren also has left many messages at the VA trying to find someone who can help with restarting panels there. She was able to ascertain that Vista Balboa is back in person at 7:30 instead of 8 pm.

11. Chair (Diana) – Diana reported that she attended this month's ACM, and supplied a report, though did not give one. She did respond to the Policy Committee about the draft revision of the S&G. She has been responding to inquiries on the website – usually for interest in volunteering in H&I.

11. North County Liaison (Don) – not present. Don will be moving, and we will need a new liaison from North County. They met in person this month at the North County Alano Club, and had orientation as well. They are working on a spreadsheet for sign ups for participating on the in-person panels being resumed in North County.

12. So Cal H&I Intergroup Liaison (Diana) – The Intergroup is trying to resume in-person meetings. July meeting will be at the 502 Club in Covina, and the August meeting will be in the San Fernando Valley. September will be in Morro Bay. Blaine will be going to the meeting next week, and offered car-pool rides to anyone interested in attending.

13. Area 8 Liaison (Blaine) – The 4 Area DCM Sharing Session will be July 31 from 9-12 virtually. We are hosting it. The program is available, it will be two speakers, and then a PRAASA type roundtable discussion of the topics for the 2022 GS Conference. Blaine posted a flyer for the event in English and in Spanish in the meeting chat.

14. Spanish Corrections Liaison (Mario) – Mario reported that he has been elected the chair for the District 15 Corrections Committee, and will be our liaison to the Spanish District H&I meetings. He introduced two members of his committee who were on the call with him. They, too, are not back to in person panels, so he is currently going to the groups reporting about Corrections, and collecting Green Can funds for literature. The district groups contribute to our Green Can, and receive literature from us. Welcome, Mario! We are glad you are with us.

15. GSDYPAA Liaison (Open) – Lauren reported that they are still in flux. Their panel at CMH has not yet resumed.

15. Imperial County Liaison (Lou) – Not present. No report.

16. Website (Shelley) – Shelley reported that the website should be current. If you have anything for Shelley to put on the website, please send it to her. She will make the note for the literature requests to be submitted to the "contact" on the website.

Old Business

Bill Twain has been elected (unanimously) Treatment Chair for our committee. Congratulations, Bill Twain!!

No new update on status of GSDYPAA liaison.

For updates on in-person panels, please note the information under the Treatment Report in these minutes. All coordinators were asked to provide information about updates to Bill Twain.

New Business

October Service Event – Diana wants to do a skit for the event. We clarified that we are planning to resume in person committee meetings in October, with a service event to precede the meetings in October; regular time for the policy council in November.

Meeting adjourned with the Declaration of Responsibility.

Thank you for letting me be of service