

San Diego / Imperial Area Institutional Committee (SDIAC)

San Diego H & I

Policy Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2022

Meeting called to order by Diana at 11:30. Present were Diana, Blaine, Bill Twain, Stevan, Chris R, Lou J., Lauren B., David B., Shelley B., Adrian O., Mario.

A moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome to Adrian, our new Area 8 liaison.

There were no birthdays this month.

Minutes – December minutes were approved as submitted.

Reports:

1. Orientation (Del/Lauren) – Lauren reported that there were 5 participants at the orientation last month on Zoom. She will be doing the orientation for us today as Del had another commitment. There will be an on line orientation on this coming Thursday.

2. Librarian (Chris R.) – Chris reported that the number of coordinators asking for literature is small. He will place a \$5,000 order for literature from AAWS, some Grapevine and La Viña back issues, and some directories.

3. Registrar (Howard) – No report.

4. Corrections Chair (David B.) – David brought his Corrections Spreadsheet to us and confirmed that there was no activity at the moment. Donovan has shut down again.

5. Contact on Release (Shelly) – We held a Contact on Release meeting this morning prior to the Policy Council Meeting. There was one pending letter from Jerry Bauman, a deaf inmate at Tehachapi who is corresponding at the moment waiting for a release date. Diana will check to verify if Dan Howard is corresponding with him. We had a problem with a local referral of an individual to the deaf community: we matched with Art, who was poorly treated, and who subsequently blocked communication from the inmate. Adrian offered to see if we can find out if the Accessibilities committee can provide a deaf member to correspond with Jerry. There was no Volunteer or Follow-Up report. Diana gave a presentation at the North County H&I Orientation. David brought a list of facilities which he had contacted asking for interest in Contact on Release. He has not heard back from any of them as yet.

6. Treasurer (Lindsay) – Stevan reported that our contributions for December were 2,066, and contributions for the year were 31,795. Our ending bank balance is 39,539, which is very high. We will need to address this at our next policy council meeting.

7. Treatment Chair (Bill Twain) – Bill Twain reported that he has updated the Treatment Panel list. At the moment the meetings at Mercy Hospital are shut down. We are hoping they will resume in February. One of the groups at the Poway Alano Club has asked if they can take a meeting into Mercy Hospital. Bill Twain will get back to them about the current situation. We will add Chris's information at the top of the Treatment Spreadsheet.

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

9. Policy and Guidelines (Larry F.) – No report.

10. Alternate Chair (Lauren) – No report.

11. Chair (Diana) – Diana reported that she attended the Area Assembly in January and did a brief presentation on H&I at the Assembly and hosted a small round table with a mock policy council meeting. The Assembly was on line completely. She will attend the Area Committee meeting this coming Thursday. She responded to the contacts from the website – two inquiries about facilities wanting H&I meetings, several requests for on line contribution possibility, and several requests to participate in H&I.

11. North County Liaison (Open) – No report

12. So Cal H&I Intergroup Liaison (Blaine) – Diana reported that there was no meeting in December. We will ask to host next week at the January meeting in Santa Barbara.

13. Area 8 Liaison (Adrian) – We welcomed Adrian to our meeting; we are delighted to have him as our liaison. He had a brief report stating that the Area website will be updated to show San Diego H&I and North County H&I as standing committees of the Area. Thank you, Adrian!

14. Spanish Corrections Liaison (Mario) – Mario reported that they were not going into any institutions at the moment; they are visiting the groups and getting some money for literature, and some people to start the clearance process for when we can go back into the corrections institutions. They are very anxious to get back to going into the institutions!!

15. Spanish Treatment Liaison (Open) – No report.

16. GSDYPAA Liaison (Open) – Lauren had postcard flyers about their election party on January 23rd.

17. Imperial County Liaison (Lou) – Lou reported that they were not going into any of the state prisons. They are going into a federal facility in Brawley, and a treatment facility – halfway house in El Centro.

18. Website (Shelley) – Shelley will add the current minutes and financial information to the website. She will update the information about our meetings – in person and on zoom. She will look further into paypal electronic payments..

Old Business

Hosting the Intergroup in 2022. Since May 28 is probably going to be the date of the 2022 H&I Conference, and since the Intergroup meeting is usually at the conference site, we decided to host the Intergroup in August. Blaine will put in our “bid” to host in August.

New Business

New facility: Westcare. We had a presentation from Sylvia Castillo, who is an AA member who has been doing an AA meeting in Westcare, and who has offered to help facilitate the creation of a new H&I panel in the institution. We asked her to obtain from the facility when they would like to have the meetings – how often, day, time etc. and what clearance would be required for participation. Sylvia will connect with us via the SD H&I email.

San Diego Spring Round-Up H&I Participation. We traditionally "host" the H&I panel held on Saturday at 11:00 am during the Round-Up, and we have an information table as a part of the Round-Up. We agreed that we would do this for the Round-Up this year. The Round-Up is Easter Weekend, April 14-17, this year. Lauren will take our request back to the Round-Up Committee.

Meeting adjourned quickly in the interest of talking to the orientation participants.
Thank you for letting me be of service