

San Diego / Imperial Area Institutional Committee (SDIAC)

San Diego H & I

Policy Council Minutes

April 21, 2024

Machinists' Hall

5150 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, 92111

Meeting called to order by Lauren. Present were, Jeremiah, Diana A., Diana C., Blaine, Lauren, Adrian, Shelley, Cynthia, Lani, Bill Twain, Lou, Chris, Rick, Ed, Del.

A moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

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

Minutes – Minutes from the March meeting were approved as submitted.

Reports:

- 1. Orientation (Del/Diana)** - We had 10 people at the Thursday orientation in March; there were 4 in attendance last Thursday. There were 2 attendees on Zoom for the Orientation on Sunday last month..
- 2. Librarian (Chris R.)** – Chris advised he had sufficient literature for this month. We've placed large orders, and have coordinators picking up the literature. We will try to get North County schedules.
- 3. Registrar (Barry)** – Barry was not present, but he has been following up with the people attending orientation.
- 4. Corrections Chair (Blaine)** – County facilities are still not open for us. State facilities are doing well. Centinela has a clearance process for a one time visit that is easier than a recurring clearance. Anyone interested should see Lou. The federal facilities are still not open, but supposedly getting close. Work Furlough has an on site training as part of the clearance process. New facility – Rock Mountain – is a maximum security facility run by the county. For clearance see Blaine.
- 5. Contact on Release (Shelley)** – Lauren received no requests. She has one person pending a release date. Diana had no email or phone requests, but had two volunteers sign up at the Round-Up. Blaine had no follow-up. Diana did the presentation at the North County Orientation on Saturday.
- 6. Treasurer (Stevan)** – In Stevan's absence Diana reported contributions of \$4,55101, expenses of \$70.82,, and an ending bank balance of \$43,874.90. When Stevan is feeling better, he will get together with Cynthia and help her to learn the treasurer process. In the meantime, Diana and Cynthia have made a date to begin the process on May 9th.
- 7. Treatment Chair (Bill Twain)** – Bill Twain advised that the new orientees are contacting him to be connected to panels, and that they are being connected. He is still working with PATH to see if an H&I panel is appropriate for them. He was asked about VVSD. There is an AA meeting there Friday night, but H&I might be appropriate for this facility. Jeremiah will provide Bill Twain with a contact at the facility.
- 8. Clearance (Blaine)** – Blaine has clearance forms. He will distribute them when/if asked. County clearance available through the coordinator
- 9. Policy and Guidelines (Open)** – No report. See information under New Business.
- 10. Alternate Chair (Lani)** – Lani reported that she attended the Coordinating Council and reported on H&I. Founder's Day will be June 8th and we will have a presence at that event.

11. Chair (Lauren) – Lauren reported that our presence at the San Diego Round-Up was successful. We had several inquiries at the information table, and questions at the Q&A following the panel. She attended the Area Assembly and the Area Committee meeting. The 4 Area DCM Sharing session will be June 1st at the Pala Community Center from 9:30-1:30. Everyone is welcome. Topics have been chosen for round-table discussion. The H&I Conference will be May 3-5 in Bakersfield. Spring into Service will be May 19th (our next meeting date) from 9:30-1:30. Lauren has several speakers ready.

12. North County Liaison (Rick) – Rick reported that he attended PRAASA and brought back information that can maybe help us with the difficulty we have at Vista Detention Center. They hosted the H&I Intergroup in March.. Wings Recovery Center is having difficulty with panels talking about “God”. There will be a meeting with the facility to see what we can do. North County is ready to help with Spring into Service, and will plan to do the Fall event (October) in North County. They will be doing a mass mailing to their members to try to generate more activity.

13. So Cal H&I Intergroup Liaison (Diana) – Diana reported we should please note the new website address: www.socalhandi.com. The conference will be May 3-5 in Bakersfield at the Doubletree. Flyers were sent to you with Lauren’s invitation email, and registration is open, both on line and by mail.

14. Area 8 Liaison (Adrian) – Adrian reported that the preconference Assembly was successful in informing our delegate Richard of our consensus on the various Conference agenda items. There were two motions passed: reimbursement of officers and committee chairs for PRAASA expenses, and increasing and setting a procedure for determining the mileage rate for reimbursement. There are two motions in process to add a section to the guidelines for Special Services (interpretation, ASL, other ways to be inclusive); and to add a section covering the IT responsibility for the hybrid Assemblies. The report-back Assembly will be May 18th. The Big Day Assembly will be September 21st in Imperial County.

15. Spanish Corrections Liaison (Vicente) – No report.

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

17. GSDYPAA Liaison (Andy) – No report

18. Imperial County Liaison (Lou) – Lou reported that Centinela is doing well. If you want to attend one time, there is a “visitor” clearance that is shorter than the volunteer clearance. Let him know. They are starting a panel at a new treatment center.

19 Website (Shelley) – The website is up to date. We are able to add paypal or other payment method to the website. Diana will provide the 501C3 Corporation information for starting the process..

Old Business

2024 H&I Conference – May 3-5 Bakersfield. Please register.

Spring into Service – we will do a joint event with North County (pending their board review/approval) on the 3rd Sunday in May – May 19 – Lauren will correct the flyer to reflect the Sunday date. Lauren has asked a woman from Ramona to speak and will ask Kevin, since he is back. Matt was attending the meeting, and was volunteered to be a speaker.

Founders Day June 8th. We will need people to attend and represent our committee at this event.

New Business

Lauren is trying to start the ad hoc committee to review the guidelines. We were not successful in determining a day/time for the meeting. Members to participate: Blaine, Shelley, Lani, Diana A.

Discussion about the implementation of a method of receiving contributions on line. We will need a phone number and information about our corporate structure. Diana A. and Shelley to work on this.

After next month we will need a new coffeemaker. Diana C. volunteered for this. Thank you, Diana!!

Meeting adjourned with the Declaration of Responsibility.