

San Diego / Imperial Area Institutional Committee (SDIAC)

San Diego H & I

Policy Council Meeting Minutes

By Zoom June 21, 2020

I. Meeting called to order by Gerry at 11:00 Present: Gerry, Diana, Sherisa, Blaine, Don, Pat, Matt, David, Shelley, Chris R., Brian K., Christine C.

Gerry took a moment to introduce Christine who is our new website caretaker. Welcome, Christine!

A moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

There were two birthdays this month: Brian celebrated 20 years; Shelley celebrated 15 years. Congratulations Brian and Shelley!!

II. Minutes – May minutes were approved as submitted.

Reports:

1. Orientation (Pat/ChrisS.) – Pat had several questions/suggestions: Are we planning to do orientation on Zoom? Pat heard this rumor in a meeting. We confirmed that we were not planning to do orientations on Zoom. Is the Powerpoint presentation of the orientation approved? Can we put it on the website? Should there be a Spanish version? The Powerpoint presentation was approved to be put on the website, but will not be a substitute for orientation. It will be an explanation of the H&I process to attract people to H&I. Pat offered to do the Thursday monthly orientations at Central Office once we resume doing this. He will not be able to do August, but can do September – December. Thank you, Pat!

2. Librarian (Chris R.) – We have literature. Chris provided literature to Sue S. for Las Colinas, and to Davis for his panel (not sure which one). Chris sees no need to purchase more literature at the moment.

3. Registrar (Howard) - Not present; no report.

4. Corrections Chair (David B.) – David reported that none of the corrections institutions were planning to open at the moment.

5. Contact on Release (Shelly) – We reviewed COR – one request this month; no volunteer assigned at this time because the requestor did not have a release date. We will request printing of tri-folds and white cards.

6. Treasurer (Diana acting/temporary) – May contributions are low, as expected. We are presently in good shape. Once we determine to meet in person again, Diana will arrange for rent payments to cover the balance of the year. We will check next week to see if we are hosting the H&I Intergroup in person in August. We had a long discussion about setting up online contribution receipts for H&I. Christine, Pat and Diana will research and make a presentation next month.

7. Treatment Chair (Matt) – Matt advised not much change from last month. Kevin at SARP has set up Zoom meetings for SARP using an iPad he let SARP use. The military won't allow use of any of their equipment for Zoom meetings. SARP has just started letting one person from outside come in person to the meetings. The Naval Hospital does meetings on Due. This is a one-on one meeting arrangement, with the H&I coordinator as one of the participants and the hospital room with the AA group as the other participant.

8. Clearance (Blaine) – Blaine has clearance forms.

9. Policy and Guidelines (Diana) - Nothing to report. We will probably have to completely revise our guidelines once we know what the post-corona-virus world looks like for SDIAC.

10. Alternate Chair (Brian) – Brian asked if anyone knew when Coordinating Council was planning to resume meeting. No response.

11. Chair (Gerry) – Gerry reported on a couple of requests that he had received on the SDIAC email. These have been taken care of. He attended the Area Committee Meeting where there was discussion about the Armed Services ad hoc committee becoming a Standing Committee. This was to go to the Area Assembly.

11. North County Liaison (Don) – Don reported that in April he sent out the request directly to the facilities. He has been contacting the facilities directly (rather than as a group email) this month to see if there are any opportunities to be of service, but has had no takers as yet. North County will remain in a holding pattern for the time being.

12. So Cal H&I Intergroup Liaison (Gerry) – The Intergroup meeting will be next week.

13. Area 8 Liaison () – Blaine talked about the post conference assembly held yesterday on Zoom. Richard O. was elected Alternate Registrar. There is lots of information available on reopening meetings on the website. Also on the website is the Area 8 survey. Please fill out the individual survey, and if you are a group secretary, please fill out the group survey. The 4 Area DCM Sharing Session will be held next Sunday (June 28) on Zoom. Also the Unity Day/Founders Day event will be on Zoom on July 18th. And the International Convention, which was cancelled “in person” will have a virtual presence on the GSO website (aa.org) for the month of July. More to be revealed.

14. Spanish Liaison (Richard) – Not present. No report.

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

16. Website (Christine) – Christine said she was glad to be with us and she will have a report next month. Welcome, Christine!!

Old Business

Pat will cover the Thursday Central Office orientation sessions from September to December, if and when we start back to “in person” meetings.

The position of Treasurer is still open. Please ask anyone you might know who might be interested in the position. Shelley advised that Jan S. might be interested. She will pursue this for us.

New Business

We voted to put the Power Point presentation for “orientation” on the website. We will not call it “orientation” so that it does not become a substitute for complete orientation. Pat will “revise” the title of the document.

We will also post the Zoom meeting information for the Policy Council meeting on the website. We will advise people who wish to attend to email for the password.

Spring into Service event postponed until Fall.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 with the Declaration of Responsibility.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Diana for Sharmaine