



SFCANA

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

Chair Report

March 2015

SFCANA H&I met as usual on the last Sunday of the month (2/22) at CCAR. There were 7 voting members in attendance. It was business as usual aside from having one new member join us from the Stamford Area and two members come back and requalify!

Since that meeting, we have been trying to move our APT Women's presentation from Tuesday nights to another night rather than have both of our women's facilities presentations on the same night. This should make fulfilling both commitments a little easier and was necessary due to our current diminished number of female H&I members. Having to align the schedules of our members and the facility is proving somewhat difficult. More will be revealed.

The possibility of closing down one of our two Silver Hill presentations due to lack of support in SFCANA H&I has been brought to my attention as a potential way to stretch our resources. We have facilities that either have meetings on hold or that want *one* H&I presentation per week. This will be an agenda item on 3/29 at our subcommittee meeting.

I was contacted on 2/23 by Mike C. and informed that all of our Yellow Card holding members needed to re-apply at the main lobby of the North Ave jail by Thursday the 26th in order to maintain their ability to enter BCC facilities. I spoke through email to our contact who informed me that is due to a Federal Act which is attempting to keep all facilities volunteer lists current. We have a new VIP Coordinator at BCC which seems to be the impetus to having us re-qualify. I called everyone in our area on the most current master list and left messages for those I could not reach.

We will be arranging to have a presentation with Patricia Lee, our contact at BCC, as soon as I can align the schedules of myself, Patricia, our Assistant Volunteer Liaison (Chris, MSUA) and one other experienced member, possibly with Public Relations. This will be an effort to make our presentations as effective as possible for everyone involved, particularly the addict in the facility.

Again, if anyone would like to apply for a Yellow Card, let me know. It is a simple two-page document to be filled out and sent in. I applied and will keep everyone informed as to the length of time until I receive a response to my application, which has been a concern in the recent past.

I attended the Regional H&I Subcommittee meeting in New Britain on 3/4/15. We discussed Yellow Card issues and solutions in our area and our Region, as well as beginning to plan the Regional H&I Learning Day. SFCANA H&I should begin planning for our 2015 Learning Day as well. Another agenda item in March.

As was suggested as a solution to keeping our Yellow Card list as current as possible, I will be creating a flyer for our GSR's bring to their groups to have any addict with a Yellow Card update their information or any addict with the willingness to apply for a Yellow Card contacted to do so.

I brought more February 2015 meeting schedules back for the facilities that we serve in SFCANA H&I.

Support for H&I is greatly needed and encouraged, particularly that of women and bilingual addicts.

Grateful to serve,

Andrew S.