

GSMASC H&I SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR May 20, 2007

The subcommittee (SC) meeting was opened at 1:01 PM, May 20, 2007. The SC meeting was held at the new central location, Square Dance Inc. (828 Tulip Ave., at the corner of Heines Ave and Blockhouse). The meeting was chaired by Adam L. and was opened with the recitation of the Serenity Prayer. Sara E. read the Twelve Traditions, and Jeremy E. read the Twelve Concepts. All current administrative members were present or represented. Jeremy E. took and transcribed the minutes.

Four visitors were present: Darin D., T.D.P, Sara H., John I. At this time I would like to thank our new and existing members for showing up and being a part of the Greater Smoky Mountain Area, Sub-Committee for H & I. THANK YOU.

Chair - (Not Present) – No Report - Steve W.

Vice Chair - (Present) – Report - Adam L. (Has a new contact for Brushy Mountain Prison)

Secretary - (Present) - No Report - Jeremy E.

Literature Chair - (Present) - No Report- Randy F.

9 out of 9 panel chairs were present or represented this month. The final voting body was 19; the beginning quorum was 18, reflected in the continuing section.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Walker and was seconded by Randy F. to approve the minutes with no change. Passed 18-0-0. Thereafter the panel leaders presented their monthly reports.

Centerpointe & Centerpointe Detox: Randy H., panel leader, gave a written report for Centerpointe. (Centerpointe) This meeting is twice a month on every other Saturday and starts at 8:30pm to 9:30pm. Please see attached report attached in back labeled Centerpointe. (Centerpointe Detox) This meeting meets every Wednesday night at 8:00 PM. Walker, panel leader, gave a written report. Please see attached in the back of this report labeled Centerpointe Detox.

Peninsula Adolescent: Adam S., panel leader, was not present. Jeremy E. gave his report. This panel continues to meet Thursdays at 7:00pm. Went in every time this month. Adam missed once this month due to being out of town, Mike R. held the meeting. Average panel member is three. Average of twenty-five kids present. Getting lots of participation this month. Have seen more females giving support this month and feels that it helped with the female clients. No incidents to report.

Peninsula Adult: The meetings usually start at 6:30pm and lasts to 7:30pm. (**Thursday Meeting**) Steve H., panel leader, gave a verbal report. Average eight clients. Likes an average 5 panel members has more showing up than that. Has an overflow of participation. Half and half male to female ratio. Is seeing lots of new people supporting and being new to the facility. (**Monday Meeting**) Amanda B. panel leader, Missed once this month, had Joey hold the meeting for her. Average 7 to 8 clients. Average 3 panel members.

Gateway: Anthony B., panel leader, gave a verbal report. This panel continues to meet on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. The facility continues to be all male, average age 15-17. Average 4 panel

members. Average 15 to 17 clients. Commented that the facility is using the step working guide for the patients in their format. Anthony also stated that he is always looking for more support. Also that the meeting is going great at this time.

KCSD: Ethan W. gave a verbal report. This panel meets Mondays at 6:00pm for 90 minutes. Average 4 panel members. Once this month two pods received meetings due to participation of volunteers. Expressed how great it was to have two meetings, but still have a lot of inmates that do not have the chance to receive a meeting. Would like to see more support to help reach more suffering addicts. Ethan talked about his initial fears of being a part of a jail meeting, but now after the fear has an overwhelming joy and passion for it. Still looking for solution to rotation.

ACDF-M: Bill M., panel leader, gave verbal report. This meeting meets on Monday at 8:00pm, usually starting at 8:30pm and lasts to 9:30pm. The facility is accepting applications again. Has applications for people to fill out, get with him if you would be interested. Still rotating the meeting.

ACDF-F: Emille S., panel leader, gave a verbal report. This meeting starts at 8:00pm on Mondays. Stated that Greg V. is getting copies of application. Talked about how at one time flooded the facility with applications and it had a negative affect due to no follow through. But hope that they are working their way back. They are adding onto the facility. Having problem with inmates watching TV and doing other things. Stated that she still goes in and tells them straight up about the disease of addiction and NA.

SCJ-W: Betty C., panel leader, gave a written report. Please see report attached in the back labeled Sevier County Jail for women.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Brushy Mountain – Marvin H. from Oak Ridge already goes in and is willing to help this meeting get started and give support. Stated that the meeting would be once a month. Still in the discussion process.
- Anderson County Jail -- Steve W. can not get anyone to call him back. Emille believes that the issue is being resolved. And is now looking for people to make a commitment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **June 24, 2007 at 12:00pm. H&I Orientation.**
- Starting this month H&I Sub-Comm. meeting minutes will be posted in the GSMANA Sec. Minutes and posted on the website.
- Panel leaders, please get literature forms filled out and to Randy as soon as possible, due to the stamping process.
- Need to talk to Josh about the web-site and updates. (Adam L. & Steve W.

Centerpointe

We attended twice this month as scheduled. At 8:30pm to 9:30pm. Twelve to thirteen people show up for H&I. The meeting tone is good. Commented on an event that happened last week. One of the patients that was checking in had been drinking heavily before being admitted and an ambulance had to be called in. The meeting was postponed for a little while. After that the clients expressed their gratitude for the meeting and volunteers being their. Also, Randy stated that he is getting to much support and was looking for solutions to help direct people to meetings that are needing support.

In Loving Service,
Randy H.

Centerpointe Detox

Hello Family,

They have added two beds to detox so I will be adding some literature but at the same time cutting IP's for the newcomers packets form six to only two Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous and for the Newcomer. We are seeing quite a few folks showing up at meetings from detox and the inpatient side. We continue to have a good number sharing especially women.

In Loving Service,
Walker

Sevier County Jail for Women

5/20/07

My apologies for having to leave before the H&I subcommittee meeting. I have family visiting that I have not seen in many years and need to be home.

We no longer have any problems getting into the jail. We did get to go in three times this month due to an adjustment with the other fellowship.

Average attendance each visit is about 15 girls. Almost every time we are there we are meeting women that have never heard about NA.

On one visit we were using the Introduction to NA booklet and sharing on the questions from Am I an Addict. With each question I felt increasingly like this meeting was becoming an opportunity for these women to share on what and how much they used. Just as I was realizing that the tone of the meeting needed to change, we had to leave early. This left me feeling bad after a meeting for the first time really. My insecurities made me feel like they shut us down because they also saw where this was going.

I have had meetings where I felt a lack of control, but never quite like this. I hope next month we can re-visit this topic.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Betty C.