



# TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**July 15, 2024, 7pm, Meeting**

## **Summary**

The meeting was a discussion among members of the Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in the Southeast Texas Area. The key topics discussed include reviewing and approving the previous meeting's minutes, the treasurer's report, district reports, open committee positions, incorporating traditions and concepts into the meeting agenda, workbook studies, presentations to districts, treatment facility visits, and the meeting mapping project development. Decisions were made to incorporate a traditions study and a concept study into future meeting agendas, with volunteers assigned for the next meeting. The importance of institutional knowledge and experienced members to guide the committee was highlighted as a challenge. The meeting mapping project, aimed at maintaining an updated list of treatment facilities and meetings, was presented with new data added. Overall, the meeting focused on coordinating efforts to carry the AA message to alcoholics in treatment facilities and ensuring the committee's operations align with the AA traditions and concepts.

## **Business Discussed**

### **Opening and Minutes Approval**

The meeting began with a brief introduction and the approval of the previous month's meeting minutes. The chair acknowledged the presence of members and sought approval for the minutes, which was granted after a motion and second.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer, Taylor, presented the monthly financial report. No additional funds were used or spent in the previous month. Taylor highlighted the opportunity to reallocate unused lodging expenses to regular operating expenses for Twelfth Step work. The treasurer's report was approved after a motion and second.

### **District Report**

Representatives from various districts provided updates on their activities. District 32 expressed interest in receiving a TFC presentation, while District 90 shared their efforts in taking meetings into treatment facilities and attempting to facilitate bridging the gap for individuals leaving treatment. The lack of volunteers for bridging the gap was noted as a challenge.

### **Open Positions and Committee Continuity**

The chair acknowledged the open positions of secretary and alternate chair within the TFC committee. Concerns were raised about the lack of institutional knowledge and experienced members to guide the committee's work. The importance of sponsorship and service sponsorship in encouraging members to step up for service positions was discussed.

### **Incorporating Traditions and Concepts**

Based on inventory suggestions, the committee decided to incorporate the study of AA traditions and concepts into their meeting agenda. Volunteers were assigned to present on a specific tradition and concept at the next meeting, with the aim of aligning the committee's work with the principles of the AA program.

### **Workbook Study and Presentations**

The committee discussed the importance of studying the Treatment Facilities Workbook, particularly the section on bridging the gap. Plans were made to incorporate workbook study into future meetings. Additionally, the committee coordinated efforts to provide presentations to various districts, with dates and formats discussed.



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## **Treatment Facility Visits and Outreach**

The chair shared updates on recent visits to treatment facilities and efforts to establish AA meetings within those facilities. The challenges of garnering volunteers for bridging the gap and taking meetings into treatment facilities were highlighted.

## **Meeting Mapping Development**

Taylor presented the progress on the meeting mapping project, which aims to maintain an updated list of treatment facilities and AA meetings held within those facilities. New data was added, and the importance of this project for facilitating bridging the gap and carrying the AA message was emphasized.

## **Action Items**

1. Diane to present on Tradition One, and Chris to present on Concept Three at the next meeting
2. Incorporate a tradition study and a concept study into future meeting agendas, with volunteers assigned for each.
3. Explore incorporating a workbook study, focusing on the section about bridging the gap, into future meeting agendas.
4. Coordinate presentations to District 31 in August and District 32 in September, with the aim of inspiring volunteers to join the TFC committee.
5. Follow up with potential volunteers, such as Logan C., who expressed interest in serving at the area level.
6. Explore ways to leverage institutional knowledge and experienced members to guide the TFC committee's work
7. Continue efforts to establish AA meetings within treatment facilities and facilitate bridging the gap for individuals leaving treatment
8. Maintain and update the meeting mapping project to track treatment facilities and AA meetings held within those facilities

## **Meeting Attendees**

### ***Area TFC Officers***

Chris G.	Chairperson
Open	Alt.Chairperson
Taylor C.	Treasurer
Open	Secretary
NottaBot	Temp Secretary

### ***TFC Committees***

Yesenia I	Hispanic Liaison
Diane L	Literature Chair
Don M.	BTG Subcommittee Chair

### ***District***

Forrest L.	D81 TFC at Large
Raymond F	D90 TFC
Kevin W	D70 DCM