



# TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**August 15, 2024, 7pm, Meeting**

## **Summary**

The meeting transcript covers discussions related to the Treatment Facility Committee (TFC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. The main topics discussed include sharing and approving July Meeting Minutes, treasurer's report, upcoming convention and district visits, treatment facility visits and meetings, volunteer recruitment for bridging the gap program, literature distribution, open committee positions, and action items from the previous meeting. Key decisions made include approving the previous meeting's minutes and treasurer's report. Numerical data mentioned includes the actual year-to-date spending of \$541 and a remaining budget of \$1,374.56. The participants also discussed challenges faced in sharing screens and presenting documents during the virtual meeting. 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. The importance of institutional knowledge and experienced members to guide the committee was again highlighted as a challenge.

## **Business Discussed**

### **Opening and Minutes Approval**

Christopher G. shared the meeting minutes from the previous meeting, which were approved by the participants.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Donald M. presented the treasurer report, which showed an actual year-to-date spending of \$541, including \$107 spent on purchasing TFC workbooks. The remaining budget was reported as \$1,374.56. The participants discussed the need to pay the web hosting bill and approved the treasurer's report.

### **District Reports**

No representatives from the District to report.

### **Committee Reports**

Donald M. provided an update on the Bridging the Gap program, mentioning a few new volunteer additions in the last month. Christopher G. discussed his efforts to recruit more volunteers from districts with deficits and shared a document highlighting the volunteer distribution across districts.

### **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**

Tradition One by Diane L - Postponed to September Meeting

Concept Three by Chris G - Postponed to September Meeting

(Based on inventory suggestions, the committee decided in July 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).



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## **Workbook Study and Presentations**

No Activity on Workbook Study. Recent presentations at District 52 Meeting and the following Facilities conducted by Chris G

(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).

## **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.

Warriors Refuge - Veterans Residencial Facility

Harris Center - Jail Diversion and Mental Health

West Oaks Hospital - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Facility/Hospital

## **Meeting Mapping Development**

No reporting on Meeting Mapping.

New data was added and information updated by Samuel P. The importance of this project for facilitating Bridging the Gap and carrying the AA message was emphasized.

## **Action Items**

1. Coordinate presentations to District 31 in August and District 32 in September, with the aim of inspiring volunteers to join the TFC committee
2. Follow up with potential volunteers who expressed interest in serving, i.e. Logan C.
3. Maintain and update the meeting mapping project
4. Create a shared drive for TFC resources and add relevant names and materials
5. Incorporate a tradition study and explore incorporating a workbook study
6. Continue efforts to establish AA meetings within treatment facilities and facilitate bridging the gap for individuals leaving treatment.
7. Diane to present on Tradition One, and Chris to present on Concept Three at the next meeting

## **Meeting Attendees**

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

Chris G.

Chairperson

NottaBot

Temp Secretary

### ***Area TFC Committees***

Don M

BTG Subcommittee Chair