

I. Treatment

A. We have started informational meetings on Tuesday evenings at Geo Re-entry Center for parolee's in treatment for substance abuse.

B. We have also begun an informational meeting at an IDOC contracted halfway house, located in Decatur.

C. We have met with St. Mary's Treatment Center and have secured a time for members to share their experience, strength and hope with the clients involved there.

- 1. All three endeavors have been greeted with great cooperation and excitement by staff and clients.**
- 2. We are putting together workshops in which members can volunteer to help in the Treatment Centers.**
- 3. We are in desperate need of volunteers for these new programs. To qualify you need 6 months sobriety, and to be working the steps with a qualified sponsor.**

II. Bridging the Gap

A. Bridging the Gap is being embraced by our professional community.

- 1. The CPC chair Kent B. and I, Steve O., have carried the message of this exciting program to the various IDOC and treatment facilities here in Macon and surrounding communities.**
 - a) Sara Carter from the IDOC Geo Re-entry center has distributed the literature to prisons and treatment facilities for newly released persons.**
 - b) Amy Morganson, Program Director of Heritage Behavioral Health is on board and very excited about the Bridging the Gap program. She is ready to begin with her Alcoholic clients.**

c) We have discussed meeting with the professionals of another Decatur Area Behavioral Health Provider and accommodated them with AA literature and briefly described what our committee is trying to do. They seem very receptive.

d) We met at Springfield District 11 monthly meeting and presented them a presentation of what we are doing with the Bridging the Gap/Treatment committee per their request.

e) There will be a one hour workshop included for the volunteers of this program, which will be held at various locations throughout the district

(1) If your home group is interested in hosting one of these workshops please contact Steve O. 217-358-2533

B. Bridging the Gap as an A.A. committee

1. While Bridging the Gap has been well received by the professionals in our community it seems the uninformed population of the AA community has some misgivings. The following should clear this up.

a) This program is being implemented in other districts in our area.

b) This program DOES NOT violate the 11th tradition of attraction rather than promotion. In actuality it promotes the 9th tradition.

(1) The 11th tradition states: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

(2) The 9th tradition states: "AA as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve"

Yours in Service
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