

1.What Is The Purpose of Area?

- A conduit for information from the groups,through GSRs through District to Area to GSO and back.
- To keep the unity in AA
- To provide perspective and overview to standing committees.
- Help alcoholics stay sober.
- Carry the message.
- Conduite of information to the groups.
- Protect Alcoholics Anonymous - Door never have locks on them.
- Put on Assembly on a regular basis.
- Promote unity to show we are unified. Without unity we would only stay in the District.
- Elect our Delegate
- Keep the doors open.
- [helps us] Carry the message to alcoholics, hospitals prisons, etc.through committees' and individuals.
- Connect and prepare Delegate for General Service Conference.Delegate carries the voice of the Area.
- Our voices make a difference. Example pamphlet for atheist.
- Informs the Delegate for the General Service Conference.
- Carry the message to Districts, Groups, Area, General Service Office.
- Primary purpose is service.
- Bring service structure to life.
- Voice to General Service Office.
- Direction comes from General Service Office.
- Conduit between District & Area (two-way).
- Connectors of information.
- Fit ourselves to e of maximum service to God and the people around us Alcoholic Anonymous, page 77.
- Preserve and maintain the message of Alcoholics Anonymous by responding to members and maintaining consistency.
- Service.
- Institutional memory o Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Conduit of communication from the Group to the General Service Office.
- It's a Vote at the General Service Conference through our Delegate.
- Foster excitement & desire in Alcoholics Anonymous group members to participate.

1.Are We Fulfilling That Purpose?

- We are fulfilling that purpose IF we have a General Service Representative (GSR) and District Committee Member (DCM) is active in passing and receiving the information.

- More education.
- More communication is better to fulfill our purpose. Example: Delegate report backs covered many areas, make information available.
- Fulfilling to best of our ability as individuals.
- Some groups are not.
- Inform individuals of what Area service is (structure and application)
- More workshops by Groups and Districts.
- More sharing events at the Area Level.
- Area Workshops.
- Former Area Chair hosts study of service manual on Maui.
- Not everyone is able to say what Area does.
- Intergroup would like more visibility from Area officers/representatives.
- Yes, room for improvement.
- Mostly, yes.
- Being fulfilled the best we can.
- Regarding Unity - are we represented?
- Some bleeding deacons rigidly oppose air travel.
- We must explain what Area Does, what's its value? Can we get more excitement?
- Some members want to serve drunks only not the Area and that's okay.

2.Does the AA fellowship know about the value and purpose of Area's work?

- General consensus is area is doing OK.
- Most members are interested in their own sobriety and not so much in general service, except those who have had experience in general service.
- The efficacy of our communication (the ability to produce a desired or intended result) is dependant on the diligence of the General Service Representatives (GSR) and District Committee Members (DCM) in gathering and then passing on the information.
- 5% of the AA fellowship know about the value and purpose of Area's work.
- Not at all.
- Education deficit.
- Some groups may have good knowledge base.
- The Area has to meet and discuss to get an idea of the whole Area.
- Not all groups are interested in general service. We can provide information but may not affect their role or interest.
- Area acts for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous
- For the most part, the fellowship is ignorant to Area's purpose and value of what is required to function at the Area level.
- Most of the AA fellowship do not know about the value and purpose of Area's work.
- Effective communication with homegroups and the fellowship is not too effective.

2.How effective are we with communicating with the homegroups and fellowship?

- General consensus is Area is doing OK.
- Communication is very good (Assemblies).

- Lots of fluctuation no consistency
- Communication is personalities not principles at times.
- No. A lot of newcomers.
- Need to take skirts into facilities.
- Need to share what's magical about general service.
- Role play when making announcements at district meetings.
- Be more creative in carrying the message like Area PI committee.

3. Is Area Service Attractive Enough to Encourage More Participation From The Groups In Hawaii Area?

- Area service is mostly attractive.
- No, travel cost being prohibitive for all groups participation.
- Over all the Area officers and the active members are warm and welcoming and enriching to the sobriety of all involved.
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- All services in Alcoholics Anonymous is whatever you make it.
- General Service Representative make attractive the opportunities and awards.
- Attraction depends on who is representing the service.
- Area rotates assemblies and committee meetings.
- Assemblies are attractive in the enthusiasm of service representatives, environment.
- Maui standing committees are not supported.
- Back up committee meetings with service events since no or little extra cost. Furthermore, it would bring attention to Area.
- Service is not for everyone; can't make it attractive to all.
- Inform people about what you do in the Area and why it's good.
- Area service is attractive thru rotation of General Service Representative to District Committee Member and panel members.
- Area service is not attractive enough because outer island of Kauai has not much representation at Area.
- Area service is not attractive enough and there is room for improvement.
- Attractive to a certain type of people.
- Not enough shared for it to be attractive.
- Have service manual available at group meetings.
- Attractive because we're self-supporting.
- Not attractive because information not being shared.
- Attractive but geographical disadvantaged to maximize attractiveness of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Motives of Area and people are attractive.
- Not enough workshops.
- Too time consuming to fully make it attractive.
- Need to put more responsibility on sponsors.
- Attractive not frequently so not effective.
- Debunk [expose the falseness] air travel barrier.

- Share the personal rewards and spiritual gifts of service.
- Invite old timers to participate.
- Personally recruit with feeling.
- Sponsors suggest sponsees get into general service.
- Jump into general service at retirement.
- Enlighten our friends one on one.

4. Is the Area doing enough to carry the message?

- Area is sufficiently active.
- We can do better.
- More service workshops.
- District workshop could address "How to Carry the Message"
- Announce at homegroups where the dollar in the basket goes.
- District workshops that are fun.
- Area is not doing enough to carry the message - room for improvement.
- Area is doing enough to carry the message.
- Don't settle for "enough"
- Area is doing everything such as website, handouts, assemblies, email.
- New technologies.
- District important in helping to get message out from Area.
- Committees communicate by carrying the message outwardly such as Senior Fair, Medical and Health Professionals and General public.

4. Should the Area get more active?

- Always room for improvement.
- A lot more can be done.
- More social media.
- Standing committees chairs could be more communicative with groups and committees members.
- Not enough sharing at the group level about Area.
- Feels like groups need to do more.
- Area provides information thru links, not to individuals directly.
- Service workshops

5. Has Area done enough to explain to the groups in the Hawaii Area the value of the 7th Tradition and its contribution to Area?

- Mostly yes - The budget report is extensive.
- No, because people who are not sure of what Area do do not understand why we are spending money on Area or what Area is spending money on and why.
- Comes up only at the Budget Assembly.
- We have the Area Structures & Guidelines.
- Area does not explain to groups - only through GSR's do,
- Some groups are still concerned about the recent passing of the budget.

- GSRs were emailed about contributing to the Area and GSO.
- Lacks clarity.
- Communicate better to the GSR.
- Autonomy of group can impact contributions to Area, GSO and District.
- Lack of involvement at Area level.
- NO.
- DCMs are responsible to inform GSRs and groups about contributions and then share the Area budget.
- 7th Tradition includes going to assemblies.
- Support means participating with a vote.
- Standing Committee can do projects that are visible to all.
- Monies go to publishing.

Is the Area making general service more attractive to the fellowship?

- Yes, but can improve all the time.
- As an Area, most members don't know us. What our vision? What's are mission?
- We need to follow-through.
- It's attractive to us, just not enough.
- Sharing Information effectively is Area's mission.

Should the Area do more?

- Working harder on making General Service more attractive could improve Area's communication with Intergroups, Round-Ups, Convention, Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- All day workshops.
- Bring a friend to district meeting.
- Share experience when attending off island assemblies - bring back to your group.
- Always more we can do.
- Area should do a masquerade Assembly.

7.Are Area efforts to cooperate with Intergroups, Round-Ups, Conventions, You People (*YPAAS), AI-Anon, etc. sufficient?

- Evenly divided into yes, no and don't know. The don't knows were not aware of what that contact was.
- Efforts to cooperate was sufficient.
- Convention level has information booth for Area.
- Delegate was at Hiccipaa.
- Convention follows Area Guide.
- YPAA on Kauai
- We need to connect more with Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (YPAAs).

8.Is our Area fellowship aware of and fully informed of our priority of spending and how`

- Majority(11 to 5) did not know the priority of spending. Bob informed (reminded) us of that priority.
- No
- We need to talk about it.
- Workshops help.
- Fund our Delegate.
- Fund the Assembly.
- Fund the Standing Committees
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- Yes, varies by group.
- [Adds] Strength and experience of each GSR.
- Most don't know most priorities.
- 3 out of 18 don't know.

9.Is the Area providing GSRs with the proper orientation & tools to help them in their service position?

- Unanimously, yes with assistance of a service sponsor, there was some confusion about standing committees)
- Get packet from Orientation Assembly.
- Assemblies have roundtables.
- Box 459 has nuggets from from GSO.
- GSR School - learn hands on rather than read the literature during the 2 day assembly/convention break-out session.
- Not arranged currently for GSRs to get more information on services.
- It the GSRs responsibility to know what's involved. Reach out for help.

10.Are our Area Committees set-up and functioning in ways that are helpful for all districts in Hawaii?

- Evenly divided between yes, no and a few "I don't know". The difficulty of the nos' was, after seeking help from Area Area did not respond.
- Area committees help the local district chairs.
- Standing committee chairs are not GSRs. They are conduits from Area to carry to the message.

10.Are the Standing Committees fulfilling their purpose?

- There was some confusion about standing committees

10.In what ways can the committee be more effective?

- Allow people to serve.Ask for help - but is "difficult"
- Ask GSR to spread the word.
- GSRs attend committee meetings.
- DCMs could share with others the geographic challenges.

11.Are we still divided even after a vote has not gone our way?

- We are not divided even after a vote has not gone our way.

11.Are we supporting the group conscience?

- We support our group conscience with as much grace as we can muster.
- We support the group conscience

11.When we report back to our group, do we do it in a neutral even-handed manner or do we shade the report with our opinion?

- We report back to our group in a neutral even-handed manner for newcomers to understand.

12.As Area members, do we trust in our Hight Power, the group conscience, and our other trusted servants, or do we engage in “politicking”?

- Unanimously we trust in our Higher Power, the group conscience and our other trusted servants.
- No, we do not engage in politicking.
- Hopefully, not engaging in campaigning, let HP guide through group conscience.

12.How can we avoid placing personalities before principles?

- Demonstrate the importance of trust.