

Area 17 Proposal Form

Proposal:

I propose the current title of Treatment Standing Committee (Chair) 3.7.J of the Hawaii Structure and Guidelines be changed to Treatment and Accessibilities (Chair)

Background information:

The current Structures and Guidelines for Hawaii Area 17 describes the Treatment Committee as one that; *“Coordinates the service work of A.A. groups and individual A.A. members who carry the message to alcoholics in medical and treatment settings. Sets up means of “Bridging the Gap” from treatment to A.A. and works to clarify what A.A. can and cannot do, within the Twelve Traditions, to help alcoholics in medical and treatment settings.” (pg. 4 Ver 71.0)*

The A.A. Service Manual describes the Committee titled **Treatment and Accessibilities** as one that; *“Coordinates the work of individual A.A. members and groups who carry the A.A. message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities, and sets up means of bridging the gap from treatment to A.A. In addition, the committee supports the work of individual A.A. members and groups endeavoring to ensure that those with accessibility concerns, including those who live in underserved or remote communities, have access to the A.A. message. The committee will review all aspects of service to A.A. groups/meetings in treatment facilities and other non-correctional institutional environments as well as to A.A.s with accessibilities issues and make recommendations for changes and/or improvements.” (pg. 46 A.A. Service Manual 2021-2023)*

As the current Hawaii Area 17 Treatment Standing Committee I have been exposed to a situation and found myself at a crossroads. My experience, thus far, I feel has prevented me from being fully informed. First, during my attendance at PRAASA this past year, in a meeting with my peers, I was unable to participate in certain portions of our discussion regarding Accessibilities. Also, while preparing for the Inform the Delegate Assembly, I had been meeting regularly with committee peers in other Areas, however they were discussing information on Accessibilities in which I had never received in my area. The reason, I think, being I am the Treatment Chair rather than the Treatment & Accessibilities Chair. Lastly, after which I was appointed to this position, I received material from the General Service Office (G.S.O.) pertaining to my position. The information received pertained to Treatment and Accessibilities not just Treatment. As it stands, I continue to serve Hawaii Area 17 as the Treatment Chair to the best of my ability. With that, it is my hope we could be more consistent with G.S.O. in Treatment & Accessibilities information and work, Therefore, it is my humble request that we consider aligning ourselves with G.S.O., and the General Service Conference (G.S.C.), to ensure opportunity for future committee chairs to fully be informed about this position.

(Please submit in writing to the Area 17 Chair)

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Date received: