

Hawaii Area 17
Alcoholics Anonymous General Service
Standing Committee Report

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Standing Committee: Cooperation With the Professional Community

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Your report will be limited to 2 minutes.

What the CPC Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

The Area CPC committee has met twice via Zoom with six people participating in the April meeting and five in the May meeting. Our current committee focus is child protective services. Joe R, District 8 CPC Chair, had a positive experience giving a virtual presentation to staff of West Hawaii Child Welfare Services. Deborah S, Area 17 Chair, placed literature in the downtown parole/probation office on Oahu for officers and clients. Lea V, DCM for district 5, connected me with a woman that works for Maui Youth and Family Services. They support Child Welfare Services on Maui and she is excited about arranging a meeting for us to talk with her coworkers.

At our subcommittee meeting it was suggested to reach out to GSO for local CPC opportunities and to insure that our efforts do not overlap. I emailed Amy on the CPC desk asking if they have been participating in any online conferences like the American Psychiatry Conference. She explained that they have seen very little participation at virtual exhibit booths and have decided this was not the best use of their resources.

Karen N, the Mynah Bird chair, emailed me an article from The Maui News written by a No Ka Oi Health employee describing increased drinking during this pandemic with no mention of AA. I also recently saw a video from another major Maui medical organization describing the increased drinking as a "pandemic within a pandemic" with no mention of AA. I'm not sure how to address this situation so I emailed Amy at GSO again to ask about shared experience in this situation. No response yet.

I emailed the DCM's requesting time at their District meetings for a CPC presentation to increase District participation in CPC work. I am aware of only two District CPC Chairs in Hawaii: Joe R in District 8 and Mo L in District 6. I did presentations at District 10 and District 5 so far. I am planning to attend District 11 next week, District 4 at the end of May, District 1 in June, & District 2 in July. DCM's please let me know when I can present to your district.

I plan to participate in the CPC North America quarterly meeting this Tuesday 2pm HST on Zoom and also received an announcement that the North America CPC & PI Conference will be held virtually on February 12th & 13th, 2022.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service,

Brandon L.