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Standing Committee: Treatment

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Suggestions: Start with how your committee is carrying the message through such things as workshops, events attended, committee goals carried out, etc. Your report will be limited to 2 minutes. Please provide a copy via email or hard copy to our area secretary.

What does the Treatment Committee do:

According to Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines, Treatment Standing Committee 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 12 Traditions, to help alcoholics in medical and treatment settings.

How will the Committee do this:

So what we have been able to accomplish, thus far, has been to establish contact both through letter of introduction and by phone with 11 treatment facilities on Oahu, 1 on Big Island, and 2 on Maui. (There are no treatment facilities available on Kauai currently) We have sent out AA literature (16 different pamphlets structured around treatment and bridging the gap) to 3 of the facilities on Oahu with 2 more on the way to Maui. Special Thanks to Adina and Oahu Central Office for their assistance. We are also in the progress of creating Contact cards as well as putting together a small packet for those transitioning from their respective facility into society again. This will give them a way to stay connected to our fellowship and allow us to carry our primary message to the newcomer.

Other Topics:

The Area Treatment Standing Committee Chairs of North America and Canada have met to introduce and connect to open dialogue in ways for us to better serve treatment facilities as well as AA as a whole through our service work. We will be meeting again on the 27th of February. I have met with the GSR's appointed to the treatment committee and couldn't be more excited to have the opportunity to work with such dedicated members of area service. We have discussed our first workshop and decided to go with "Bridging the Gap" as the topic of this workshop. We will be meeting again after PRAASA to set a date (shortly after Inform the Delegate) and build out the structure for the workshop. I am humbled and grateful to serve.