

Hawaii Area 17
Alcoholics Anonymous General Service
Standing Committee Report

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Standing Committee: Corrections

Person reporting and position: (Mike L., Corrections Committee Chair)

Thanks to our Area officers and everyone here on the Big Island who put this Inventory Assembly together.

The Corrections Committee coordinates the service work to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined in a correctional facility. We meet virtually on the First Monday of every month at 4:30 – 5:30 PM. Meeting code: 820 8005 1814; Pass code: 566 874. Our meeting is not only for the GSR members assigned to the Corrections Committee, but also those AAs who have been going into the correctional facilities, and those who might be interested in service to alcoholics who are in custody.

There are some challenges we need to deal with. There has been a problem on Big Island getting AA volunteers approved to bring in AA meetings. Big Island and Maui still have trouble getting trainings scheduled for those who want to take meetings into their facilities. If anyone has suggestions, they would be most welcome.

On the bright side, I learned yesterday that Kaua`i is having a Volincor training this week. On O`ahu, there are a few people who bring in a meeting to the federal facility at Ford Island.

Our committee works to communicate with the correctional facilities staffs in the state of Hawaii to maintain a good working relationship so AA members may continue to bring in AA meetings, supply literature, and inform persons in custody of the Corrections Correspondence and Pre-Release programs.

You may have seen on the news that as of January 1st, 2024, Hawai`i has a new Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation which is now separate from law enforcement. The aim is to focus on providing services to help people in custody get the resources they need to successfully come back into our community and avoid re-offending. AA can certainly help those who have problems with alcohol.

Please contact me with any questions or suggestions for the Corrections Committee. Thank you for letting me be of service. – Mike L.