

Hawaii Area 17
Alcoholics Anonymous General Service
Standing Committee Report

Date: **April 1-2, 2023**

Standing Committee: **Corrections**

Person reporting and position: **Mike L, Corrections Committee Chair**

What the **Corrections Standing Service Committee** did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

Our committee met at the Orientation Assembly, and again 2 times on the virtual platform to share information about how people in custody can be linked to AA if they want help to achieve or maintain sobriety. We communicated with our home groups to get feedback for the Inform the Delegate Assembly on the two agenda items we were asked to address:

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- A.** Consider a request to include in existing A.A. literature on sponsorship of persons in custody by outside members of the fellowship. (background material paged 151-165).
Most of the people we spoke with were in favor of adding information to existing literature. Big Island people who were going into the corrections facilities said they have enough literature and visits are working well as they are now.

And

- B.** Discuss service piece "Safety and A.A.: Out Common Welfare" (SMF-209) and its revisions. (Pages 167-219)

The background material was extensive and covered several issues. There were questions after the safety pamphlet from 2017 was revised in 2021, and it was revised again in 2022; but people were asking to use some of the language from the 2021 revision instead of the 2022 version. The background material said the 2021 version treated racism as a safety issues, and so made it safer for more people of color and more people with non-traditional gender identities to come into A.A. The background material also asked questions about how service materials are developed without going through the Conference approval process.

Our groups did not really get to read a lot of the background material or have lengthy discussions, but appeared to be OK with either version of the safety pamphlet.

We did get feedback that we would like to get more time before the Inform the Delegate Assembly so we could have more than one monthly meeting to discuss with the groups.

We are waiting to received the updated Corrections Workbook when GSO completes the changes. We have scheduled monthly Corrections Committee

meetings online to continue to learn about all the ways to help make A.A. available to people in custody. VolinCor trainings are resuming again after COVID. Several women and two men from AA completed the training last week and meetings have resumed in Maui Community Correctional Center. The International Corrections Meeting is a weekly virtual meeting open to all who are interested in corrections service. The first and last Sunday of each month it is at 6 PM ET / 12 noon HST. The other Sundays it is at 11 AM ET / 5 AM HST. We plan to help distribute information on the Corrections Correspondence program and Pre-Release Contact service to help people coming back into the community to get to some A.A. meetings soon after their release.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

- Mike L.

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