

TCIO Tri-County Intergroup Meeting

Sunday, March 17th, 2024

Opening the meeting: 4:00

- Readings: Serenity Prayer, TCIO Purpose, Twelve Traditions
- Attendance: 28

TCIO Rep Introduction/Announcements:

- Michelle- Berkeley
- Kathleen- Treasurer TCIO
- Lisa- Charleston Area Young People
- Tommy- 2nd Chance N Char-District 70
- Nick- Old Central- Alt Chair TCIO
- Christy- TCIO Website- Cool Hip and Sober
- Jennifer- Communications- TCIO
- Hanson- Old Central
 - 75th Anniversary Celebration- next Sunday- 2-5: raffles, cookies, etc. Need volunteers to chair meetings or step up and help. Have until August 2025 to get more attendance at meetings and support, then it will be shut down.
- Sherry- TCIO Office Assistant Manager
- Bridget- Charleston Young People PICPC
- Cici- Grace Group
- Jak- Charleston Young People
- Kevin- TCIO Treatment Coordinator
- Charlene- PICPC Chair
- Kimberly- District 71
- Craig- Keystone
- Morgan- Holy City
 - Anniversary April 5th
- Caroline- Johns Island Noon
- Daniel- Long point Lunch hour
- Paul- Johns Island
- Jess- Cane Bay
- Diana- Riverland Terrace
- Bradley - Seabreeze
- Jess- North Area Group
- Whitney- West Ashley
- Liz- Trident
- Angie- District 73

Officer Reports:

Chair: Ashley	Alt. Chair: Nick
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annotated Bylaws: Linked Here - Attended Area Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intergroup has committee meeting- 4 other districts in state - DAODAS (State run agency for drug and alcohol): requested that all intergroups put information for a scholarship on the website- all groups declined. - Forming an Ad Hoc committee (New Business) - Events chair person has quit- it is now an open position- let us know if interested and have over a year of sobriety. - Cross referencing meeting information on Area and Meeting Guide App to make sure it's all correct (including Zoom ID and Passwords). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please check with groups to make sure your group's information is correct. - Will need to update the PDF of the meeting schedule on the website- need to locate the file that is capable of being edited- in case groups want to print. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newsletter: Is everyone receiving? Majority of the group says yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern about phone numbers being posted: will discuss with new business. - Updated lease from Hans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Month to month: as we discussed at February's meeting - When somebody takes over the space, TCIO will get 90 days minimum to vacate. - TCIO is actively searching for new location: one suggestion is to merge with Old Central. - We are open to suggestions for location.
Secretary: Rachel	Website: Christy C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If your group is still not receiving information via email from TCIO, please double check your email address listed on the contact sheet. - Also, please reach out if there is an error with who is listed as TCIO rep for your group- we're just going off what was listed on the sheet passed around at the meeting in January. There is another sign in sheet going around today for names and groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are averaging 365 hits per day. - We need to review the process for adding new meetings with the group. There was conflicting information communicated to a new group at the end of February/early March. - We need to make sure everyone understands the process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In order for meetings to be added to the website and meeting app, the New Group Form should be completed and submitted to GSO then they will assign a group number. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Form: G.S.O. NEW GROUP LISTING GUIDELINES / FORM
Treatment: Kevin	

- There seems to be loads of miscommunication between Charleston Vet and myself, or general issues regarding Charleston Vet.
 - Charleston Vet said that Goose Creek and Remnants Group were not showing up to commitments.
 - Goose Creek and Remnants said they went and were unable to get in. Other individuals had the same problem.
- Star Gospel Mission: Faith based group in Charleston- Tuesdays at 6pm- interested in having groups come.
 - Currently in the process of planning
- Dorchester IOP: expressed adding a second meeting for the week.
- Discussion of bringing smaller homegroups together to team up and commit to a treatment center. Makes it more feasible for small groups to commit to a month.
 - DCMs will need to meet and discuss
- Will meet March 28th to determine May and June commitments.
 - Question from floor: could we do the 3rd Thursday of the month rather than 4th Thursday? Scheduling conflict with GSR commitments for Old Central.
 - Meet March 28th and discuss as an option going forward.
 - Question from floor: at these meetings do you discuss the rules and expectations for treatment commitments? (ie: how much sobriety time do you need? Should it have been a certain amount of time since you've been a patient there? How many can come? Etc.)
 - Suggestion from floor: type up etiquette or expectations blurb.
- At the Area Assembly, we talked about reaching out to senior living facilities, doctors and other AA methods on being able to bring meetings into those places.
 - This will require the DCM's help

- Submit to: memberservices@aa.org.
- Once the form is returned from GSO, it should be submitted to tciocharleston@gmail.com so that the meeting can be added to the website and meeting app.
 - If it's a Zoom meeting, you will need to send TCIO a link to your Zoom meeting to be uploaded- it's more than just the ID/Password.
- The TCIO newsletter has been posted. There were concerns raised about personal phone numbers being posted on the internet. Followed up with Nick and Ashley and there were no concerns with the information being out there.
- Working on getting a printable PDF schedule up to date.
- Question from floor: if a meeting (specifically Zoom) is having no one show up at all, would we need to delete the meeting from the schedule?
 - Can temporarily suspend/pause the meeting on schedule/app

Alt. Treasurer: Jak

- In month of February:
 - District 70 donated: \$0
 - District 71 donated: \$526
 - District 72 donated: \$896
 - District 73 donated: \$670

- Maybe TCIO should build a contact list of members who speak different languages to assist when someone calls and does not speak English. Just a thought!

Treasurer: Kathleen

- Suggested last month to change prudent reserve to 4 months of expenses- so that was done.
- Prudent reserve currently is: \$12,014.27.
 - Transferred \$10,168.00
 - This is a business savings account through Bank of America- gain \$0.10 and lose \$0.02 due to a federal withholding every month, so it fluctuates very slightly.
- Taxes will be filed on March 29th
- February's report: [linked here](#)
- Motion to approve: accepted.

Communications: Jennifer W.

- March 5th- had communications meeting- 9 groups showed up, giving a group for each day and could break up Saturday and Sunday into AM and PM.
 - Next meeting is May 7th
 - Some people on Zoom call were unable to get into the meeting
- Friday March 15th- had another meeting with call experts to confirm the script for the new AA hotline answering service and submitted volunteers' names and phone numbers on an excel spreadsheet.
- We will be able to break up the shifts into 4 hour shifts. If a volunteer misses the call their communication person will be called next and if they miss it, it will go to Jennifer (communications) and then go to Call Experts. (charged \$0.60 per minute when it is answered by Call Experts)
- Requesting names and phone numbers at the end of each month so there is time to put information into the website/database.
- Call Experts should go live in April!
- In case of emergencies, will be able to submit new names at any time and/or change the volunteer.
- Communications person for each group needs to send Jennifer a list of their April volunteers by the last week of March.
- Call experts are in the process of building our schedule and should be ready by the end of this week.

Office Manager: Michelle M.

- New Square cash register and terminal have arrived!
- **We would love for volunteers who know how to use the Square POS system to come and help Michelle train other volunteers!!**
- Optimization call was scheduled: can only get the call within 2 weeks of getting the system- need to put in a new request, but the request can't be for sooner than 2 weeks.
 - Means we wouldn't be able to go live for 3-4 weeks if we did an optimization call.

- We are ready to go, everything is uploaded and inventoried, and there are tons of videos online, so we may not do optimization call (the optimization call costs \$153).
- Going live would require a lot of help from reps and a lot of patience- Michelle has to leave the office in the afternoon due to child's transportation.
- Could leave the current system in place temporarily in case the person in the office cannot make a transaction, or cannot get in touch with Michelle via phone for assistance.
- Looking at a one month transition to the new system while keeping the old system in place and it will only be used if Michelle isn't present/accessible and the person working is not trained.
- It will still cost monthly if we keep the old system up and running. Would be a monthly charge, not charges for each use. Square only charges per usage.
- Suggestion: could people come in a little early for their shift to learn the new system?
 - Means morning people would have to know the system better than afternoon to train them. Also, it is a challenge to get volunteers, let alone have them come in early. Currently there are 26 people volunteering at TCIO and 1/3 of these people cannot be counted on- so realistically, less than 20 people.
- Question from floor: by not doing optimization call, are we voiding warranty or breaking contractual agreement?
 - No, we are not. It's just a bonus class and doesn't void a warranty.

Events Chair: VACANT	PI/CPC: Charlene
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Founder's Day: food prepared by Hans, going to pick it up, drop it off, and will need volunteers- this will save a significant amount of money. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaker and venue are booked. - The flyer will be coming this week. - Will have sign up sheets for volunteers a month prior - Suggestion from floor: if just 10 home groups at TCIO meeting sent 5 volunteers, that would be 50 volunteers. - Question from floor: has there been an events committee? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the past: if interested in being part of the events, would meet 30 minutes prior to the monthly TCIO meeting. And, all homegroups were responsible for providing and cooking/bringing food. Not catered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We met with the area PI/CPC chairs and scheduled our workshop for April 27 from 10am until noon at the TCIO office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We had previously chosen April 13 but there was another workshop scheduled for that day. - Both area chairs will be here and will be sharing about the importance of PI/CPC work, what we do in AA and what we don't do, and give information on the ongoing projects we are involved in and how we can help the still sick and suffering alcoholic. - There will be food and an opportunity for a Q&A. Chick-Fil-A breakfast! - Flyer to be made and passed around in the next couple weeks. - Goal = every single group in the area will have a PI/CPC rep to come out and help. - Charlie and George (PI/CPC reps for Area) will come and talk.

**Group Reports:
Anniversaries, events, workshops, changes?**

- **Holy City Speaker Meeting- April 5: Anniversary Dinner- food is at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:30.**
- **WAG is hosting Soberpalooza 2- April 13th from 2-6:30**

Old Business:

- **Prudent reserve changing- reps needed to take change to group last month.**

New Business:

- **Ad Hoc Committee will be put in place:**
 - **Thursday, April 4th at 6:30pm at TCIO office-anyone is welcome to come- 90 days or more of sobriety.**
 - **Will void voting for prudent reserve change, etc.**
 - **Would like to have 8-10 people.**
- **Concern from floor: TCIO contact list is currently public and accessible for everyone online.**
 - **Anybody on the internet can see everyone's phone number and email.**
 - **Could we take the link to the contact list off of the newsletter because the newsletter is posted on TCIO's Facebook group page (which is private) and on the TCIO website (which is not private).**
 - **One individual actually was spammed and it was traced to the website.**
 - **Link will be removed so it is not publicly accessible.**
- **Blind copy any email sent to mass group.**

Next meeting: Sunday, April 21st at 4:00pm