



Outreach Regional meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Opened with the NA Service Prayer

### **Attendance**

Dennis A. Regional Outreach Chair  
Shawn T. Fairbanks  
Mandy H Regional RD  
Arlene L. Anchorage  
Josh S. Fairbanks PR Chair  
Wayne Anchorage PR Chair  
Joe C. Anchorage

### **Old Business**

Translations, it was brought up at the regional meeting regarding the high cost of translations and if it was still a first language in the villages and if the program was worth continuing.

We as a group are sensitive to the financial responsibility of our region, we are looking at all ways in which we can produce these translations at a much lower cost than the Yupik translation but still have them produced in a professional manner. We are reaching out to NA members who speak the language and negotiating down the cost where possible. In most large villages there is a resurgence in the native language, and it is now being taught again in schools. We would also like to reference the first bullet point in **A Vision for NA Service**.

**Every addict in the world has the chance to**

**Experience our message in his or her own**

**Language and culture and find the opportunity**

**For a new way of life**

Information to Facilities, the committee with the help of Mandy H and Joe C. produced an email packet with three attachment. 1) A letter oh introduction, 2) Information about NA in Alaska with all pertinent numbers and email addresses and 3) A PFD of our current online meetings. To date this has been emailed out to over thirty facilities with great response and there are still more to be sent out.

Group Contact, we have reached out to all outlying groups in our region and in the course of doing so corrected our online meeting schedule to correctly reflect each areas meeting. We sent out \$150.00 of literature to the new Kodiak Hope Dealers group and they have also been added to the online schedule. Mandy H. has also updated all this information on the world meeting schedule board.

Bethel, due to the current situation the trip to Bethel has been cancelled. I have been in contact with Raymond Williams the facility administrator and we plan to do this at a later date.

### **New Business**

To invite a member or group to our outreach online meeting so we can hear directly from them on their area, exp, what works for them, their experience with carrying the message in their area and any help they may require.

Basic text in jails. This was brought up by Mandy H who heard someone share that they first heard the message of NA in a little jail that had a basic text. The committee decided this was a reachable goal and put it into action. I have reached out to the Administrator of Correction in Alaska and am waiting a reply to meet and have a conversation not only on the basic text but also on online meetings. More will be revealed.

### **Food for Thought**

What do we do for the addict leaving a facility? Do they have our 1800, website, meeting schedule or even someone to pick them up and give them a ride to a meeting?

In Loving Service

Dennis A.



## OUTREACH CHAIR REPORT APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2020

Hello Everyone

I hope you and your families are all safe and well.

Since our last meeting in February some of our plans have changed due to the current situation, we all find ourselves in. Outreach has collaborated with PR and the areas of our region in how best to get our message out and to support groups that already exist in outlying areas.

The trip to Bethel has been cancelled due to the covid-19 virus, when things clear up, we will again look at doing that outreach.

Thanks to the support of the RD and other committees we put together a very good packet of information to be distributed to outlying facilities within Alaska.

I also sent this out to all the area PR chairs and regional PR for their use if they have a need. So far, we have emailed this information out to over twenty facilities and have received some very positive feedback.

This month Outreach sent out \$150.00 in literature to the Kodiak Hope Dealers group and a local Kenai Peninsula group donated a group starter kit to them.

I have been in contact with Kevin B. in Ketchikan and their groups are all doing well. Kevin helped me get in contact with some of the facilities that support the NA message in his area. I have had no luck contacting both Juneau & Wrangle, but I will keep trying. Update Juneau now has 7 meeting a week and the Wrangle meeting has closed for now.

I have been trying to update the regional meeting schedule as I contact each area Kodiak now has 6 meeting a week, Ketchikan 4, Bethel 1, Juneau 7. I'm still working on the other areas. I have sent the web servant all the updates so far.

Translations are still ongoing and moving slowly. With the current situation we need to talk about this project and see what's the best way to proceed.

I believe now more than ever groups, areas, region and all subcommittees need to work together in relaying our message to the still suffering addict as well as support those already in recovery.

In Loving Service

Dennis A.