

District 4 Inventory
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7 people present for the inventory in person and 2 via Zoon. All in person members were district committee members and the Zoom members were GSRs.
Group opened with the Serenity Prayer.

District members were given copies (hard and electronic) prior to the inventory. Most time was spent on question number one, looking at how the district committee was doing in each of the service areas.

1. What is the basic purpose of the District Committee?

- *Should be the gathering point of all of the meetings in the district to connect groups to the next level (i.e. area and GSO) and maintaining that connection with each level of AA.*
 - *This is seen as a two way street.*
 - *Help support and encourage at the meeting level.*
 - *Bring what each group has to offer and that groups voice to each next level.*
 - *Making AA known to the still suffering alcoholic in the district.*
 - *The go between the committee and meetings and community at large.*
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- **What do we see as the main/most important roles of the DCM?**
 - *To be a representative of the individual meetings in that district and to the area.*
 - *To keep groups informed as to what is going on as a whole and keep groups on track and the groups focused on the business at hand.*
 - *Visiting groups and seeing what they can offer to the group. They are there to serve the group.*
 - *There is sometimes a perception that this is a policing by groups and not always as welcomed.*
 - *Letting know where these meetings are.*
 - **How well are these responsibilities being filled?**
 - *Overall roles are being fulfilled well.*
 - *A new DCM will be rotating in this month. District has had the tratiion of rotating approximately half the district every other year to insure that there are members who are familiar at all times.*
 - *DCM role could do a better job of getting out to all of the individual groups. This has be a challenge during COVID but was noted as an area of improvement even before COVID restrictions.*
 - *Challenges with time and ability were noted and group agreed to consider forming a committee to do this or simply a group of AA's that may not be district committee members to assist with this.*

- **What do we see as the main/most important roles of the Alt. DCM?**
 - *This role is seen as a bit of a “catch all” position, which assists wherever need be. The current Alt DCM is moving to web manager and current DCM will be rotation to Alt. DCM. This is the first time using this rotation. The guidance provided. District 4 has the tradition of having DCM becoming the Alt. DCM. This has been in place for one rotation. This is for the entire board. Kind of a catch all position, help cover and assist with other committee members.*
- **How well are these responsibilities being filled?**
 - *Past and current DCM thought it worked really well in helping the new DCM.*
- **What do we see as the main/most important roles of the Treasurer?**
 - *One member noted that it is an ultimate KISS position. Very straight forward and simple.*
 - *Keep a paper trail, accurate book keeping of monies going in and out. specifically*
- **How well are these responsibilities being filled?**
 - *Members were very happy with current treasurer condition.*
 - *Current treasurer has been serving for multiple years.*
 - *District sees as a very important role with are upcoming challenges (electronic donations, zoom meetings, etc.) that may make it a more specialized position.*
- **What do we see as the main/most important roles of the Secretary?**
 - *Being present, providing minutes, and an accurate account of what is going on.*
 - *Making sure that groups get information.*
 - *Archiving information and actions taken at the district for future reference.*
- **How well are these responsibilities being filled?**
 - *Since COVID, there hasn't been regular attendance in person but had been good prior to. Members see role as being filled adequately*
- **What do we see as the main/most important roles of the PI Chair?**
 - *Making sure that appropriate literature information is getting where it needs to be.*
 - *Getting information out to community and how they can get a hold of AA locally.*
 - *Currently this is a shared position with CPC, so chair is fulfilling both positions. No CPC for a couple of years.*
 - *Large roll of educating the greater public as well as AA members as to what we are, where we are, what we are not, etc. Providing a clear and accurate perception of what AA is.*

- *Entire committee has been responsible for updating meeting schedules both print and electronic. District 4 also has their own district website but this is updated by the new incoming Web Manager.*
- **How well are these responsibilities being filled?**
 - *Members see the role as being fulfilled well.*
- **What do we see as the main/most important roles of the Treatment Chair?**
 - *To assist in getting AA's into treatment facilities and coordinating these efforts.*
 - *To get the AA message into clients in the facility.*
- **How well are these responsibilities being filled?**
 - *There have been some challenges in working with the current treatment center locally (Alex) and some issues with communication of district and other groups bringing information in.*
 - *There are also 4-5 outpatient facilities with not specific work being done with them.*
 - *Challenges were noted within the facility that currently affect the ability to coordinate efforts (high staff turnover).*
- **What do we see as the main/most important roles of the Corrections Chair?**
 - *Main role seen as coordinating bringing meetings in the jail (one jail in the district).*
- **How well are these responsibilities being filled?**
 - *Members report that prior to COVID, things were going well.*
- **What do we see as the main/most important roles of the Literature Chair?**
 - *Helping coordinate literature orders for group and members in the district.*
- **How well are these responsibilities being filled?**
 - *Current chair has been in the position for a long time.*
 - *Does a great job of setting up literature display at each monthly round robin as well as local round up.*
- **What do we see as the main/most important roles of the Grapevine Chair?**
 - *Encouraging members to support the Grapevine and them know what it is.*
- **How well are these responsibilities being filled?**
 - *This is a brand new position.*

- What do we see as the main/most important roles of the Web Manager?
 - *Just added in. Website was put together by past PI chair and the current Web Manager role will be making sure information is updated.*
- How well are these responsibilities being filled?
 - *Brand new position.*

2. Are there additional activities can we engage in to convey the message?

- *Education treatment staff about what AA does and does not do*
- *Sponsorship workshops on various topics*

3. Considering the number of alcoholics in our district, are we reaching enough people?

- *Based on attendance at district attendance and statistics this is seen as an area of improvement.*

4. Do we emphasize the importance of service sponsorship? How effectively? How can we do it better?

- *Do so on individual members and at groups.*
- *We talk about it a lot at district meetings.*
- *Can do a better job sharing the benefits of being involved in service, showing enthusiasm, making it attractive.*

5. Do we illustrate a good cross section of A.A. in our message carrying?

- *Yes.*

6. Do new G.S.R.'s stick with us or does our turnover and missed meetings seem excessive?

- *Having difficulties getting new GSRs to represent groups.*
- *GSRs generally seem to stick with it but most groups don't have active participating GSR's.*

7. How effective are we in communicating with all our groups?

- *Information and district minutes are sent out to group contacts.*
- *Members noted that the district could do a better in traveling to meetings and communicating in person.*

8. Do all A.A.'s know about district meetings and have the opportunity to attend?

- *Yes. Non-attendance is not seen as a lack of communication issue.*

9. Has enough effort been made to explain, to all groups, the value and purpose of a G.S.R.?

- *District members agree with the importance but struggle in passing the information to groups. Could be an area to improve on through visiting groups.*

10. Do all G.S.R.'s have an opportunity to serve on committees?

- *Yes. Not that many serving on specific committees.*

11. Are district officers picked with care and consideration?

- *Yes. Group agrees that they are picked appropriately but recognize that they have a very limited to number of active members to choose from.*

12. Do our groups carry their fair share of supporting the Area and the General Service Office?

- *Groups have increased contributions to other entities due to talking about financial needs. Groups are also generally willing to help out with district activities such as workshops and round robins when asked.*

13. How well are our groups informed about what is happening in A.A. worldwide?

- *Group feels that this information is passed on effectively from the district but GSR participation is pretty low so information is low.*

14. Are our district meetings informative and enthusiastic?

- *Yes. Group feels that they make a concerted effort to do so.*

Other concerns Noted:

- *“A geographical myth buster.” In district 4, Alexandria, seems to be the “hub” of the meetings etc. Some members see this as a concern and lack of real genuine unity. Some feel that we used to be more inclusive of all groups.*
- *Other members noted that we encourage others outside of Alexandria to participate but they often do not.*
- *Idea to have other district members getting out and going to other groups seemed to be supported by multiple members.*
- *Group noted that Round Robins are good and this rotation has been helpful in working on unity.*