



Local Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday 14th May 2024 6pm

Zoom Id - 832 7042 4390 password – 096 544

Hove Park School

Nevill Campus

Nevill Road

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BN3 7BN

Steve L, LSC Chair welcomed us to the meeting.

Moment of Silence to remember the still suffering addict both inside and outside the rooms.

Jill read the 12 Concepts.

Rachel read the 12 Traditions.

In attendance: - Steve L – LSC Chair
Mark K – LSC Treasurer
Louise – LSC Vice-Literature Secretary/PI Presentation Coordinator
Anna – LSC Vice-Minutes Secretary
Jill – Panel Leader Bowerman House/ Outgoing Tea Person
Tyler - Poster Co-Ordinator
Paul K – Panel leader Recovery Project
Kat

Visitors: - Phil
Andy
Lucy
Brian DG

Apologies: - Brian B – Panel Leader Lighthouse
Steve P
Andy
Aaron

Approval of last month's minutes

April minutes seconded and approved.

Amended February minutes seconded and approved.

Nominations

Jill stood down from LSC tea position. Thanks and round of applause.

HMP Ford and Lewes: Discussion about removing both from list as not taking meetings there for 6 months minimum. It was decided to remove from positions vacant until we are ready to offer these positions again.

Lucy nominated herself for LSC tea position. Provided CV. Seconded and voted in.

Treasurers opening Balance £414.00

Positions Vacant

LSC Vice Literature Secretary – 2 years clean time
LSC Vice Minutes Secretary – 2 years clean time
LSC Vice Treasurer – 3 years clean time (to be reviewed in guidelines)
Panel Leader/secretary – Daubeney House Nr Bognor Ideally 2 years. Any suitable nomination could be considered with over 1 year clean time.
Panel Leader/secretary x 2 – Langford Centre Bexhill. 2+years clean time
Zoom Tech Support – ideally 2 years clean time but tech savvy please.

Reports

Bowerman House: Jill reported. Attendance numbers are going up and down. Sometimes not many attendees but still a good meeting, good atmosphere.

Recovery Project: Paul reported. 10-14 each week, going well, people seem enthusiastic.

Daubeney House: Not running currently. Panel leader position open.

Lighthouse: Brian B reported on Whatsapp: average attendance 12 people, positive groups with active participation. Encouraging questions which stimulates discussion.

Langford Centre: Not running currently. Panel leader position open.

Literature: Louise- all well/nothing to report.

PI Presentation Coordinator: Louise reported: some opportunities coming up including BHT housing team. For further discussion later on the agenda, see below.

Priory Burgess Hill, Priory Ticehurst: Steve L reported ongoing issues with people being sent to meetings who are not well enough/say they don't have a problem with drugs/too disruptive. Kat shared experience: very hard work to bring it back to NA message, people are too unwell to be there. Another member said they received personal comments when doing service there, too much to ask of NA members to put themselves in that position, possibility that people are being sent who haven't been assessed for suitability at all. Tyler added, it would be worthwhile to offer to go in and give a presentation to staff and provide meetings lists for those who are being discharged. Consensus was reached that the Priory meetings are not working. Steve L asked for support devising an exit strategy that is positive and still gives an avenue towards NA for those who are well enough to leave the hospitals. Kat, Tyler and Louise offered to help Steve L with managing withdrawal from both hospitals. Steve L will ensure there is an email trail.

Poster Coordinator: See item below in previous month's business.

Business from previous months:

Worthing Hospital: Members of a meeting held in the hospital have been approaching patients on the wards to ask them if they want to attend. Not in line with traditions or H&I protocols. Steve will bring this issue to ASC.

Schools and Colleges: Kat received a response from Brinsbury College Group who are interested in organising presentations to staff and students. Will provide more info in due course.

Local Education authorities could also be contacted. Steve L asks if anyone has archived contacts for Cardinal Newman school?

Homelessness Outreach: Steve L is liaising with Safe Haven Sussex (Brighton) who have requested presentation on 11th July 2024. Literature/posters will also be provided.

BHT: Approached by a member, Donna D (connected to BHT) to provide a presentation to staff. This has been arranged for 13th June 2024.

Discussion around exact role of PI Liaison Coordinator/Presentation Coordinator. Louise asked for clarification on this. Kat explained that role is to coordinate presenters and supplies (with Steve L supplying the info about requests). Further discussion about 12-stepping inexperienced members into presenting roles. Anna suggested trying to coordinate one experienced member go with another less experienced, if possible. Kat suggested it is better if two experienced members go, because of the way the presentations work, and a newer third member go along with them. It was agreed a separate Whatsapp group should be set up for PI presentation coordination.

Millview Hospital: Upcoming presentation on 11th June 2024. Mark to attend plus Rachel. Louise to coordinate.

LSC out of Brighton: Venue proposed by Steve L: Bognor Regis, Tuesday 9th July. Catholic Church, 5.30-8pm, all facilities. £15 per hour. Seconded, voted in.

AOB

Posters: Tyler has been offering posters to GP surgeries in West Sussex. Many staff had no idea about NA. Suggested contacting the management of GP surgery groups to offer a presentation to staff, also potentially to contact sexual health clinics. Steve L mentioned possibly to consider pubs and clubs as prospects for posters.

UKPI Sussex Learning Day: Discussions with UKPI are ongoing with no July date yet proposed. Mark suggested not too close to 24th July Dorset campout weekend, as many people away.

Requests for funds: £234.00

Closing balance: £180.00

Request for funds from Area: £320.00

Meeting ended 7.20pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th June 2024.