



Public Relations Report for Hill Country Area of Narcotics Anonymous

PR Representative: Bill Innes

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Recently Tasked Action Items:

Simplicity Group Meeting Facility Continued:

Following up on questions from our last Area meeting about the specific type of contact tracing information required at the Salvation Army. Major Leal requests that we (NA) should have the ability to notify all group members that attended meetings at the facility if the facility is exposed to covid-19. Major Leal does not want the list of people himself. What is requested is that we (someone within NA, GSR, or designated group member at the meeting) have to ability to notify everyone that was at the last meeting after exposure, should one occur, so that all those individuals could be aware and go get tested if they choose.

Major Leal didn't request a specific type of contact information be available as everyone has different methods contact, just so long as contact with individuals from that last group meeting could be accomplished. So, an email or phone# or cell phone# or address is acceptable, whatever the individual would like to provide the NA group so long as it is current persons can be contacted asap after exposure.

For consideration of this facility FYI, during our conversaton, Major Leal said there was a week were suddenly the building was closed due to an exposure of a group of their volunteers that went to Louisiana for Hurricane relief. Per CDC contact tracing, all the volunteers were notified, the vehicles had to be cleaned and the building closed for cleaning and quarantined for a week. Be aware because of the type of work Salvation Army provides to communities this sudden closure of the facility could happen at any time in the future.

Another Option

As an addendum to this issue, I was contacted by someone at a meeting with information about a facility in New Braunfels willing to allow NA hold meetings. The facility is located at 358 Landa street, the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities office. MHDD has a NICE conference room facility, with a bathroom, chairs, a coffee station area, nice oval table in the middle, wi-fi, and large display screen. The outside area has plenty of parking, and an area behind the building as well. Smoking (cigs & e-cigs) would be outside, and we would have to keep the area clean no trash cans allowed so we would have to clean up after the meetings. As far as health restrictions, (masks, social distancing & contact tracing) it is whatever the group decides for themselves. It is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Fridays. Once a month on Thursday there is another group that uses the facility. Rent would be a donation \$20 or \$25 dollars. Initially access to the facility will be provided by Ms. Hamlett, until the group can provide a trusted servant and the main lock on the door gets changed. Right now, that key

provide access to the meeting facility also provides access to all the offices for all of Hill Country MHDD, but once they changed the lock, they would be willing to have a trust servant keep the key for access. I have contacted another member of NA, that is willing to volunteer to open the meeting on Monday night and get the ball rolling one night a week.

Area Meeting list distribution:

The area meeting list was printed at UPS Printing in Seguin for a total of \$55.96. I picked this location out of convenience to myself and later realized the cost difference was significant. The next round of printing will be done at Sundance Print in New Braunfels in order to keep cost as low as possible. The meeting list was distributed to the various groups either by me or volunteers. I still have about 75 to 50 left over.

Resignation of the PR position

I very regretfully have to inform HCANA that, due to some rather drastic changes in my personal life (divorce), and the uncertainty of my future living location (pending sale of my home), I would like to tender my resignation as PR to the Hill Country Area of Narcotics Anonymous effective Dec 31st 2020.

In the meantime, I am willing to continue to serve as directed by area for as long as I can. Right now, I expect to stay in the area until the end of 2020, from that point forward, only my HP knows where I will end up. My commitment will certainly have to end if I leave the area.

One thing I have learned from doing this little bit of work for the area is that it has provided me with distractions and duties away from my personal life, which has truly helped me keep my serenity and peace of mind through some of my personal struggles in life. I have learned a lot and enjoyed having the opportunity to attend most of the groups in our area as part of my service. I am certainly willing to provide any mentorship for a replacement person to continue the service as area PR if should one be elected prior to my departure.

Thank you for letting me of service,

Bill Innes