

THE INTER-COM

Area 79 Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community Quarterly Newsletter for April 2021

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WHAT IS THE INTER-COM?

The Inter-Com is our newsletter, by us, for us. This newsletter is for the exclusive use of A.A. members who wish to exchange information about Public Information (P.I.) and cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) work within Area 79. The Inter-Com is a quarterly publication – January, April, July, and October.


It is a fantastic opportunity for districts, specifically P.I. and CPC committees, to share experience, strengths and hope – new ways to reach the public and cooperate with the professional community – how and what you are doing in your district.

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The Public Information Committee meets the second Monday of each month @ 6:30pm via Zoom with the exception of January, April, July and October. If you are interested in helping the committee please send an email to Dan F., P.I. Chair, at pi@bcyukonaa.org We are excited to hear from you!

The CPC District Committee Chairs meets the last Sunday of each month from 5-6pm via Zoom. If you are a CPC Chair or would like to be part of this monthly meeting please send an email to Diane our BC Yukon Area 79 CPC Chair at cpc@bcyukonaa.org.

News from District 43 PI/CPC Committee

Hi everyone, my name is Sarah N and I'm an alcoholic. I am currently serving as the PI/CPC chair for district 43 Cloverdale, Langley and Aldergrove. Our district committee has been working really hard and coming up with creative ways to reach the still suffering alcoholic during these challenging times. At the end of last year, we placed a large literature order and started making covid-19 friendly kits to drop off to doctor's offices, high schools, libraries, Langley mental health and substance use center and the local hospital. It was a great success, got more people involved and drawn to the committee.

We recently hosted a workshop titled "Alcoholism and the medical professionals." It was a good opportunity to find out where the disconnect is between our fellowship and the medical community. We had Diane O Area 79 CPC chair in attendance along with a few medical professionals to share their experience. We learned that it boils down to a lack of knowledge and how to refer a patient to AA. We are looking forward to helping get more proper education out to as many medical professionals, in the near future.

Our district has also played a role at helping develop the new BC CPC Ad Hoc committee directed at the health authorities. Our primary purpose is to get permission and build an informational presentation to publish on the learning hub section of the 6 health authorities filled with facts about AA and how it is a helpful resource for those struggling with alcoholism. If you are interested in attending the next meeting please see the flyer included in the intercom.

Looking forward to serving with you all in the future,
Sarah N
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SHARING IN SCHOOLS – DISTRICT 40

My name is Shadnay K. and I am the chair of Public Information and Co-operation with the Professional Community in District 40. We had the pleasure of getting in contact with a few of the High schools within our district for the purpose of carrying the message to teenagers. This started from sending emails to the Principle from the School website.

Our main purpose was to develop a presentation to explain What AA does and doesn't do for someone who may be an alcoholic. This will hopefully help students encase they need to attend AA meetings for themselves, or to support a friend or family member. Due to following Covid safety measures, our first presentation was done over zoom On March 5th 2021. I brought 4 speakers from our fellowship into the presentation and they each shared 5 minutes of their own experience, strength, and hope with the kids. We introduced ourselves as members of Alcoholics Anonymous, and of course, that we were all volunteers.

After going over our anonymity statement, the kids each got a piece of paper from the teacher and were asked to write down a question they may have for us. They had a lot of great questions! A few of them were "How old do you have to be to become a member of Alcoholics Anonymous?", "What is the difference between religion and spirituality?" "How can I support a friend who may have a drinking problem?". The question-and-answer period was really heart warming. It was great to be able to interact.

We were not able to drop off pamphlets or literature at this time. So instead, I emailed a list of AA resources that included, The AA website, information on Al-anon and Alateen, as well as the closest library they can go to for literature. I also sent an online pamphlet of "Message To The Teenagers" which was printed off and given to each individual.

This School asked us to come back for two more presentations in the next coming months and we could not be more excited!

I am absolutely thrilled to be of service to AA. Thank you to my District for believing in me and for everyone who took the time out of their day to make these presentations possible.

In Gratitude, Shadnay

We want to know!

What do you think about Area paying for (or helping Districts pay for) Public Service Announcements on your local radio or television stations? Send your comments to pi@bcyukonaa.org

As our co-founder, Bill W., wrote:

Public Information takes many forms – the simple sign outside a meeting place that says "AA meeting tonight:" listing in local phone directories; distribution of AA literature; and radio and television shows using unsophisticated media techniques. Whatever the form, it comes down to "one drunk carrying the message to another drunk", whether through personal contact or through the use of third parties and the media.



How To Make Submissions to the Inter-Com

We would love to hear from P.I. and C.P.C. Committees with what is working, what is not working- looking for shared experience. Sharing experience, strength and hope with BC Yukon Area 79

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Email your story, submission and/or question to publicinformation@bcyukonaa.org or cpc@bcyukonaa.org
2. Please identify yourself by first name and last initial only, in keeping with our tradition of anonymity.
3. Please identify your contribution to the Inter-Com with district number and a brief review of where your district is within BC Yukon Area 79 and please specify if your committee is P.I. , C.P.C. or PI/CPC.

Remember that this current edition, as well as all archived editions, are now on the Public Side of our Area 79 Website under the NEWS tab for your reading pleasure.

Panel 71 Public Information DCMs:

Districts 7, 38, 40, 44, 66

Cooperation with the Professional Community DCMs:

Districts 6, 9, 18, 56, 73

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**Cooperation with the Professional
Community (C.P.C.) Committees have
created a BC Health Authority
Ad Hoc Committee**

Meeting Date: March 17th at 6:30pm
(Currently 3rd Wed. of the month. Subject to
change pending committee approval.)
on Zoom: ID 881 3661 2065
Passcode: 084495

The Dream:

**To produce, submit and publish an
informational presentation to
Medical Professionals via the
Learning Hub section of the six
Health Authorities in BC.**

We need your help and input to make this
possible. Currently the Learning Hub serves
260,000 Medical Professionals province wide.

The goal is to help inform the medical
community, on a broad scale, with correct
information about Alcoholics Anonymous.
Especially that we cooperate with Medical
Professionals.