

Joint Corrections Facility Committee (JCFC)

Agenda & Minutes

Date & Time: Thursday, January 23rd, 2025

Attendance: Andrea K., Laura M. Fred F. Danny Ryan, Paul M, Jennifer, Vinny, Dan H., Courtney, Eldin, Wilson, D.Clark, Jules

Agenda

- **Introductions**

- Laura M - Secretary JCFC
- Fred F - District 26 Corrections Committee
- Danny R - 4th Dimension Danvers, MA
- Vinny - Alt corrections chair for JCFC - OOTB
- Jennifer - interested AA - Boston Crossroads D 12/13
- Paul M - Middlesex County Corrections Committee Rep
- Courtney - District 8, Weymouth Saturday Morning
- Eldin - Area 30 secretary - district 20 PI/CPC Chair
- Wilson - District 23
- D. Clark Howard - Wilmington - District 21 Registrar
- Jules C - General Service Corrections Service Rep - Cape Cod
- Andrea K - Corrections Chair

- **Read the Tradition, Concept & Step of the month**

- Step 1
- Tradition 1
- Concept 1

- **JCFC Secretary Report:** [December Minutes](#)

- **Area 30 Corrections Chair Committee Report**

- The Area meeting is every other month.
- The next Area Pre-Conference Assembly is on April 6th in North Andover.
Pre-Conference Assembly (Hosted by District 20)
Sunday, April 6 · 9:00am – 4:00pm

In-Person Address: North Andover Senior Center, 481 Sutton Street,
North Andover, MA 01845

Zoom Meeting Link:

Meeting ID: 829 1308 7748

Passcode: 352496

Breakfast starts at 9AM, Orientation at 930AM, Call toOrder/Assembly starts at 10AM

- **District Corrections Committee Reports**

- Paul M - Billerica Jail. They only have 3 meetings a month that go into the jail because they don't have enough people. Because of what is required to go into the facility, it's better to invite all the districts of Middlesex county. There is an extensive process to go into the facility. Half of the members are from District 22, the other half is from District 16. They are doing outreach to get other members of AA in Middlesex county to join them. The facility wants more meetings but they don't have enough people. Districts 10, 20 and 21 need to get involved for more people to help. His committee's purpose is to bring meetings to go into the Billerica jail and this committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month on Zoom. The facility is looking for more meetings on the men's side. District 22 donated an AA library to Billerica. If anyone in the unit wants AA literature, the AA people take their name and then email the director of volunteer services, and she brings the literature to the inmate. The women at the facility wanted AA pamphlets so District 22 bought \$300 worth of AA pamphlets which are now in the women's unit.
- Jules C - District 1 and 2 - recently attended the District meeting. Goes into the Barnstable House of Corrections weekly. There have been a lot of changes going on. Trying to understand what the need is for meetings. They are at ground zero. They are forming a subcommittee to get the applications out and make the announcements that they are now accepting applications and people are now onboarding. There are two boxes of big books at the Barnstable House of Corrections right now.
- Fred F - MCI Shirley - Puts on a weekly meeting at the medium facility. Used to go into the minimum facility. This closed down at Covid. They ideally want a weekly meeting. Anyone who gets a state sentence will have to spend a few weeks at Shirley temporarily. They want a meeting primarily for this group. They have their own background check requirements. The medium and max have their own procedures. Not easy to get cleared if you're going in regularly. Director of volunteer services is connected to the Gardner facility. They want a regular meeting. The Concord Farm is still active, which is a pre-release minimum facility. Used to be regular meetings there but don't think they are anymore. Trying to get meetings started back up at the Concord Farm. Goes to the District meeting every month. Curious about corrections correspondence service.
- Andrea - WIT - Looking to have more women involved and getting cleared. It's a 6 hour orientation - grouped in with all volunteers. Goes on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Now it's going to be the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This is flexible.

- Laura - MCI Framingham - There is a weekly meeting on Wednesdays. We sent a flyer to the treatment coordinator and they hung it up at the prison in the units about the AA meeting on Wednesdays at their request. The attendance was an issue and the schedule confusion. Trying to get more volunteers and find out when the next online orientation is.
- **Outside Sponsors Reports:**
 - Vinny - Out of the Basement in Boston does commitment every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Suffolk County House of Corrections (South Bay).
- **Getting Started with Corrections Service Work**
 - Read from the Corrections Workbook.
 - i. Introduction
- **Old Business**
 - Need to find/finish job descriptions for JCFC. Motion to table this to next month. Laura to look into if we have any job descriptions and report back next month.
- **New Business**
 - None
- **Closing (Responsibility Statement & Serenity Prayer)**

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there,
and for that I am responsible.

Next JCFC Meeting: Thursday, February 27th @ 7:00 pm on Zoom