

District 13, 2010 Inventory

✓ **What is the basic purpose of the District Committees?**

Pat M. fielded the question on Sarah's request. Communication between groups, information such as directories, sponsoring workshops and special functions are among the responsibilities of the district. Pat believed we were making a good effort as a district to do these things. Tony W. read some of the duties listed in the Service Manual. Sarah mentioned that she tries to reach out to the groups. She also invited the groups to call on her if there was questions or if they wanted her to meet with them to assist in their needs.

✓ **What additional activities can we engage in to carry the message?**

We have a relapse prevention workshop scheduled in February. Rachel may be doing a Tenth Step workshop in March. The district had the Gratitude Dinner and News Years Events. District 13 is hosting the Area 34 Assembly and is participating in the State Convention in May. We want the groups to ask the district for assistance in putting on workshops or information meetings. The Groups are the backbone of AA and the District is here to support them.

✓ **Considering the number of alcoholics in our district, are we reaching enough people?**

There was discussion about the number of member possibly being up. The number of meetings available is up. There has been concern about the money being given to support the program at the group level and the district.

✓ **What has the District done lately to bring the AA message to the professionals who can be helpful in reaching those who are in need of AA?**

With Cindy S. in Literature, we are planning on having information available for the professionals. We hope to have someone in PI/CPC to work with them. With the new court programs Dave mentioned the importance of professionals know what we don't do. Cindy S. reminded that we should look to the Guidelines.

✓ **Do we try to illustrate a good cross section of AA in our message carrying?**

Yes, we carry to a broad range of people's in our area. Youth, Women, ETC.

✓ **Do new GSR's stick with us, or does our turnover and missed meetings seem excessive?**

There was mixed response to this question. It was noted that there was 48 groups in the district and there was only 7 GSR's present. Some felt that it was a good showing. It was asked about the place and time of the meeting making it easier for participation. General discussion followed. It is needed to have contact information for the groups so the District can communicate with the groups better to serve them.

✓ **How effective are we in communicating with all our groups.**

With the internet the information is there and with our relaying the message, we believe the communication is good. We must encourage GSR's to attend.

✓ **Do all AA's know about district meetings and have the opportunity to attend?**

Discussion was made about the time and place of the meeting. The District must do what the majority wants to keep the attendance up.

✓ **Has enough effort been made to explain to all groups the value and purpose of a GSR?**

No. It was mentioned that a lot of the groups don't care about the happenings at the district. They assume or leave the responsibility to the GSR's. It was thought that what the district does needs more explanation to the groups. It was thought to have the sponsor orientate newer members to the district and area levels.

✓ **Do all GSR's have adequate opportunity to serve on committees?**

Yes, we need more GSR's to step up and serve at the District.

✓ **Are district officers picked with care and consideration?**

Mixed response. Pat M. brought up the point that a lot of the positions are filled by default. The chairs are not filled to term and are not chosen by an election pool.

✓ **Do our groups carry their fair share of supporting the Area and the GSO?**

Pat noted that the district meeting did not bring in much last month and reminded that the basket had not been passed today. The groups must take care of their own needs first then do what they feel is good according to their group conscious.

✓ **How well are our groups informed about what is happening in AA worldwide?**

It was noted that a lot of people don't care much about this. Consensus was "Yes", believing that it is there for the people who want to know.

✓ **Are our District Meetings informative and enthusiastic?**

Yes on both.