

# SUFFOLK AREA INVENTORY SUMMARY

Suffolk Area held its first area inventory on June 15th, 2019. We would like to start of my saying thank you to all who participated in this multi level project. We would also like every member, who does service on any level to know, we as an area are very grateful for your service in this beautiful life saving fellowship.

The purpose of the area inventory is for much the same reason we as individual NA members do a personal inventory. We have used the Area Planning Tool dated October 2006, as a guide to plan this Inventory. We have chosen to focus on two main topics:

Topic 1: How well have the area committees done this year serving the groups?

Topic 2: How well have the area committees served the community-at-large?

We touched on two other topics:

Topic 3: How well has the area cooperated & collaborated with the region?

Topic 4: Additional Concerns?

These are the suggestions that have come out of this inventory. They have been broken into subheads for simplicity, suggestions, directives, policy changes, suggested format changes. No movement will happen from this report without our members making motions to affect changes.

In Loving Service,  
Suffolk Area E&A  
Suffolk Area Vice Chair

## **Suggestions for GSR's & Groups:**

- Take your own notes at area.
- Have both a GSR & Alt. GSR at area.
- If your group has a guide to local service read it.
- Check your groups inventory, see if there is a copy of the GTLS, current copy of Suffolk Area Policy, & current subcommittee policies.
- Print any missing policies & read them.
- Foster an atmosphere of service.
- Take the information from area seriously.
- Encourage your groups new GSR's to sit with experienced GSR's
- Write down your questions and ask someone at the end of the area meeting.
- Experienced GSR's invite new GSR's to sit next to you. Encourage them to ask you questions (at the end of area if possible)
- Encourage rotation in all areas of service
- Encourage your support group, sponsor, sponsee(s) and home group members to do area level service
- Encourage members to use our written literature & policies as tools.
- Speak to members outside of area about motions coming to the groups. Ask questions give & get feedback. Whip for votes.
- If you have concerns about a member being nominated for a position not being qualified to do that position, speak up.
- If you have questions about what's going on during a report or when a motion is being presented ask.
- Support the events and workshops by showing up with a friend and/or announcing them at meeting

## **Suggestions for Steering body as a whole:**

- Take your own notes
- Speak to members outside of area about motions coming to the groups. Ask questions give & get feedback. Whip for votes
- Check your subcommittee policy against Suffolk area policy, the guide to local service, & service literature pertaining to your committee for potential conflicts
- Set a block of time for your committee to read and/or discuss a tradition and/or a concept each month on your agenda.
- Foster an atmosphere of service
- Encourage members to use our written literature & policies as tools.
- Encourage your support group, sponsor, sponsee(s) and home group members to do area level service
- Make hard copies of your subcommittee report for members to bring back to their groups
- Add best way to contact you on your report for member(s) who may have questions
- Encourage rotation in all areas of service
- Support the events and workshops by showing up with a friend and/or announcing them at meeting
- Refrain from calling money profit. Try and use terms like collected
- Try to do more with neighboring areas more

## **Policy Changes and/or formatting changes Suggested**

- Remove the steering committee meeting
- For suffolk area to charge the groups the same price it pays region for literature
- Remove the motion to waive the readings of the previous months minutes.
- To suspend the order of the day once quarterly to do a 20 minute GSR workshop during area
- Add you must have experience on a subcommittee to take a chairing position to all subcommittee chairs requirements
- To have all motions received by policy chair read during new business, even if they are out of order. Recorded with reason given for ruling it out of order
- Do a yearly inventory of the area or biyearly
- Change voting policy from  $\frac{2}{3}$  yes to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of yes & no
- Change amount earmarked for region
- Separate the area Secretary report & the GSR Report
- Reformat both Secretary report & the GSR Report
- Updated motion form to include a place for affected policy
- Allow groups to do there order forms online and/or via email
- Create a service resume for people to fill out
- Create new orientation GSR packet
- Give all new GSR a GTLS
- Add the GTLS to the starter kit
- Reformat Suffolk Area Policy
- Send two separate emails to GSR's one with Suffolk reports and flyer, One with all other area flyers
- Work more closely with other local areas

## **Directives Suggested**

- Have a GSR workshop
- Consider ways to put money back into area service (example public service signs like billboards or on buses)
- Create an ad hoc to report on the pros & cons of becoming a non for profit 501(c)
- Create an ad hoc to report on the pros & cons of a metro
- Create an ad hoc to report on the pros & cons of uncoupling literature sales from the area meeting

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