

WIUPMI (AREA 61) PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: 7/6/19
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Event: Fall AWSC
Position: Public Outreach Chair

PROJECTS/GOALS

Our Mission: *To Encourage and Empower all members to participate in increasing the visibility of Al-anon through the use of provided Public Outreach Tools.*

This is a very busy Committee! There are two sub-committees in Public Outreach. The first is the Member committee. We continue to have monthly conference calls. The ideal would be one member for each District. We could use more members. This committee has been following up with the treatment centers and women's shelters that received the Forum. We are adding and subtracting to the Forum database to get ready for the 2020 Public Outreach Forum project. There are some treatment places that are not on the list that would like to be and it was suggested we also send to County HHS (Health and Human Services). If you have a suggestion for anyplace else please contact me. We are continuing to do presentations to professionals, health and wellness fairs, family day at treatment centers, presentations to 211 operators throughout the state.

The other committee is the Area Committee. This committee meets at AWSC meetings to discuss the direction the work of Public outreach should go. We discussed having a table at the Are 74 and 74 AA Conferences in Wisconsin because if anyone knows families affected by someone else's drinking, its them! We will be giving out AFA's and other literature. The Alateen Coordinator would like to help and give out Alateen info too! Double WIN!

Planning has started for a Public Outreach related hour at the Al-Anon Convention in October as well as having a table near the registration.

QUESTIONS OR ISSUES:

1. We need volunteers to be ready to volunteer to speak at Family day events along with other things through Signup.com. This has to be signed up by John McC to get the listing of opportunities. We have lots in SE Wisconsin but could use more throughout the rest of our Area. I would hate to have family members at Family Day when their loved one is in treatment and there is nobody there to put out the hand of Al-Anon. Please see me to sign up.

Please email your report to: secretary@area61afg.org