

Mile High Area H&I Subcommittee Chair Report August 3, 2008

The H&I Subcommittee met last on July 13th with 21 in attendance, which included 10 new volunteers who came for training. All the newly trained volunteers were assigned to a facility by the end of the meeting and are ready to begin service work through H&I.

We currently take H&I meetings into 24 facilities, two of which have asked for additional weekly meetings to the ones we are already holding. There is still a need for male volunteers at Jefferson County Jail and both men & women at ICCS and Denver Cares. There are Panel Coordinator openings at Marvin Foote Boy's in Centennial and Peer One Outpatient in downtown Denver. Additionally, we are currently holding talks with the program directors at Camp George West, the Wright Center, Marvin Foote Girl's Side, and Douglas County Jail to begin new meetings in these locations. Needless to say, we need more volunteers. I appeal to everyone present here today to take back to your home groups and other meetings you attend the need for H&I volunteers. Remember, we can only keep what we have by giving it away, and there are so many suffering addicts who need to hear the NA Message.

If you are interested in H&I service work or want to learn more about what H&I does, please join us next Sunday, August 10th at our subcommittee meeting, right here at 1212 Mariposa at 5pm. If you have six months clean time you are able to go into 17 of the 24 facilities we currently serve. The correctional facilities and jails generally require 1-2 years off paper and a background check. I encourage anyone interested to also consider going in as an observer or guest speaker to one of our non-DOC facilities.

Many members of the Mile High Area H&I Subcommittee along with H&I members from other Colorado areas have applied and been cleared to begin the training process with the State of Colorado Department of Corrections. The first training for these volunteers will be held Sept. 13th at the Denver Women's Correctional Facility. This regional effort combines H&I members throughout the state to be able to take the H&I message to the prisons and correctional facilities in Canon City and other outlying areas.

The Mile High Area H&I Subcommittee will be present with our sign, new volunteer sign up sheets and informational packets at the CRCNA XXII Luau & Pig Roast in Boulder on August 2nd, the Labor Day Picnic September 1st, and at the Chili Cook-Off and Talent Show on September 20th.

I'm grateful to be of service!

Valery M.