**A49 TF Committee meeting Oct. 25, 2022**

**Attendees** Hank G. TF chair

Gregg. Howie, and John L. DCMC from Putnam, Miles, Bronx

Hank G. A 49 TF chair

**Old Minutes read** by Hank

Accepted

**Old Business:**

There was discussion about the possibility of a virtual meeting with staff and professionals in TFs. Possibly having a Bridging the Gap presentation.

Gregg stated there is A government agency in Carmel, NY “The Prevention Council”, which is the old “National Counsel on Alcoholism”

He provides them with pamphlets and meeting guides.

Hank said we want to focus on Treatment Facilities as that is our service role here.

Someone brought up that CPC may be helpful in carrying this message.

Hank said he would reach out to Kristen A49 CPC for next month.

The idea being to bring a virtual meeting presentation to treatment facility staffs to present Bridging The Gap. We can reach a large number of treatment workers in a small amount of time to help all to get the word out of what this vital program is all about. It seems we are delivering BTG cards into facilities and many people don’t even know what they are about.

We may need to get the word out.

Our meeting only had 2 counties represented so we decided to table further talk, until next month.

John will get the word out to Rockland and Orange counties for next month.

**Reports:**

Putnam County St Christopher’s Inn and Arms Acres are open to meetings. Howie spoke on Corrections in Putnam. We are still waiting for Putnam jail to open to A.A. meetings.

Westchester/Bronx: Miles is bringing a meeting into the Bronx VA hospital once a week with another 12 stepper taking on another night.

St Johns in Yonkers has meetings.

BTG: Hank said there are a number of Bridging The Gap (BTG) Requests going out through A49. The NYIG CTFC BTG committee is discussing the possibility of doing a BTG virtual orientation for BTG volunteers. More to follow next month.

**New Business:**

Last year the A49 treatment budget purchase a large number of Grapevine subscriptions for Treatment Facilities. This year Hank proposed that we purchase little Big Books (abridged) (pocket sized)

To distribute evenly throughout A 49 treatment Facilities.

These books give the most bang for your buck.

The committee approved by a unanimous vote to purchase and distribute this literature.

**Upcoming events** were announced

followed by a closing with the **Responsibility Pledge**.