Public Outreach Report

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- I am Cherryl C. My position is Public Outreach Coordinator for this last year of Panel 64.
- I have learned there is excellent information available at WSO, **AFG Connects**, in the *Service Manual* and the many *Guidelines* (9, 10, 29,38) & G-22 *Meeting on Wheels* and supportive PO zoom calls WSO sponsors bimonthly.
- Requests continue from those passionately working on spreading the word about Al-Anon and Alateen especially since September is Recovery month. Recently requests have come primarily from treatment providers and treatment facilities.

Report:

As the PO Coordinator one can also receive requests from WSO (Heather Smith, Associate Director Public Outreach at WSO) and/or local AIS/area members.

The Public Outreach office at WSO can get requests directly and provides lots of information on the WSO website (links to resources and pamphlets) for professionals as well as local groups.

The job of the *Ohio Area PO Coordinator* is just to pass on these requests by sending emails to notify the geographical part of Ohio where there is an AIS or other resource (including interested members, active groups, GRs, & Districts that do PO) close to where the requester is located. Again, my thanks to Delegate Rose R and chairperson Ann F for always being willing to help out.

As a reminder, members, Groups, Districts, AIS's, LDC's in the Area are all self-supporting and are tasked with the prudent management of their finances. The **local provision of materials is not the responsibility of AFG, Inc. rather a local decision whether to provide at no cost or offer pamphlets etc. at cost.** The decision is made by local groups to either give away literature at no cost (to the requesting source) or direct them to the WSO site to purchase/download materials or (if available) direct them to a location that provides Al-Anon and Alateen materials at cost.

Suggestions for those wishing to respond to the request might also be considered:

- Asking if the entity would be interested in
    - A speaker for either family members or faculty staff.
    - Help in providing a beginner's/institutional meeting.
- And then asking their local members to follow through on the request.

And last, but not least, what I have learned from this experience as your Ohio PO Coordinator:

- This is a “we program”
- Help is here when I ask
- Together we can make it!

With gratitude in Service,

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