

District 7 Monthly Report for Corrections: September 2023

1. TAVARES DETENTION CENTER:

WOMEN- TERESA K: teresakehr@msn.com

We are still having large groups of women attending our meetings. Still trying to get us all on the same page concerning the jail rules and regulations. Our liaison inside the Detention Center, Gina M.- Program Coordinator, is on top of things and very supportive. I'm trying to deal with problems on my own when I can, so that I have a solution to problems when I go to Program Coordinator. We still need more volunteers. The 10-year sobriety requirement keeps our recruitment numbers very low. Working with Patti to do Outreach at meetings in our 2 counties. Meetings are every Friday: arrive at 6:15 and start A Pod at 6:45-7:30, B Pod at 7:45-8:30 unless delayed by Officer. Always out by 9PM. Better to have 2 for safety inside the Pods and walking to car in parking lot. We have only 4 volunteers. **Need female volunteers.**

MEN- JIM Z: VOMBEE09@yahoo.com

We lost a volunteer for September and October due to a fall. Several others are unavailable due to travel and having a full life in recovery. Our newest volunteer needs one more training visit with an experienced Tavares volunteer before he can go solo. We also have one volunteer who Gina M., Program Coordinator advised will never allow to go solo but will go with more experienced volunteer. One volunteer asked to be put on backup status only in case someone is not available at last minute. Next 4 weeks we only have 4 volunteers for 2 Pods. Everyone is back in December so that should take some pressure off. Meetings are every Friday: arrive at 6:00 and start Pods: B-2A and D-2A at 6:30-7:15. Then Pods: B-2B and D-2B at 7:30-8:15 unless delayed by Officer. Always out by 8:30PM. Jim will not attempt to start going to pods on first floor until he gets more volunteers. **Need male volunteers.**

2. SUMTER DETENTION CENTER:

WOMEN- ACTING KEY LEADER PATTI D: step7humbly@gmail.com

The 3 women volunteers had their first meeting inside on Wednesday, 27 September. We arrive 4:45: had 5 inmates Pod: CC- 5:15-6:00, 4 inmates Pod: CD- 6:10-7:00. There was ½ hour delay. Officers will help start meeting at 5PM. Delay in 2nd meeting because of COUNT. Inmates are looking forward to us returning and thanked us for Pocket Size Big Book. There are 5 volunteers with 2 having personal issues pending hoping those will be resolved within the next 2 weeks. We've set up a schedule through December with 2 of the volunteers attending October: 4 times, November: 3 times skipping Thanksgiving week, December: 2 times skipping Christmas. 2 volunteers have not gotten fingerprinted, but all have completed training. Adapted Format so we would have more time for reading Big Book and have all inmates get a chance to share. Hope 2 volunteers with personal issues will take skipped weeks and /or maybe more.

3 females interested in volunteering. **Need female volunteers.**

2.SUMTER DETENTION CENTER:

MEN- ED Y: edward9880@gmail.com

The visitation at Sumter County Detention Center male side is going well. All the volunteers have stayed sober. Some volunteers have not completed fingerprints which is a new requirement since COVID. The institution continues to be helpful in all areas. Working on ensuring Sign In sheet is filled out to keep Program Coordinator informed on who is receiving Pocket Size Big Books. Meetings are on Monday and Wednesday 6:45-7:45. Ed has gotten 60 Pocket size Big Books and will be picking up 60 more this week. We have ordered 200 more.

3.COLEMAN FEDERAL INSTITUTIONAL FACILITY - CORRESPONDANCE PROGRAM:

DAVID C: DJCOHEA@gmail.com

The number of inmates actively participating has been reduced. Whether this has be due to lockdown or other circumstances is not known. For those inmates who lost Corrlinks (email iPad access) privileges due to lockdown, we tried contacting inmates via snail mail to varied success. It may be time to start up another group. We have the sponsors to handle up to 10-15 more inmates. Suggestion from Corrections Chair to try and start the process and update active. David will contact Damond Talbot-Program Coordinator to either reconnect with inmates signed up before COVID or start a whole new group of inmates to get sponsored to work 12 steps: 1 Step per month.

4.COLEMAN FEDERAL INSTITUTIONAL FACILITY:

PATTI D: step7humbly@gmail.com

Lockdown continues. One Unit is available for an AA meeting need 2 volunteers requesting they are male. Awaiting approval to bring in meetings to 3 other Units. ***NEED MALE/FEMALE VOLUNTEERS. VOLUNTEERS NEED 4-HOUR PRISON TRAINING PRIOR TO GOING INSIDE.**

5.LAKECOUNTY/CLERMONT STATE FACILITY: MALE VOLUNTEERS ONLY.

Need volunteers trained/background checks. Researching Point of Contact to initiate meetings.

6.BUSHNELL STATE to TBD.

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1.GRAPEVINES approved for Tavares and Sumter Detention working on logistics.

2.Need refund from District 7 for mailing donations: 20-stamps: \$13.20 and box of envelopes:\$2.00. Suggest roll of stamps 50:\$29.00, box of envelopes: \$2.00.

3.Did Outreach at Tavares “Women Today” meeting and found 3 volunteers.

4.Committees Receiving Funds for Literature if Pink Can over Prudent Reserve: Accessibilities, CPC/PI, Treatment, GSR.