

District 7 Monthly Report for Corrections: March 2024

1. TAVARES DETENTION CENTER:

FEMALE KEY LEADER - TERESA K: teresakehr@msn.com

Now have 3 more female volunteer so most meetings have 2 volunteers going. Sometimes they are out of town, do have 1 Backup but so still looking for females to join. **Meets every Friday 6:15-9PM 2 PODS consecutively.**

*****NEED 2-3 FEMALE VOLUNTEERS! 1 Requires 10 Years Sober*****

MALE KEY LEADER - JIM Z: VOMBEE09@yahoo.com

Jim Z has been invited to Clermont Volunteer Appreciation Day 23 April. Hoping he can get Key Female leader to Attend as well. Had a minor incident in March regarding an inmate asking a volunteer to sign his hand made attendance sheet for inmate's upcoming court case. Volunteer did do this because there are sign in sheets used for meetings but are not to be used outside jail walls. Strictly for Program Coordinator of Facility who stated that that behavior falls into category of "doing favor for inmates". Will check men's format because women do have in their format that they cannot touch inmates, receive anything for inmates to mail etc. or give them anything. Also, Female Key Leader for Female side has found 2 female volunteers to be strictly backup if some gets sick. Were unable to meet requirements of a volunteer for each 3 PODS. Missed 3 of 5 Friday in March. Will be able to meet 3 men each Friday in April. New volunteer finishing for May. Problem stems from snowbirds and people going on vacation, etc. Would like to have 2 volunteers at each POD. **Meets every Friday: 3 PODS at one time 6:15-8PM.

*****NEED 6 MALE VOLUNTEERS NOW! Requires 10 Years Sober*****

2. SUMTER DETENTION CENTER:

FEMALE KEY LEADER - LISA C: laconwell1@gmail.com

This is Lisa C's first month and has hit the ground running. So grateful she accepted position. Able to have 2 female volunteers every Wednesday. If it's down to one there are 2 backups to contact. Requires 2 years sobriety. **Meetings every Wednesdays: 4:45-7PM-2 PODS consecutively. ***NEED 3 FEMALE VOLUNTEERS*****

MALE KEY LEADER - ED Y: edward9880@gmail.com

All scheduled meetings were held. Attendance remains good. No issues reported. There is 2 male volunteers for each day and if there is only 1 volunteer they have 2 backups. Requires 2 years sobriety. **Meets every Monday and Wednesday at 7-8PM.**

****NO MALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ****

3.LAKECOUNTY/CLERMONT STATE FACILITY:

Corrections working with a member of “Together We Can” group Andy D. to coordinate a way to drop off literature, (as Chaplain requested)., to Clermont Facility. Last week one of the Members of “Together We Can” contacted Corrections Chair asking what the Pink Can is used for since the Chaplain had gone to his meeting asking for Literature. I let him know that is what the Pink Can is used for: Solely for Literature/Area Assembly/Office Supplies. Once Chair explained how we’re trying to work with Chaplain, as much as possible, at same time support and follow Corrections AA Guidelines/District 7 Bylaws/12 Traditions, the member was able to go back to his group and explain positively how Pink Can is used.

4.BUSHNELL STATE: to TBD.

ACTING KEY LEADER - PATTI D: correctionschair@lakecountyyaa.com

Need volunteers trained/background checks. Researching Point of Contact Inside Facility to initiate meetings. Already have 1 volunteer who went before COVID. Awaiting more volunteers preferably men since it’s an all-male prison. Female volunteers have been allowed to go before COVID with a male volunteer.

5.COLEMAN FEDERAL INSTITUTIONAL FACILITY:

ACTING KEY LEADER - PATTI D: correctionschair@lakecountyyaa.com

In need of Male volunteers 2 years sobriety. Corrections Chair will be going to meetings to recruit male volunteers to run meetings inside. Corrections Chair has been invited to their Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony on April 23. She will attend even though we’re not completely up and running since COVID. Next Training is in June.

*****NEED MALE VOLUNTEERS: REQUIRES 4-HOUR**

APPLICATION/TRAINING AT COLEMAN TRAINING CENTER. THEN 2 HOURS EVERY YEAR THERE AFTER***

6. We need HELP GSR’s and Central Office Reps to continue to promote Volunteers for Taveras M/F, Sumter Females, Bushnell State and Coleman Federal prisons. Corrections needs a new Pink Can Treasurer, Corrections Co-Chair to split duties with Chair; at this time, I have asked a volunteer and awaiting decision. Flyers are available to take back to your groups.

7. At this time I would like to thank Central Office Staff for their continued support in helping Corrections complete their mission. Thank -you, Thank-You!

Sincerely, Yours in Service,

Patti D.

Lake/Sumter County Corrections Chair