

GSR Survey Implications

Group Information (Roster and Website (Midwest and WSO))

- The fact that only 3 out of 4 groups information is accurate is troubling
- Creates obstacles for communication with RSC
- MOST IMPORTANTLY: if info on WSO website OR Midwest website is inaccurate or incomplete, newcomers cannot find you or your group meeting
- Recommended ACTION: Routinely monitor your group information. If it is incorrect or incomplete, contact the appropriate party with corrections/additions

Helpfulness of Communications

- 7 of 21 respondents report getting NO communication; related to the accuracy/completeness of group information; if we don't know how to reach you, we can't!
- Of those receiving info, 75% find it valuable. There is, however, room for improvement
 - When we commit to something, we need to do it; GSRs, YOU need to hold us accountable!!
 - Include "Nar-Anon" in subject line of all emails, making it easier for recipients to see, read; would you prefer "MWR"? We can begin to implement right away
- We will work hard to consolidate communications – meaning sending fewer messages, from fewer senders

Step Meetings

- WONDERFUL to find 2 in 3 groups are offering step meetings to members, with a couple of additional groups considering adding this offering
- With this prevalence of Step Meetings in the region, there are certainly learnings that can be shared – with the goal of taking great ideas and great ways to implement these meetings from various groups, sharing them broadly. This would address multiple comments regarding the need for Step Program ideas and ways the region can support groups.

Regional Support

- Investigate how the RSC might be able to provide a ‘network’ for sponsors. A call for this from multiple groups.
- Investigate the possibilities for more face-to-face meetings.

GSR Calls

- We hear you regarding acronyms. We will start using much fewer.
- We will be more intentional as to the ‘why’ items are on the agenda.
- Call for more GSRs to be involved. So how can we affect this?
 - Insure call content is valuable to GSRs
 - SUGGESTED ACTION FOR GSRs
 - Call a GSR you know and personally encourage, invite them to attend.
 - Identify a 2nd person from your home group who can share the responsibility for participating in GSR calls (preferably an Alternate GSR – but if your group has

none, consider someone who has expressed interest in becoming a GSR (survey indicates there are individuals doing so))

- Reducing cross talk and some adversarial comments – if we formally implement RROO, this will help

Assembly Participation

- When you combine those who have attended with those planning to do so, 1 in 2 have/will participate
- We recognize those with new groups are/can be overwhelmed – so much so as to feel unable to make participation in the Assembly a priority
- Those who have participated in the Assembly overwhelmingly report the meeting to be of value
- There was generally a call to get additional attendance at the Assembly. We could consider the following
 - In August, 2015, RSC can ask GSRs who have participated in an Assembly challenge others to participate
 - Secure testimonials from former Assembly attendees – both GSRs and Home Group Members
 - Add an agenda item to August, September GSR calls, asking those who attended past meetings why others should make Assembly a priority
- Continue to make registration, housing, participation in meetings affordable

General Comments/Feedback

- Positive comments were received regarding conference approved literature – and there were requests for more
 - The WSO has a Literature Committee who is responsible for creating new pieces. If you know someone who is passionate about this, courage them to contact the WSO and offer to participate on the committee. This is a great service opportunity.
 - More literature pieces only happen when there are sufficient financial resources available to create them
 - If your group is donating to the next level of the service structure, GREAT! If not and if your group is able, consider providing routine donations to help insure more literature is created.
- There was a common thread in several comments: we need more people engaged. The RSC is working to impact this but GSRs have a role to play as well.
 - Try a couple of GSR calls. We encourage members to come to 6 meetings before making the decision as to whether or not the group is helpful. The RSC would encourage you to participate in several calls before deciding whether you will commit to routine participation.
 - If you have ideas on how we can get more GSRs engaged, make calls more valuable, whatever – share your ideas with ANY RSC member
 - All our contact info is included at the bottom of each MSR roster
 - Tell others about the calls, the value you get from them; encourage and invite them to participate!!!