

**Peninsula District 16
Representative's Report**

Meeting Date: VAWSC March 4, 2023

MEETINGS SUMMARY: District 16 currently has twenty-four meetings: four meetings are on-hold (not meeting); ten meetings are virtual; two meetings are hybrid, and eight meetings are face-to-face.

Peninsula District meets in hybrid format, every other month, for two hours (9:30-11:30am). The last meeting was held January 21, 2023, at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church. Eighteen members attended.

The following District meeting dates have been scheduled for the remainder of 2023:
March 11, May 6, July 15, September 16, and November 4.

CHALLENGES:

- 6:30PM Tuesday “Newbies” meeting is continuing as a virtual meeting that provides information and support to newcomers. We need more volunteers to support this group so that teams of two experienced members can alternate meetings.
- 7:00PM Tuesday Gloucester Mid-Peninsula group reports low attendance and asked for support.
- At our last district meeting, we discussed the difference between well attended meetings and wildly successful meetings. Some of our groups are growing in number, yet they lack a GR and have unfilled service positions.

SUCCESES:

- Tuesday in the Park AFG hosted a holiday brunch and speaker’s meeting on December 6, 2022 at the Triangle Stepping Stones Clubhouse in Williamsburg.
- Duane and Lisa created a flyer and QR code for the Newbies Group. Groups are encouraged to print this and share it with Newcomers.
- Deb P., our Area Chair, attended our last district meeting and shared about the importance of service.
- Our district recently made a large literature purchase to provide materials to behavioral health professionals, judiciary/probation officials, and school/addiction counselors. Kathy S., our new Outreach Coordinator, is coordinating members in an effort to establish relationships and provide support to our community’s professionals. In recent weeks, we have been approached by a local psychiatric hospital, the counseling department at the College of William and Mary, as well as the Farley Recovery Center. Mary S. volunteered to help create a spreadsheet that can be used by groups to print a district meeting schedule.
- A speaker luncheon is planned for April 29, 2023 at Triangle Stepping Stones Clubhouse in Williamsburg.
- We are planning to participate in the Virginia Summer Institute for Addiction Studies this July in Williamsburg.

Respectfully Submitted,
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