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Summary of Changes to the:

The Virginia Area 57 Alateen Members and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) Safety and Behavior Requirements and Area Processes (hereby referred to as SBR)

Fieldprint fingerprinting and State Policy background check.

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SBR:

We submit to the Area 57 VAWSC a revised SBR. This process has taken well over a year to complete as we have done a thorough review of the content and previous changes submitted by Stacy L. and Sue P.

In or about 2021, Stacy L. and Sue P. completed a review of the SBR. That review was never finalized and submitted to the Officers, VAWSC or Assembly. The current review considered the changes provided by Stacy and Sue and incorporated those changes where we found them appropriate. Some of those edits were substantive and have been maintained in the file obtained from Stacy (2021 REVISION OF ALATEEN REQUIREMENTS.doc).

This revised VASBR is for in-person meetings only.

Following are highlighted changes:

General

- The file received from Stacy had in the Note section above the heading “Reviewed by Legal Counsel – 10/28/21”. Deb T. contacted Attorney, Ashby Pope of Riddick & Pope, PC, 353 Main St., Smithfield, VA 23430 on October 28, 2025. She met with Stacy L. and answered her questions but has no documentation or remembrance of the meeting. As a result, we felt it was better to remove the statement.
- Added and numbered the Alateen Forms, other information documents and Virginia Code to the end to have one complete document.
- Added ...and Area Processes, to the title.
- Created new sections by moving information around for better comprehension.
- Any reference to overt covert sexual interaction (Section III., F; Section IV., E; Section IX., T.) has been replaced with the following: Romantic or sexual behavior of any kind between adults and Alateens is completely forbidden and strictly prohibited at all times.

Section II, Definition of Alateen Members.

- Added -this was taken from the service manual, pg 96.

Section III, Requirements for Becoming an AMIAS.

- Minimum age required to become an AMIAS changed from 23 to 21.
- Added thatcurrently attending Al-Anon meetings regularly.

Section IV., Required Responsibilities of AMIAS and Alateens

- Added requirement to attend training and pass a background check every 3 years (B).

Note: Fees for fingerprints and background checks will be incurred.

Reasoning: In the State of VA, background checks are done on those who work with children every 3-5 years. We selected 3 years to coincide with the previous SBR requirement of completing training every 3 years for tracking purposes and so that AMIAS are background checked every Panel.

- Added VA Code § 18.2-371.2:1. Prohibiting possession of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age; seizure (G).
- Added statement on talk about suicide (H)

Section VII, Alateen Group Requirements

- Moved information to create this section.
- Added statement about hybrid meeting requiring two AMIASs (C).
- Virtual attendees must have their video on (D).
- Emergency contact info must be collected for Alateens in attendance (E).
- Added a mandatory reporting statement that must be read (G).

Section IX, Conference/Convention/Assembly (C/C/A) Requirements for all AMIAS and Alateen Members During the C/C/A

- Added to E. Single occupancy rooms or alternate sleeping arrangements may be requested to help ensure safety and comfort and will be accommodated when possible.

Fieldprint/State Police Background Check

Fingerprints and background checks are now required to be done electronically. The VA State Policy works with Fieldprint (electronic fingerprinting company) to electronically receive fingerprints to initiate the background check. Cost for Fieldprint - \$7.95; VA State Police background check - \$29. New instructions for this electronic process have been created and are attached to the SBR.