

## Remote Communities Round Table – Fri., March 2, 2018

Anne, Judy, Joe, Darryl, Robin, Jeff, Laura, Jay and Scott

- Remote communities as a separate GS Committee
- Senior Communities as a remote community
- Issues w/ Remote Communities Actual vs. Theoretical

Anne - Rural Community: small group, enough people that travel to Reno to pick up literature; District is dark; DCM is AWOL (absent without leave); how to get hold of someone at area – told get hold of your DCM; there are four native resv. within 150 miles, don't know if there are any meetings or if they want literature; Non- natives want to be of service but don't know how. If you don't have the Fellowship you crave, you create it. Comment – Area Chair should fill in for DCM. Chair remote communities.

Scott – Behavioral Health

Joe – Area 79 (Yukon/BC) When he was DCM, had two people calling in for meetings, old Crow, Flu in meetings, but those are too hard.

Just a guy – Water down remote communities

Darryl - want to set up a state wide conference call meeting; then set up 2<sup>nd</sup>. How do we get to those people who are in remote communities that don't know they can communicate with each other – maybe call each and set up video conferences meetings, one meeting reaching out to another meeting. Anonymity issues however are that they all go to the meetings, maybe they are on video but don't want to be. Skype a quarterly business meeting, set up keeping with traditions, Get with the Canadian remote communities, they do it well. [www.bcyukonaa.org](http://www.bcyukonaa.org) contact the area website for information. Zoom – can set up access code, effective tool, can message as well.

Robin – We don't have a remote communities committee but probably should.

Jeff – One District for AK is a remote community. Group went to Barron and took a meeting there. Wanted to send books but where to start. Where does it end? Can PDFs be sent? They would be much cheaper, are PDFs available? What and Where? Some of these communities have to use snow mobiles, dog sled, small planes.

Staying anonymous in a community of 100 people, how about sponsorship? Can we use video conferencing to sponsor people?

There is a website/phone meeting often that uses service speakers for their meeting. (AA.org) Get PDFs and mail it

Don't need a separate phone system, use normal phone lines

“We are coming out this was” – contact all the people with a starter kit, hospitals, mayor’s office, etc.

Jay – No RC Committee. Delegate wants them to get info on RC mtg., keep it to language, culture and geography and want to keep RC to that. All other should be kept with accessibility committee and Spanish committees. RC for those who don’t have easy access to meeting.

12<sup>th</sup> service is like RC but not. If someone needs a 12<sup>th</sup> step call, that is different.

This committee needs AA, let some people together get some literature, set something up and go take starter packs to them.

Spanish meetings when I live are not on the Intergroup Meeting list.

Dave – Just got a RC committee, Luna Community, wanted a meeting, got literature and went in, haven’t heard back yet.

“Go to meeting” has a cost “Zoom” is free, does depend on internet service. You can do audio only or video and audio.

Sometimes the natives or oil companies own satellite or microwave dishes for communication.

With a small group, how do you face all the .... Two most important things 1) door is open and 2) coffee is made.

In small towns anonymity is very important. People may see vehicles and know who is attending the meeting there, so the video conference may be the answer.

Max – took a meeting to 3 men in a remote community who would carry it on.

**How do we know about whom in a remote community needs a meeting? How do we find out about them?**

Got a call from a health clinic, sent them literature and gave them contact information.

In Yukon, once they got sober, how they got a meeting – phone in; anonymity was already torched, so that is not an issue.

Approaching the native – need to get a liaison with the committee, now how do you get one?

Contact the tribal agencies and / or BDA. Don’t just take a bag of books. Find a committee that has AA and work with them to learn how they did it, perhaps get some help.

Get with the local radio station to promote an event, ahead of time.

DREW – How many of the people on the call are actually in the remote community?

Everyone has a different story. But they are all the same. If only 10-15 people are rc, then are others are non-remote, and they need these people.

Speaker CDs are good as well.