

Mens Service Team - Mission & Purpose Statement

A Sub-Committee of 712PLUSVIG PI/PO

We live by Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose-to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.

What's the message? There is a Solution that frees us from the desire to over or under eat or abuse food in any self-destructive way. Everything we do at meetings, Intergroups, Region or World Service should be relevant to this 12 Step Solution. Our Mission & Purpose is to help those in our rooms and those still suffering in the general population. If we don't do this individually and as a Group, Region or World Service we all lose.

With men comprising 13% of the membership of OA, from a WSO study, we are committed to "Carry the Message" to men inside and outside of OA. This effort is consistent with WSO's 2019 Strategic Goal of "Growing OA Worldwide".

Some of our Specific Goals

1. Increase the percentage of men in OA
2. Provide additional resources to enhance the recovery of men in OA.
3. Inform those outside of OA that OA exists and that men are welcome.
4. Increase the number of men sponsors and maintain a Men's Sponsorship List.

Accomplishments

1. Established a revised Mission and Purpose Statement.
2. Formed a Men's Service Team of 13 men to lead this effort and an Advocacy Group of 30 members of OA (23 men and 7 women).
3. Completed the first 15 week telephone step study for 11 men.
4. Completed the first Sponsorship Workshop for 15 men.
5. Expanded the resources available to men and women on the Chelsea oamen.org web site including our M/P statement, A Men's Flyer in English and Spanish and accessibility of men speakers at OA meetings.
6. With the encouragement of the Men's Service Team, the Men's 8:30 am Sunday meeting has agreed to work with the WSO to test a new way of contributing directly to the WSO from a Virtual meeting.
7. We also are participating on the Workshop, Outreach and 12th Step Within Committee of the Virtual Region.

Work in Progress

1. Developing more virtual workshops for men and women during 2019
2. Implement an OA men's telephone Hotline in 2019
3. Several members of the Men's Service are on WSBC Committees including PI/PO, Unity and Diversity and the 12th Step Within Committee.
4. We intend to hold a meeting at this year's WSBC of men and women to discuss and update our goals.

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