

Men's Service Team - Mission and Purpose Statement

A Sub-Committee of the Outreach Committee of the VIRTUAL INTERGROUP OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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, Regions or World Service should be relevant to this 12 Step Solution. Our Mission and 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 both studies of OA in 2010 and 2017 by the WSO, we are committed to "Carry the Message" to men inside and outside of OA. This message 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 men and women outside of OA that OA exists and that both men and women are welcome.
4. Increase the number of men sponsors in OA and maintain a Men's Sponsorship List.

Accomplishments

1. Updated our Mission and Purpose Statement.
2. Continue to expand our Men's Service Team and Advocacy Group which consists of men and women.
3. Completed a 15-week Step Studies for men and are in the process of having another one. We expect to continue that initiative in 2020 and hope to expand it to include more men.
4. Completed two Sponsorship Workshops and again we expect to continue that process in 2020.
5. Expanded the resources available to men and women on the Chelsea oamen.org web site including the Men's Mission & Purpose Statement, a Men's Flyer in English and Spanish, accessibility of men speakers at OA meetings, podcasts of men's speakers from "A Vision 4 You" and also links to the Virtual Region's Workshops which are for both men and women.
6. We also have two members of our Men's Service Team as Representatives of our Tuesday Night Men's Phone meeting on the 712 PLUS Virtual Intergroup and the same two Representatives of the 712 PLUS Virtual Intergroup on the Virtual Region. The same men are also on the Workshop Committee of the Virtual Region.
7. At the 2019 WSBC the Men's Mission/Purpose Statement and, the Men's Flyer and an OA men's business card were distributed to men and women.
8. We have also recently launched a new Men's OA Helpline 347-201-0914 which may be used Worldwide.
9. We have two men on the PIPO Committee at the WSBC and one on the Unity and Diversity Committee.

Work in Progress

1. Continue to develop more virtual workshops for men and women in 2020.
2. We expect to expand the Men's Service Team particularly men in the western part of the USA and abroad.
3. Continue to expand the information available to men and women on our oamen.org web site.
4. Use the new Men's OA Helpline line to support men in and out of OA.

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