

Motion

Presented by Bruce I. – seconded by Wade J.

Amend the Area 69 Guidelines concerning "Bridging the Gap". Replace sections **4.5-c** and **4.9-c** of Area 69 Guidelines to read as follows:

Section 4.5 (new) -- *c) Shares co-responsibility with the Area Treatment Facilities Chairperson in providing oversight of the "Bridging the Gap" program within Area 69;*

Section 4.9 (new) -- *c) Shares co-responsibility with the Area Corrections Chairperson in providing oversight of the "Bridging the Gap" program within Area 69.*

Section 4.5(to be replaced) -- *c) Encourages committee members to become familiar with "Bridging the Gap" and other AA programs designed to help inmates.*

Section 4.9 (to be replaced) -- *c) Encourages committee members to become familiar with and to use the "Bridging the Gap" and "Temporary Contact" programs.*

Financial impact: probably reduced overall because of joint effort.

Date of motion: 6 November 2010

Rational for motion: The current guidelines do not suggest who is responsible to organize, adapt and manage "Bridging the Gap" within Area 69. The sections to be replaced simply ask the Corrections and Treatment Standing Chairs to encourage and familiarize their committees. The program clearly needs leadership. It is meant to benefit those target populations so it is natural for the Corrections and Treatment Chairs to provide oversight. As Co-chairs they can efficiently blend their efforts and eliminate duplication as well as provide frontline supervision. At this particular time it does not appear necessary to create a specific committee or chairperson to oversee "Bridging the Gap" if Corrections and Treatment cooperate.