

Thought Force Topic: Background Check Data Vault?

Background Information: Currently we have sensitive information coming through the Background Check process, and it is available to the AAPP. We have put in place some Traditions-based guidelines for the AAPP, but are concerned that we may need to have a more secure approach.

Historical Information: Background checks are new to the Area as of Panel 52 and we learned a lot about what it meant, and how it works. The information is complicated and complex. There must be a fair amount of cooperation between our Traditional body (Area, Coordinators, Officers) and the NFA AFG, Inc which signs contracts and acts on behalf of Area.

Financial Information: Right now there is no financial element. Hiring someone would cost money. Not sure how much.

Charge of the Thought Force: Brainstorm ideas about possible avenues to explore to keep the sensitive data safe, while accomplishing our goals of protecting both AMIASes and Alateens. Remember, you do not have to come up with a solution, instead please think creatively about ideas we can explore further to work on this issue. Please focus on what needs to be protected, who needs to know what information, and ways we can use our NFA AFG, Inc to possibly serve the membership.

Five KBDM Questions

1. What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences that is relevant to this topic?
 - I want my info available to me
 - I want pass/Fail info only
 - Limit knowledge of Data, but Certification Status open to all
 - Protect the info
 - Limit results info to few (maybe only 2)
 - Keep records in a safe place
2. What do we know about our resources (finances, member participation, etc) that is relevant to this topic?
 - Research this deeper, find out more information
 - consider safety deposit box
3. What do we know about the current realities (membership, culture, etc) and our fellowship's environment (technology, geography, demographic, etc) that is relevant to this topic?
 - is there a statute of limitations
 - we must do our due diligence
 - what digital means is available?
 - Technology or paper?
 - How long is a BC valid?
4. What are the ethical implications of our choices – what are the pros and cons? Will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles?
 - be responsible
 - protect the people and also Al-Anon and Alateen as a whole

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- Anonymity, responsibility, reliability
- Within and without the fellowship are different

5. What do we wish we knew, but don't?

- Is there a statute of limitations?
- How long do we have to keep the information?
- How do we deal with information with an eye to future changes in technology?
- Some procedures for transferring responsibility when Panels change
- How to swap access to AMIAS archive?
- Has there ever been an issue?
- Focus on who can be with Alateens

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