

Regional Minutes October 2019

December Regional weekend will be hosted by Greater Providence Area @ 120 High St Pawtucket, RI.

Subcommittees meet Saturday December 7 at 11:00 am

RSC meets Sunday December 8 at 11:00 am

February Regional weekend will be hosted by Western MA area.

RCMs: Please let groups know that they need a Rider Binder for special events coverage!!!

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AREA REPORTS

BOSTON-

GSR SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

We opened with a moment of silence, followed by the service prayer. 3 GSRs were in attendance. Read Concept 9—All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider of viewpoints in their decision-making processes. Discussion followed. Read Tradition 9—NA as such ought never be organized but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those who serve. Discussion from the Basic Text followed by discussing the spiritual principles from the Guiding Principles book. Discussed Group and Addict Concerns—lack of support for the GSR subcommittee, and new GSRs being made aware of the 10am orientation time. Also lack of policy chair to answer questions re: BASC policy, per the subcommittee format. Also need a GSR secretary. Lack of communication when scheduling NA events. Closed with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

End of the Line Group Event: Gratitude Meeting, Cleantime Countdown, Potluck Dinner, Dance, Raffle. Beverages and desserts for purchase. Saturday 11/9/2019, 6-11PM, Covenant Congregational Church, 50 Morton St., Jamaica Plain MA 02130

(submitted by Cady G)

CAPE COD-

Cape Cod ASC met Wednesday October 9 th 2019

There were 14 GSRs in attendance .

Tom M was voted in as new alternate RCM. The vote was unanimous.

The phone line was discussed and was tabled as it seems to be a regional matter and not a cape cod ASC matter.

More info is needed to move forward and we need guidance or answers on what is happening with the phone line.

No donation at this time, as we are in transition of treasurers, more will be revealed.

We hosted a fall narchathon October 12 th immediately following the NERSC. The event was a success.

Our subcommittees met and have had a huge influx of trusted servants to our PR which was previously struggling.

Talks of a Tri-area convention was presented including CCANA, SEMA and South shore area, a vote was conducted and it was a unanimous yes.

In loving service,
Ryan R. Cape Cod Area RCM

CENTRAL MASS- No report submitted.

GREATER PROVIDENCE-

Thank you to the Cape Cod Area for hosting this weekend. The Greater Providence Area has met twice since our last regional meeting. There were 14 GSRs present in August and 16 in September. The area would like to know the responsibilities of the RI phone line rep so that our area policy can be updated accordingly.

The H&I Subcommittee reports that all commitments have been filled. They will be having elections for all panel leader positions at their October meeting.

The PR committee was present at the Rally for Recovery in Providence as well as the one in Warwick. They passed out about 60 white booklets and referred many people to the GPANA website for up to date info on meetings and events.

The convention committee reported that 130 preregistrations have been sold and 30 rooms have been booked at the hotel. GPACNA X registration fliers have been distributed to all RCMs. They have a Speaker Jam and Dance planned for Saturday, October 26 th at 415 Friendship Street-Providence, RI. Speakers from 4-8 and dance from 8-11. The programming committee has selected all the workshop topics and speakers for Friday and Saturday, the main speakers have yet to be selected. The committee has set aside a slot on Saturday morning (February 1st) from 8-9 for a regional workshop with the topic being “Effective Trusted Servant Training”. The committee is still in need of an H&I chair, Arts & Graphics chair as well as a secretary.

The Outreach ad hoc has been in touch with four different areas and they are in need of more experienced members to participate. More will be revealed.

One of the groups in our area was asked to sign a lease with the church where their meeting is held, they are checking with the bod for input.

An Ad Hoc was formed to handle the regional hosting in December. After many false starts, a location was found that can accommodate us. We will be at 120 High Street-Pawtucket, RI on Saturday and Sunday December 14th and 1 th from 11:00-5:00. Thanks to our regional chair who quickly put together a colorful flier which is available on the website.

At the October ASC elections will be held for: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, RCM and Alternate RCM. At the November meeting all subcommittee chairs will be up for election.

The next area meeting will be on Sunday October 27th at 3:30/ 300 Weybosset Street-Providence, RI

In grateful service,

Jim D. and Mike D.

GPA RCM team

GREATER WORCESTER- No report submitted.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD- No report submitted.

METRO WEST-

Greetings New England Region and thank you to the Cape Cod Area for hosting. The Metro West ASC has met twice since our last RSC with an average of 13 GSR's in attendance. H&I is doing well and currently has no open commitments. A few months ago we started an H&I set aside that we contribute to monthly to cover the cost of literature. It has proved to be successful in keeping up with the literature needs of the subcommittee. The Neon 12 step group that meets on Sunday nights at Mt. Auburn hospital will be closing if attendance doesn't increase. Our next ASC will be held on November 5th at 7:30 pm at 421 common street in Belmont, MA. In loving service, Rick C.

NANTUCKET- No report submitted.

NEMA-

Greetings NERNA, I am Timmy (Butter-and-Cream-Cheese)51 and I am an addict. Thank you to Cape Cod Area for hosting us this weekend. NEMA has met twice since last RSC. (4x since my last report). Average of 16 groups represented. H&I has 18/19 facilities reports were given. They have 11 open and 56 covered commitments. H&I reported that they are struggling. They have only a few people covering all commitments.

Convention Committee reported that they are considering cancelling the convention due to lack of funds/participation. Fundraiser events have been losing money.

Policy- We now have a chairperson.
Activities- No committee
PR- No committee
Outreach- Dissolved

We filled most admin positions at our June and July ASC.
We are still without a alternate RCM.

Thank you for letting me serve,
Timmy B- NEMA RCM
860-877-4499

PIONEER VALLEY- No report submitted.

SEMA- No report submitted.

SOUTH SHORE-

Hi Family,

I. The South Shore Area is doing well. The last 2 monthly meetings the SSASC had an average of 15 voting groups in attendance, (approximately 50% of the area's groups). A GSR orientation was held in September with 1 new GSR in attendance. There was no GSR orientation held in Oct due to time constraints because there was a presentation from the Regional Fellowship Development committee. The SSASC would like to thank the above mentioned Fellowship Development Committee Chair, Jaime V for bringing the presentation of DRT/MAT as it relates to NA on Oct 6th . All attendees commented about how informative and helpful it will be in the future RE: understanding the issue for future new NA members on MAT/DRT and how we can be more helpful and welcoming to them.

II. After our usual business at the beginning of the meeting, our esteemed NERSC chairperson D'Lanor came and spoke on behalf of the SEMA area about the proposal for a Tri-Area convention. She answered many questions about the proposal. A poll was taken and the majority voted to form an ad-hoc committee to look into this.

III. After about 1 hour into the meeting, a quorum count was reset and there were not enough members to continue business. The meeting concluded at approximately 4PM.

In Loving Service,

John F. RCM for the South Shore Area Service Committee.

WESTERN MASS-

Thank you to Cape Cod for a great weekend.

The Western MA area met in August and September with an average of 23 groups in attendance at the beginning of the ASC.

I was elected as the new RCM in September and am excited to represent my area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our H&I committee has 6 facilities on their waitlist and 3 open commitments and 25 filled commitments.

The P.R. committee had several successful events: a flyer hanging day, C3 safety event, 3 national night out events, the Westfield Drug task force, and the SOAAR 5K and music festival. They also have another flyer hanging day planned in November.

The convention committee ended with a well-attended Convention in August. The committee lost approximately \$1,000.00 of their seed money, which was \$5,000.00. The Area has begun taking nominations for our 2021 convention.

The Pioneer Valley and Western MA areas are still discussing bringing the 2 areas back together especially since our H&I and P.R. committees already meet together. More will be revealed.

As an area we struggle with the number of GSRs at the end of the meeting. We routinely end the ASC with 10 or fewer GSRs present.

It's a work in progress.

ILS,
Katrina

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR-

Good Afternoon everyone,

First of all thank you so much to the Cape Cod Area for hosting us this weekend! I wanted to bring up a concern today about the way our policy is written in regards to the area hosting schedule. It seems to be outdated. I know that we have other things going on with our policies right now but am hoping to discuss this further in open forum. If not for any reason other than for us to be all on the same page with our start and end times. Currently our policy states that we begin on Sunday at 11 am. While I understand sometimes it is difficult for areas to secure locations I would like to encourage areas to plan ahead. This is why it is so important to have a flyer available at the region before. I would like to ask the body to please lets try to get ahead of this and do better to be better.

In addition to this I just want to share this letter of support for Jeremy F to the World Board. Lauren and I submitted this on September 1st,

“I am writing this letter on behalf of the New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous. We, as a service body, would like to submit a formal letter of recommendation on behalf of Jeremy F. for consideration to the World Board. Jeremy has been clean since August 13, 1981. He has been of service to multiple areas/regions/zones since he found NA in ‘81. Using his working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts, he has served in many different capacities and is experienced and familiar with many different bodies within the Narcotics Anonymous service structure. He has shown many administrative skills, such as organizational and communication skills, through the years as he has held many different positions in many administrative roles. He has been involved with projects and has been able to start and finish plans that the body has directed him to do. He has an ability to see the big picture before addressing the immediate needs that others sometime prioritize. Jeremy has given often of his own time and resources to attend meetings, travel, and fulfill any other tasks delegated to him. It is based on the above information that we as a service body give our unequivocal support to Jeremy F. for consideration to the World Board.”

Other than that, I have nothing else to share, so please just let me know if there is anything I can do to be of assistance.

Thank you ILS,

D'Lanor

MM4: Literature Amount: \$160.52 Who: PR

Status:

Check#:

MM5: RD/RDA Amount: \$104.28 Who: RD/RDA

Status: passed

Check#: 1407

MM6: RD/RDA Amount: \$92.76 Who: RD/RDA

Status: passed

Check#: 1406

MM7: RD/RDA Amount: \$169 Who: RD/RDA

Status:

Check#: 1408

Our donation to NAWS will be 1,867.59

Report from Saturday finance committee meeting

OCT 12

Carrie: Finance Chair:

Brandon: member at large

Sammy: member at large

Kevin: treasurer

Noel: assistant treasurer

Reconciliation of the bank account for both preceding months was completed, standard bills were organized and checks have been cut for them. We received the key for the PO box so mail will be had every Saturday of region - thank you Bob!

Our new business items moving forward will be as follows:

Update treasurers chart of accounts to match NERSC structure.

Develop a new treasurer's report with a more comprehensive coverage as requested from areas. Potentially directly from quickbooks account.

Develop video instructions for future treasurers for online bill payments and tax filing.

Update treasurer's guidelines.

Develop an audit process for transparency for our areas.

ILS, Finance Committee

CONVENTION-

The convention committee met yesterday with 11 members present. The closing balance was \$5,193.19. The Fundraising & Entertainment committee has an event planned for Saturday, December 7 th at 6PM.

The event is called "NERC's Got Talent", it will be a speaker meeting and open mic night held at:

11 Gibbs Ave-Wareham, MA.

A theme and logo will be selected during lunch at the December subcommittee meetings on Saturday.

Please submit ideas to nercinfo@newenglandna.org It is not necessary to have a logo submitted with a theme.

We discussed the pros and cons of the hotels which submitted bids to host our convention. The bod will provide more information about the process.

Open positions are: Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, and Arts & Graphics chair.

The next meeting will be on Saturday December 14th at 11AM in Greater Providence-120 High Street, Pawtucket, RI.

With gratitude,

Jim D.

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT-

Hello everyone!

It's so nice to be back! I was sorry to have missed our August assembly but most definitely enjoyed my vacation in Vegas at the Region51 Convention! And all though I was truly on vacation, I still somehow wound up attending a number of service based workshops while there, and both made & strengthened some connections with members doing similar service in both that Region and the Washington Northern Idaho Region. The latter of which is hosting the upcoming WSLD in Seattle, and its looking like that event is shaping up to be a very valuable experience. More to come on that in December.

Let's start by expressing thanks to our hosting Area, Cape Cod, for having us yesterday in Falmouth and today in Barnstable. We enjoyed a fair turnout at both our meeting & the Attracting Members To Service Workshop yesterday, and feel it was a productive day. Also, side note: the Cayenne Pepper Mocha Espresso from Nirvana Coffee Company in Barnstable is BOMB.

We spent some time discussing our goals and plans as a committee and have made some necessary shifts to previous targets:

- The Sponsorship Day ideas we had on our plate have been sidelined for a few reasons, but primarily because this task was never considered a priority in the first place. Since it was an idea that stemmed from a member and not the brainstorming sessions we held with the RSC, we consider it a want more than a need, and hope to pick it back up following the conclusion of other goals.
- The Service 101 event has been pushed out, but not sidelined. The primary task leader for this event project has expressed that they are no longer available to lead the effort, and at this stage in the calendar (with the CAR about to drop), we felt it prudent to allow ourselves the time to do it well rather than quickly. This also works to get the event closer to our internationally recognized NA Service Day in May. Timmy (Butter & Cream Cheese) 51 has stepped up as Task Leader for this and we set a hard date of Saturday May 16th so, mark your calendars! This decision was also reached in part, due to the fact that we were originally aiming for the winter months before it came on our radar that there are already a few other major events happening in that timeframe. So, rather than risk a scheduling conflict we would prefer finding a Saturday not already claimed. I'll reach out to the website committee to place a 'save the date' notice as we work out the details.
- Our Menu for Services has been drafted! We reviewed the draft and crafted some ideas to flesh it out a bit more, but the basic list of what we offer is now available! I'll submit that along with my report today, and we will continue to evolve it as we go. This is to be a living document since much of what we do is akin to paving a road as we're driving on it. RCMs and interested members are encouraged to peruse the list and offer feedback directly to me so that we can take your thoughts and ideas into earnest consideration. Ultimately we want to have an enhanced variation of this posted to our website, complete with hyperlinks where appropriate, leading to the resource materials related to each item featured. We sincerely hope you will all use this menu to solicit our services both within and outside of our regular Regional weekends.
- Kris & James held a Fellowship Development Worldwide presentation along with virtual assistance from Nick E in California at the Spur Of The Moment campout in Central Mass in September, and I am working with a CMA Homegroup regarding a request to bring something more like a Local FD presentation later this month.

- John C and I facilitated the DRT/MAT As it Relates To NA IDT Workshop in the South Shore Area last week, and we have continued to get positive feedback and expressions of gratitude since. There were approximately 35 interested addicts in attendance including members of their ASC, H&I, PR and Activities committees, as well as participants from Boston and SouthEast Mass Areas.
- As previously mentioned, Bill H & Timmy51 cofacilitated the Attracting Members To Service IDT Workshop in Falmouth yesterday. And although there were very few local members present, we still enjoyed an engaged group of about a dozen, which grew halfway through when our Regional Chair showed up with even more members in tow. We did joke however that we have to figure out how to attract members to the attracting members workshop. Haha
- A quick shout out to D'Lanor for her ongoing assistance in crafting beautiful, eye- catching fliers for our various efforts. Thanks Ronald! We'd like to talk with you about creating some version of our menu in handout format so that hardcopies can be distributed throughout the Region.
- Kris has adopted the title of Communications Task Leader and has joined the SouthEast Zone's Communications Workgroup in part to acquire information and best practices to share with us so that we can adopt new and more effective means to communicate among each other and to those we serve. We're looking forward to seeing the fruits of that labor, and more will be revealed.
- NESSNA continues to move along, and we wanted to pose the following question to the Regional Body: Should this effort be an ongoing part of Fellowship Development? Should we (the RSC) create an Ad-hoc? How would we like to create a clearly defined, single point of accountability, building a consistent bridge via some sort of liaison connecting New England Region with the New England States Service Symposium, in order to ensure that our interests are kept and honored in the effort? James P. is going to frame and lead that conversation with us here today.
- The Conference Agenda Report is nearly upon us, and as the CAR Season approaches Fellowship Development prepares to downshift a bit as the Delegate Team leads us through the next six months. Our December meeting in Greater Providence, February meeting in Western Mass, and likely the April meeting on Martha's Vineyard will all feature CAR presentations after subcommittees on Regional Weekends. Additionally Kris has collaborated with the Northern New England Region to offer regularly scheduled virtual meetings to workshop the items included. What we know so far, is that there will be 21 motions, 5 from our World Board and 16 from Regions. The approval draft for our Mental Health IP will likely be motion number one.
- During open forum, we set the first item for December's agenda to be a brainstorming session on how we might gather membership to the Fellowship Development committee, which has no counterparts in the majority of our member Areas. All are welcome to come join us for that!
- Greater Providence Area reports to us that they have set aside a one hour slot at 8am on the Saturday of their convention, and would like a workshop on effective trusted servant training. More will be revealed as I look forward to hearing from their Programming Chair in order to fulfill that request.
- I have submitted this report electronically to our Secretary, along with the draft menu and my sadly long overdue report on FRSSNA. And as always I remain available for questions, comments and communications.
- Areas and members please continue to reach out to us for workshops outside of the Regional Rotation Schedule, we are always happy to come to you and ever mindful of the fact that without you, there is no us. That's enough out of me today, thank you for allowing me to be of service, Jaime V. NERFDNA

Please see Appendix E for full FD report, p. 21.

H & I –

H&I met yesterday at 11:30am at 68 Main Street in Falmouth, MA. We had 4 areas in attendance; Cape Cod Area, South Shore Area, Western Mass, and Pioneer Valley. The areas that were not present were NEMA, SEMA, Greater Providence, Boston, Central Mass, and Metro West. There was no DOC report and no WSR report.

We are still trying to locate the New England Region H&I policy and are forming an ADHOC to revisit policy and create one if we are unable to locate one. We have asked other areas to bring their policies to the next New England Regional H&I meeting in December.

A member came to the meeting inquiring about the WSR procedures, since the WSR was not present we have reached out to her to see if she can answer his questions about receiving mail from inmates. An inmate got a writer's address and he wants to know how to proceed, as the letters should be going to the P.O. box.

We got 3 commitment requests from BHN in Greenfield (would be the Pioneer Valley Area/Western Mass Area); a co-ed facility in Dorchester (would be the Boston Area); and Westborough Behavioral Health (would be the Worcester/Central Mass Area). Since Central Mass & Boston Area were not present, we have to put a hold on these requests until the next regional meeting. Pioneer Valley will put BHN on a waitlist. I apologize for my absence; I have to attend my cousin's wedding today.

In Loving Service,
Riley D.

INSURANCE-

Hi Family,

We had 8 request for binders in August, September and the beginning of October had a mix up in August as there were 2 request binders for 2 Area Campouts and I only sent one out initially as I did not realize these were different events but I got it straightened out prior to the events going off. Thank you to the event contacts for their patience.

We met briefly yesterday in Falmouth during the Sub-committee meeting time.

ILS Duncan M

LITERATURE- Committee vacant.

POLICY- No report submitted.

PR – No reported submitted

PHONELINE – No reported submitted.

RD-

Greetings New England Region! Thank you Cape Cod Area for hosting.

Conference Participants web meetings:

I attended the most recent Conference Participants Web Meeting. The meeting was focused on preparation to release the CAR – Conference Agenda Report – and updates on some of the projects connected to NASW and WSC. Project Updates on: Spiritual Principle a Day Book; WSC of the Future; Mental Health/Illness IP; FIPT Operational Rules

We discussed the strategic planning process, and that there will be a portion of the next conference devoted to strategic planning, beyond that which will be mentioned in the Conference Agenda Track (CAT). Projects which will be discussed at WSC 2020 are :

- A Role of Zones project that includes zones' relationship to the wider service system and helps understanding of the diverse nature of zones.
- A project to convert the current Social Media SP in to an IP
- A project to create or revise one piece of recovery literature to directly address Drug Replacement Therapy (DRT) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as it relates to NA.

Umbrella Approach for Service Tools and IP Project Plans

We discussed that the World Board does not believe they will have the resources to fund any face-to-face workgroups beyond the workgroup to complete the Spiritual Principle a Day (SPAD) book in the 2020-2022 cycle. That means we will rely on virtual workgroups, focus groups, and open web meetings to develop smaller pieces—primarily local service tools and IPs. The Conference's prioritized list would also tell us which pieces to move to next if we are able to do more than we predict. This is very similar to the process we use now for the WSC to finalize and approve the list for Issue Discussion Topics. 82% of the CP approved this.

We discussed NAWS Long Term Goals, NAWS Annual Report, Important dates, and the 2020 Conference Agenda Report:

5 World Board Motions: • Long-term goals; • Mental Health in Recovery IP; • 3 FIPT : • Approve the revisions to the Trust Operational Rules; • A second motion to approve the revisions to NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1; • And the third to approve initiating the process to revise the Trust itself in the 2020 to 2022 conference cycle (That process is already established and described in Article 7 of the FIPT Operational Rules.)

11 Regional Motions: Total regional motions (25 received, 12 withdrawn, 2 not CAR ready)

Other CAR Contents: • CAR Survey • Discussion on a number of issues

The final CP web meeting for 2019 is scheduled for 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, Pacific Time on 7 December
2nd annual Sponsorship Day : December 1, 2019

Online Meetings Webinar

I also attended the Online Meetings Webinar on 9/14/19:

- Open webinar about best practices of online meetings
- Most geographically diverse webinar: 120 participants from all over the world (the Spanish version also had a good turn out)
- Small group discussion notes posted on www.na.org/conference (under Miscellaneous)
- Part of a larger conversation; we'll continue to report further discussions and future webinars

New England States Service Symposium of Narcotics Anonymous NESSNA

At the last RSC meeting we approved the motion which went back to Areas: To hold a New England States Service Symposium of NA (NESSNA) over a weekend (Friday – Sunday) in the summer of 2020, at a location centrally located to all three Regions. So far, the Northern New England Region has approved the project. Connecticut delayed approval pending the results of a failed motion at the Northeast Zonal Forum. In order to stay on target with this projects timeline the following steps should occur at this RSC meeting: 1) The treasurer should create a NESSNA set-aside and transfer \$500 from RD/RDA set aside to it; 2) this region will discuss and come to consensus on how best to manage the project going forward – This will occur during a later portion of todays agenda – including a 2 region and 3 region scenario.

North East Zonal Forum

I did attend the August 25 th , NEZF zoom meeting. There were reports from PR, Vice Chair. We

received updates on three projects from the strategic planning session: NEZF regional Development, Survey Services, and NEZF Video

We discussed the position of Treasurer but tabled a vote pending the formal submission of a Service Resume by all interested. I have submitted a service resume for this position.

The proposed Zonal Nomination of Robert W. for the World Board failed, and GNYR ad hoc for Zonal Service Symposium failed. Next NEZF live meeting 11/1/19 in Erie, PA.

MRLE –

The delegate team is planning on attending the Multi Regional Learning Event in Northern New England Region and will be submitting a motion to that effect today.

In Loving Service, James P., RD jgpbos@me.com 617-314-4048

RDA-

Good afternoon Cape Cod Area,

My report for this RSC will be fairly short as I was on vacation at the end of August and was unable to attend a few Zoom calls as a result. The calls I have been able to attend were the Online Meetings call with other conference participants on September 14 th , 2019 as well as a NESSNA call on September 9 th , 2019.

Online Meetings call: The zoom call was focused on the future of online NA recovery meetings. As we moved forward using technology there are many concerns about Anonymity, how a 7 th tradition may apply, what types of literature are being used during the meetings ect. Being a member who has been able to attend many online meetings over the years this was a conversation I was very eager to have. Many people have legitimate concerns over the aforementioned issues but until we as a fellowship sit down and talk about these fears, we remain stuck. The small group I was in was largely made up of people who have had little or no experience with online meetings and being able to share with them my personal experience has really helped. NAWS has, as a result of these conversations, begun looking into accepting online meetings as part of “regular NA meetings” this is a very big deal and we are only beginning this conversation. Currently on na.org the following statement is used “NA World Services does not register online groups, but we list online meetings as a service. This listing does not mean that online meetings are considered NA groups or a part of the NA Service Structure.” We are finally beginning to look at this as a fellowship. The following link is for the complete discussion notes from this meeting.

<https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/Sept%202019%20Online%20Meetings%20Combined%20Notes%20with%20Spanish.pdf>

NESSNA: I am not going to go into detail about this call in my report as James P (RD) will be covering this in his report in great detail as we move forward.

As we near the release of the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) the delegate team plans on doing CAR presentations on the Saturday of the RSC beginning in Greater Providence in December, this will be in conjunction with any Area requests for a CAR presentation as well as a collaboration between myself and Northern New England RD Sam L. to hold weekly or bi-weekly zoom meetings on the CAR as well. More information will be available as we move forward.

If anyone would like to learn how to use Zoom for web meetings, service meetings, and for CAR presentations please contact me for training.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Kris R, RDA (508) 572-7616

Please see Appendix C for August RDA Report, which was not included in August minutes, p. 20.

RMD-

For report, see Appendix D, page 21.

WEBSITE-

New England Regional Website Report

October 13, 2019

Usual Work

I have continued the usual work of updating meeting and event information on the website.

Self-support Notice on the Website

At the August RSC, a motion was passed unanimously to add language to the Contact Page of the website, saying “Our 7th Tradition directs us to practice self-support and to decline outside contributions. Therefore, we only accept contributions from members of Narcotics Anonymous.” I have done so.

9 am Malden Meeting

On September 28, I received a feedback form from “Roger L” saying “The 9am club 24 meeting in Malden is not listed in the meetings.” That was all the information he sent. I emailed him, asking for all the information necessary to put it on the website, but have heard nothing back. If anyone knows about this meeting, please let me know.

Chairperson Allegedly Not An Addict

I got an email regarding a meeting in the South Shore Area. It stated that the Just For Today meeting at 7:00 pm in Plymouth was not an NA meeting, that it is a counseling session and the chairperson is not an addict. Does anyone have any information about this meeting?

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy F, NE Regional Web Chair

BOD-

Good Afternoon,

Thank you Cape Cod Area for Hosting.

BOD met yesterday and we discussed the site Visits and reviewed pros and cons and determined the top 3 as well as our recommendation of the Seacrest Beach Hotel as our first choice followed by Sturbridge host hotel and 3 the Hotel and conference center in Hyannis. At today’s corporation meeting we will be voting to select a hotel for the convention.

We decided to make Early Bird Registrations available for \$15 through June 14, 2020. We will begin selling these at the fundraiser on December 7 and will be available at the next RSC

I have a fact sheet for the RCM’s to review to reference in making their decision

We will also be looking to elect 3 BOD directors

2 pro tem until April 2020 and 1 pro tem until April 2021

We are continuing the ADHOC for guidelines and by-laws is being worked on. Shelly continues to attend the Convention Committee meeting and will be setting up meetings each of the Sub Committee Chairs to review the documents.

We will continue to go out for Quotes for D&O insurance in hopes of reducing our cost

The balance in the in the BOD Account is \$5333.79

ILS,
Debbie L
BOD President

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM

- 1. Martha's Vineyard April Hosting Regional Week: The majority of the room was in favor of MV hosting region in April after considering travel costs and traveling plans. Emphasis was put on not canceling last minute.*
- 2. NEMA Concerns regarding lack of participation/organization of their ASC: "Ask the groups what they need from us"; having an Outreach committee to visit and support groups that may be in need; suggestion of splitting the area in two- starting a committee to look at the problem of having too big of an area; visiting meetings that aren't attending meetings; forming a consortium/block comprised of isolated areas and having them send one representative to area instead of multiple representatives; moving the locations of the NEMA ASC to a more centrally located area so more groups had access; members/sponsors encouraging and mentoring members to serve the group in a greater capacity; having an event that would be about service and sharing how service is rewarding (emphasis on not calling it a workshop), name: "giving in gratitude"; suggesting at area GSRs outreaching to different non-participatory groups to support and inform them; not having official GSRs, who ever show up and shows interest can vote and participate in business – those members participating in the ASC, reminding isolated/far away groups to participate in other regions/areas in order for groups to not be or feel apart from.*
- 3. CCA Concerns regarding phone system and spirit of rotation: At Cape Cod ASC a phone line committee was set in place - is it an area responsibility or a regional responsibility? Should areas have a phone line position/committee? Answer: There is a regional phone line committee and region "pays the bill", however, there "should be" member/point of accountability for each area answering the phone/coordinating members that answer, for that area. "Anyone that wants to volunteer can come to the Regional PR subcommittee to get the information they need to get on the phone call list"; there should be more than one person answering phones in each area; its okay to have area phone line committee - suggestion to coordinate/collaborate with PR/Phoneline regional committee; suggestion from another area - under the umbrella of PR there's a phone line position to be responsible; asking John and Patrick to come back with a report outlining and explaining processes regarding how the phone line runs and provide a recommendation to present to the areas; there are videos that Patrick has already made and posted to nerna.org explaining phoneline procedures; your area chooses an area contact person who is responsible to the area and to the region for coordinate phoneline.*
- 4. Amending policy to include correct information regarding hosting procedures: guidelines in policy hosting in area is not updated, it doesn't mention start time on Saturday, it still mentions bids; the policy effects our old policies, we meet on 11-5 on both Saturday and Sunday of regional meeting, we meet second full weekend of every even number month, \$600 provided to areas for hosting region – many addicts in the room endorsed this as our current practice; concerns of areas getting meeting places that can accommodate current practicing schedule, discussion was had about motions to change policy, Kyle (policy chair) wants a formal process of voting in any new policy; Kyle and Tiffany stated they have been working on an updated policy that he plans to present next region; the document needs to be updated throughout not just one portion of it; contact Kyle to participate in updating policy.*

5. Online meetings: One member shared different types of meetings using technology; zoom, phone, texts, audio/video, that there is different choices/platforms for addicts; one member shared his process of paying for zoom to participate in online meetings, areas blue jeans/paypal; areas pay for online platforms to host meetings “similar to paying rent”; NA meeting finder has facebook and skype phone meetings and video meetings; NA by phone; “this has been going on for over 10 years.”

6. Just for Today group in Plymouth, Dan stated that he got report from this group’s GSR that it is “definitely an NA meeting.”

OLD BUSINESS

I. August 2019 MINUTES- Accepted with the following edit: The motion below, which is in old business, had the incorrect votes recorded. Secretary made the correction and resent the minutes with the correction as follows: “NON-MONEY MOTION #3 Presented by: James P, RD Motion: To hold a New England States Symposium of NA over a weekend (Friday-Sunday) in the summer of 2020 @ a location centrally location to all 3 regions; NE, NVT, CT Regions. Intent: To forward and proceed with a regionally local service symposium (per previously attached proposal). ~~Vote: In favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 3~~ **Vote: In favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 3**”

II. NESSSNA brief open conversation.

How to proceed with NESSSNA with this body? Should we create an adhoc committee to take on this project? Should the NESSSNA project to be underneath the umbrella of Fellowship committee? Do we want to create a separate standing committee?

Questions; two plans be proposed; one plan considering 2 region scenario, one proposal 3 region scenario? Do we want to continue either way; whether 1 or 2 regions participate? What’s the best way proceed? Emphasis on wanting to stay on the path for a July 2020 schedule. Work group completing their task of the proposal.

Ideas discussed:

- One suggestion to create an Adhoc; Adhoc is more flexible to partner with the other region(s)
- RD & FD chair recommended NESSSNA to operate under FD, RD volunteered
- Conclusion: The room is in agreement that NESSSNA, as a workgroup, will stay as the responsibility of Fellowship Development.

ELECTIONS

VICE CHAIR: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

RMD: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

LITERATURE: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

NEW BUSINESS

Set Quorum: Voting RCMs: 10 Simple Majority: 6 2/3: 7

MONEY MOTION #1:

Presented by Finance 2nd: N/A (Total \$260)

Motion: To hold in the general account \$260 to be paid to the accountant (\$225) and commonwealth of MA (\$35) by treasurer when invoices are received.

Intent: To ensure that money is held to pay accountant and Mass form PC for annual taxes due in December.

Vote: In favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 1

MONEY MOTION #2:

Presented by PR 2nd: N/A (Total \$1,000)

Motion: To New England Association of Drug Court of Court Professionals; for conference registration.

Intent: Public Relations

Vote: In favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY MOTION #3:

Presented by PR Committee 2nd: N/A (Total \$20)

Motion: For 200 RMDS

Intent: Replenish supply

Vote: In favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY MOTION #4:

Presented by Kris R (RDA) 2nd James P (RD) (Total \$92.76)

Motion: To send the RDA to MRLE on December 7th in Manchester, NH.

Intent: Mileage 37 x 2 at .24/mile = \$17.76, Registration = \$25, Per Diem \$50.

Vote: In favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY MOTION #5

Presented by James P (RD) 2nd Kris R *RDA) (Total 104.28)

Motion: To send the RD to MRLE on December 7th in Manchester, NH.

Intent: Mileage = 61 x 2 at .24 = 29.28, Registration \$25, Per Diem \$50.

Vote: In Favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY-MOTION #6

Presented by Kris R (RDA) 2nd James P (RD) (Total \$169)

Motion: To purchase 13 copies of the C.A.R for one copy per area.

Intent: Each C.A.R costs \$13.

Vote: In favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

MONEY MOTION #7

Presented by PR committee

Motion: Purchase literature for PR booth at conference.

Intent: Public Relations

Vote: In favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

NON-MONEY MOTION #1:

There were no non-money motions for October 2019 RSC.

For report see pages 6-7.

For report see pages 10-12.

August 2019 RDA Report

Good Afternoon NERNA,

Thank you, Central MA, for hosting us this weekend. This will be a very light report as not too much has been going on over the past two months. I have been involved with the Zonal Fellowship Development Workgroup and our task of creating a survey for distribution is now complete. I have handed out a copy of the survey to each Area RCM along with some brief instructions on filling it out. We are, at minimum, asking each Area to complete the survey. We are also asking interested members, groups, and even this Regional Body as a body to complete this survey as well. Our deadline is October 1 st for all results and the result will be posted at our November NEZF meeting. You can also find this survey on www.nezf.org under “New Updates”.

Yesterday August 10 th there was another Conference Participants zoom meeting. I was unable to attend due to working over 24 hours straight, but I am downloaded all the information into my Google Drive and will be going through it before our next regional meeting. The CP meeting was focused around the FIPT. This meeting gave a report explaining the proposed changes, a copy of the operational rules with the changes, and a copy of Bulletin #1 FIPT with the changes. Again, I have not yet looked into this, but this is under delegate review currently and I will have more information for you before our next regional meeting.

I am always available to talk about anything within my report(s) and would love to hear back from any member of this region providing direction and feedback. Remember, I work for you.

Thank you for letting me serve,
Kris R, RDA
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Regional Meeting Directory Report

Beginning Inventory	1,200		
Discarded Old Lists	-550		
Plus Printing	7,400		
Total available for sales	8,050	Assets	
Sold to Region, areas, groups & individuals	-4,400	\$ 440.00	
Sold to Regional Committees	-800	\$ 80.00	
Sold to outside vendors	-100	\$ 10.00	
Total Distributed and sold this period	-5,300	\$ 530.00	
Remaining Inventory	2,750		
Inventory for Sale Today	2,750		
Plus sales tax collected		\$ 25.70	
Plus Shipping & Handling		\$ 8.92	
Assets Total (Deposit)		\$ 564.62	
Seed Money for Printing		\$ -	
Total Assets		\$ 564.62	
		Expenses	
Printing 7400 RMDs	\$ 695.76		
Sales Tax	\$ 25.70		
Postage	\$ 8.30		
Supplies	\$ -		
Less Total Expenses	\$ 729.76	\$ (729.76)	
Gross Profit or (Loss)		\$ (165.14)	
Less Seed Money		\$ -	
Net Profit or (Loss) this period		\$ (165.14)	

Note: Outside sales checks not delivered to committee.

We have the remainder of the august printing of 2750 available for sale today. We will be printing 7000RMDs at a cost of \$625.00 For November
 To make updates, remove a meeting or add a meeting to the directory, contact your Regional Committee Member from your Area.
 Check all meeting info on the website first by clicking on the meeting day, It is suggested that Regional Committee Members
 make changes for their respective areas groups.
 Changes should appear on the web site within a few days and will appear in the next printing.
 We have a Customary Expense of \$ 16.60 for postage.

We sell meeting directories in quantities of 50; check table below for quantities costs.								
RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL		RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL
50	\$5.00	\$0.32	\$5.32		550	\$55.00	\$3.44	\$58.44
100	\$10.00	\$0.63	\$10.63		600	\$60.00	\$3.75	\$63.75
150	\$15.00	\$0.94	\$15.94		650	\$65.00	\$4.07	\$69.07
200	\$20.00	\$1.25	\$21.25		700	\$70.00	\$4.38	\$74.38
250	\$25.00	\$1.57	\$26.57		750	\$75.00	\$4.69	\$79.69
300	\$30.00	\$1.88	\$31.88		800	\$80.00	\$5.00	\$85.00
350	\$35.00	\$2.19	\$37.19		850	\$85.00	\$5.32	\$90.32
400	\$40.00	\$2.50	\$42.50		900	\$90.00	\$5.63	\$95.63
450	\$45.00	\$2.82	\$47.82		950	\$95.00	\$5.94	\$100.94
500	\$50.00	\$3.13	\$53.13		1000	\$100.00	\$6.25	\$106.25

Committee Members

Website Meeting Update Coordinator	Dianne M	info@nerna.org
Printing Coordinator	David L	617-484-8198 (dalgraphics@rcn.net)
Regional Sales Representative/Treasurer	Christopher M	617-620-2887 (leadhead84@aol.com)
Outside sales to professionals	Dianne M	1-866-624-3578 (Literature menu)

Fellowship Development – Florida Regional Service Symposium of NA (FRSSNA)

Greetings Regional Members. In March, our Fellowship Development Chair attended the biannual Florida Regional Service Symposium of NA in Tampa, Florida to both learn from and contribute to the larger Narcotics Anonymous Community. Like has been the case before with this particular event, the weekend was jam-packed with information and interactions which will no doubt prove their value here at home over time. In particular, we expect to be able to bring lots of this experience to our upcoming FD Track at NERC.

To kick things off, on Thursday we attended a pair of Professionals Roundtable Sessions, which were, well, both inspiring and infuriating at different points. The head Judge of the Florida State Drug Courts Circuit, the Chief Warden of Florida Department of Corrections, and an “Addictions Specialist” (who also claimed NA Membership) sat at the table in the first session, which was “town hall” style. They then joined us, and other professionals, in the “rounds” for a small group discussion session. The highlights of the conversations were how much NA is wanted and needed in their respective environments, at least from the Judge and the Warden. The Doctor however, seemed to think we are an outdated answer to the question of addiction and even went so far at point to compare NA to a 1960 Chevy and DRT (his favored answer) to a 2019 Audi. We let him know we’re actually a 1953 model, that runs like a dream. These sessions were followed by a break for dinner and a welcome meeting.

Friday was a much busier day as the event began in earnest. Workshops attended included:

- the SPAD Book Project: My table discussed and wrote on the Spiritual Principle of LOVE, and I observed the facilitation team to learn how to do this workshop at home.
- Effective Communication: We discussed and workshopped various ways to present and share information with those we serve, such as e-blasts, social media, eye-catching fliers and narrative reports.
- MAT/DRT As It Relates to NA: what I expected to become an extension of the previous day’s polarizing discussions in the Professionals Panel, actually turned out to be a quite disarming and loving conversation about how we as members can more mindfully keep our doors as wide open as possible for those showing interest in our Fellowship, whether on DRT/MAT or not.
- Cultural Diversity: continued on in the same compassionate vein as the previous workshop, but centered more on how we can identify and work to meet the needs of those members whose primary language in something other than English.
- and A History of the Basic Text: presentation from Chris & Boyd, who also offer a History of Narcotics Anonymous. This informative and moving recount of how our first book came to be was made even more interesting by the presence in the room of some of the members who were actually there at the time, participated in the efforts to varying degrees, and whose names and faces appear in some of the slides used.

And Saturday’s efforts continued with:

- the Convention In A Box (which was more of a presentation than a workshop), focusing on how a particular Area has so honed their convention skills that they could literally just hand off their step by step “how to” guide (contained in a box) to any group looking to do the same, and those individuals would be assured success (if they follow the steps). It brought to mind our own Martha’s Vineyard Area’s Convention In A Bag.
- the Mental Health IP Workshop: My only regret with this effort is that it won’t be going on long enough for us as a committee to really offer it locally. Look forward to the new IP though! It’s sure to be tremendously useful for many, many members.
- Fellowship Development Around the Globe: Another look at what FD means, and how it means different things in different places. Multiple Regions in the States are at present looking to develop their own homestyle versions and continue to look to us as a model.
- CBDM: Consensus Based Decision Making as it is used by the Florida Region, whose structure is very different from our own. The short version is that they employ open discussion (as opposed to parliamentary, or “pro/con” discussion) as the preferred method to come to conclusions, set goals, make plans and carry out identified service needs.

• and multiple Q&A Sessions with presenters and facilitators as a means to become better at these efforts ourselves.

And finally on Sunday, we attended and observed the Florida Regional Service Committee itself for a fair portion of their meeting. Points of interest included that they have a 110 page Policy, Guidelines & By-Laws, they have leaders, facilitators and coordinators instead of chairpersons in most cases, they serve nearly 30 member Areas and fully fund RCMs to the Symposium. Rather than subcommittees, in most instances they employ workgroups or teams, and they have a fully functioning Regional Service Office that both provides services (such as phonenumber) and sells products (both NAWS items and member created goods), and they have a book detailing the history of NA in Florida.

Since the Delegate Team no doubt has very detailed reports around their efforts at this event, we will leave ours brief and suffice it to say that we look forward to building on the information and skills acquired as we move forward and deliver similar efforts here at home.

thNAk you for allowing me to serve, Jaime V.

New England Regional Fellowship Development – Menu of Services

Presentations:

- NAWS Updates
- Local Service System
- Broader Service System
- Zonal Forums
- What Is Fellowship Development? (Local)
- Fellowship Development (Worldwide)
- Report Construction & Presentation
- Our Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)

Workshops:

- Spiritual Principle A Day (book project)
- Why I Serve (writing & inspiration workshop)
- Carrying The Message & Making NA Attractive (current IDT)
- Attracting Members To Service (current IDT)
- MAT/DRT As It Relates To NA (current IDT)
- Social Media (Effective Use & Risks of Misuse)
- Trusted Servants – Roles & Responsibilities
 - Facilitators & Chairpersons (Area & Region)
 - The Delegation Stream (GSR>RCM>RD)
- Service System Project
 - Local Services Toolbox
 - Conventions & Events Toolbox
 - CBDM Basics
 - Planning Basics
 - H&I Basics
 - PR Basics
- Atmosphere of Recovery In Service (past IDT)
- How To Use Guiding Principles (past IDT)
- Applying Our Principles To Technology & Social Media (past IDT)

- Group Support (past IDT)
- Welcoming All Members (past IDT)
- Collaboration (past IDT)
- Group Conscience (past IDT)
- Supporting Our Vision (past IDT)
- Our Third Tradition (past IDT)
- Atmosphere Of Recovery (past IDT)
- Building Strong Homegroups (past IDT)
- Leadership (past IDT)
- A Vision For NA Service (past IDT)
- Self-Support Means Supporting NA (past IDT)
- Who Is Missing? (past IDT)
- Building Communications (past IDT)

also available with enough notice: customized Fellowship Discussion Workshops tailored to meet the needs of the inquiring community

Training & Mentorship:

- Report Construction & Presentation
- Effective Communication
- Effective Trusted Servant Training
- Facilitation 101
- How To Start An NA Meeting
- Forming A Group Support Forum
- BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolbox) – Use & Implementation
- How To Provide Virtual Meetings For Recovery
- How To Provide Virtual Meetings For Service

Other Services:

- Planning Assemblies
- Inventories
- Workgroup Organization
- Assistance & Support