

Regional Minutes August 2015

***The next Regional weekend, on October 10th & 11th
will be hosted by the Cape Cod Area***

- ***Location: Federated Church of Hyannis***
- ***320 Main Street Hyannis, MA***
- ***Subcommittees will meet on Saturday 9am-5pm***
- ***Regional Committee will meet on Sunday 11am-5pm***
- ***PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER FOR ADDITION INFORMATION***

**RCM'S: PLEASE LET GROUPS KNOW, THEY NEED A RIDER BINDER
FOR SPECIAL EVENTS COVERAGE.**

REPORTS

CHAIR- No report

VICE CHAIR- No report.

SECRETARY- No report.

TREASURER- Report to be forwarded (*See ELECTIONS)

FINANCE- No report

CONVENTION-

Good Morning,

We had 8 people in attendance at yesterday's meeting.

We had reports from the Programming and F&E Committee. We elected Tiffany L as Secretary.

All other subcommittee positions are open. We were informed that the Treasurer would be reigning due to health reasons. We also need a vice chair, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer. We would like to ask all the RCM's to please make announcements that we will need help and that we will be meeting on the Saturday of the October Regional meeting at noon.

Our closing Balance is \$6000.00

In Loving Service,

Debbie L

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT- No report

H & I-

Open the meeting at 12:10pm with the Serenity Prayer 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts

Vice-Chair reading of the voting qualifications, motion qualifications, & voting procedure

Two out of thirteen areas were present: NEMA, & Central Mass

Chair, Vice-Chair, and Two recovering addicts sat in on the meeting to see what the subcommittee does as a whole

Motion to waive the reading of last months minutes (passed)

Rich from Central Mass: All is going well. in more involvement in big area jails in some work. Learning day is being planned in September or October more information to come to ask for funds to put on the learning day, also to have more time to set the learning day up.

NEMA: 110 commitments 4 are vacant will work to get the 4 commitments filled. All is going well.

Quorum set at 2/3 Made Quorum

No old business to discuss.

No elections

Secretary, Alt Secretary, are open positions. Please groups can you please mention this at your home groups & area meetings.

New business: We has a sub committee need to find out how we can get area H&I chair to show up or send a written report so we can have accountability and to help areas where they may need some help.

No open forum

Announcements: Service slam August 22nd 2015 1 West St Fall River Ma 12:00pm to 6:00pm (Flyer is on the region website NERNA.ORG)

Next meeting will be on October 10th 2015 in Cape Cod, Place to be announced shortly.

Closed the meeting @ 12:45pm with the serenity prayer.

INSURANCE-

Insurance binders handed out are as follows: St Luke's Hospital 101 Page St. New Bedford Ma, 02740

Bishop Hendricken High School 2615 Warwick RI, 02889

Dunbar Community Center 33 Oak St Springfield Ma, 01151

United Methodist Church 77 Hall St. Leominster Ma, 01453

Faith United Methodist Church 191 Montcalm St. Chicopee Ma, 01020-3138

As of 7/21/2015 the insurance bill due was \$1039.25 A check was made to pay the bill due on 8/09/2015

The binders handed out were for meeting facilities. There is a insurance that groups can get for a special event that might happen. You can sent your request for insurance at the web site. insurance@newenglandna.org

Next region meeting I will be asking for a list of areas that paid there portion of the bill and who has not.

In Loving Service John F

LITERATURE-

Good afternoon New England region,

The literature committee is currently working on the last set of drafts for the TBP. Traditions 11 and 12 and the conclusion were released June 30. R&I for traditions 7-10 will be closing August 31st. 11, 12 & the conclusion will be closed September 30.

The literature committee at this point is focusing on reviewing the current drafts individually and work shopping them together to submit our review to NAWS.

We are continuing to encourage any member interested in participating in the TBP to find the drafts at na.org/traditions where they could print the current drafts and submit their input directly to World.

If you have any questions about the TBP or how to get involved feel free to call Kevin H at 508.523.1456 or Laura G at 508.717.2827.

ILS,
Kevin H

POLICY- No report

PR/PHONELINE-

Chair's Report:

NERSC Public Relations Subcommittee Chairperson Report – August 9, 2015

Good morning NERSC! Yesterday, here in Worcester, the public relations sub committee met. Thank you Central Massachusetts area for hosting. We had over 20 members in attendance and are grateful for such a powerful turn out. Thank you to Sarah O. & Tomi U. for leading the meeting until I was able to arrive from work. After our traditional opening with a MOS, serenity prayer, and introductions, we reviewed the "Planning Basics" tool. Which you can find here:

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/handbooks/Planning_Basics.pdf

The group covered the Planning Basics First Meeting Step: Scanning. We read the "NA Vision for World Service" statement as a reminder for the scanning process. The NA Vision is the last section of the PR Handbook which can be found here:

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/Public_Relations_Handbook.pdf

Part of the planning process is scanning the environment, and to do so we handed out service inventories surveys (with regards to NERSC PR) to everyone at the meeting and are tallying the results.

Reports were read:

- Chair-none
- Professional Contact – none
- Phone Line Coordinator
 - Greater Providence urgent call back volunteer has stepped down leaving the box open. The phone line needs a volunteer from RI to pick this box up. GPA had 1 call: an addict looking for treatment
 - South Shore had 3 calls:
 - Central Mass had 7 calls: 4 for meeting info; 3 for treatment info
 - Boston had 13 calls: 3 looking for meetings 2 for treatment 8 from a patient at Shattuck Hospital complaining about the recovery of other patients I instructed the urgent callback to contact the facility to request they speak to the patient
 - Non urgent call back: 18 calls- 10 were from out of state addicts coming to Mass and RI looking for meetings; 4 were addicts wanting to talk and 4 were addicts looking for treatment - referred them to the Mass helpline for substance abuse
- Treasurers report: Chris read this report.
 - [Chair: Diamond Voice reports 891 total calls received in July 2015]

- RMD's
 - Chris gave the RMD report. – 5 RMDs sent in 2 months- 26 calls YTD total
- Training Coordinator – Sarah O.
 - There has been tremendous interest in the New England Region's PR training program since it was mentioned in the last Narcotics Anonymous World Services Public Relations Webinar most recently from the Manhattan region.
 - We are registered for the New England Drug Court Conference on September 24th and 25th in Marlborough, MA. We are looking for Addicts to participate in this wonderful event.
 - We have a second training planned for Central Mass on Saturday, August 15th at 6pm in Fitchburg. This will focus on the public speaking aspect and at least 8 addicts will be attending.
 - We continue to look for input from the committee for direction of the training program as well as preparing a new training coordinator
- Events Coordinator - Vacant

Area Reports:

- No Reports were received from Boston, Cape Cod, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, SEMA, and Western Mass Areas
- Central Ma
 - Committee is up and running. Literature is being sent to facilities, a wellness center requested a PR presentation, an information table was requested at a Spanish community center.
 - Flyer hanging days are happening every other Thursday in various CMA cities, and a contest for Best NA flyer was had.
 - A letter mailing campaign to the court house and to each probation officer happened. The next campaign is to the hospital & doctor's offices.
- Free Spirit
 - Steven was recently elected to the position. The position had been vacant for a while. He is developing the policy & organizing other documents.
- Metro West
 - Committee is up and running and we had our first flyer hanging day in June, and it was their first engagement with public relations service. We recorded where flyers/meeting lists were left and will check back to see in which area they were best received. Next flyer hanging planned for October.
 - We have been practicing the public presentation training at the end of each meeting, developed by Sarah O. We are beginning to reach out to local organizations for a presentation and hope to be securing some in the next few months.
- Pioneer Valley

- We have a strong subcommittee last month in July was seven addicts present. We have expanded our phone line – 12 step/volunteer orientation list as well. Our professional/community organization email list has grown to over 100 contacts made and responses are coming in as a result requesting information services.
- We have attended three events in July and August with a booth and the regional trifold display. It appears clear to our subcommittee that as more requests come in we need to get a booth display and supplies of our own and are beginning to price out it out.
- Our phone line received for emergency addict to addict calls this month however three was from the same person
- Our literature coordinator has a volunteer stocking literature and RMD's at various locations including police stations, walking recovery centers, and libraries.
- We are currently running an announcement in the “shopping guide” under the community calendar section it is delivered free to households in Palmer and surrounding towns with local meeting locations/times/regional website/phone line.
- We are responding to a request for speakers from an organization called “Learning to Cope”
- Northeast Mass Area
 - We absorbed the outreach subcommittee in July. And have filled the secretary, events coordinator, outreach chair, and PR chair positions.
 - Interestingly, as a result of the merger several groups have asked for information on training such as group service representatives, how to build a better group, how to build a better fellowship.
 - We are reaching out to methadone clinics with a goal of bringing presentations to their staff.
 - We are also reaching out to rotary as well as a local community group looking to tackle the growing opiate epidemic
 - We are putting on a forum and have interest from the Lynn probate and Essex Superior Court and are inviting all of our contacts in hopes of strengthening the community
- South Shore
 - We are up and running with 5-10 members attending the subcommittee regularly. At each meeting we are seeing requests for 3-5 packets of information consisting of IPs/Meeting Lists/ “Drug Problem?” business cards.
 - 15 Display racks in the South Shore Area are maintained by the subcommittee and we use a “commitment sheet” to track these units. Groups and facilities with racks can always also come to the committee meeting for restocking.
 - The SSA Website contact for NAWS and the subcommittee chair are also tracking the regional & NAWS meeting listings as there had been a concern about inaccuracies about meetings in our area.

- We are considering running a PR flyer “PSA” in the Easton Save local direct mail book

Old Business:

- Planning Basics – We started using the planning basics tool
- We discussed sending a PR representative to the Western Service Learning Days: Las Vegas Oct 24-26 – It was suggested someone new go and the estimated cost is appx \$1000. (as well as other options: MERL, Multi Regional Learning Event with 2 World Board members; MARLYCNA, Feb, huge because of the CAR Report) - The RD and RDA are already going to this event. We decided we should complete planning basics before we send anyone out. We discussed asking the RD or RDA to attend the PR workshop and bring the information back to our group.
- Feedback on Tradition 11 announcement at groups was read and discussed:

This can be attached separately with the minutes. Some areas had never seen this statement and were confused as to its distribution. The statement can be distributed to groups, areas, subcommittees, and individuals. In some areas this is included in the Area’s minutes and GSRs are suggested to read it during NA related announcements:

June 2015

We are distributing a statement, which is available to all NA groups as a reminder of the traditions regarding the press. Due to the opiate epidemic, the State of Massachusetts has declared a public health emergency. We have already handled multiple requests from Area’s and individuals who have had contact from the media. The statement is as follows:

Due to the growing epidemic of opiate addiction and overdose deaths, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared a public health emergency. We have since noticed an increase of requests by the press for interviews. Our Eleventh Tradition says, “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.” The primary purpose of our public relations effort is to tell the story of Narcotics Anonymous and what our program offers so that we may better reach the still-suffering addict. We do not give our last names nor allow our image to appear in the media as a member of Narcotics Anonymous. If members of the press approach you, please direct them to the New England Regional Public Relations Subcommittee, which can be found at www.nerna.org.

The New England Regional Public Relations Subcommittee

- Inventory Update - A form was passed around

New Business: Shorten reports (last Region 8 pgs.) - Andrew suggested a form be created for area report. Tomi agreed to make the form.

- Upcoming Events-
 - Cape Cod Symposium: Hyannis, MA Sept. 10 (Thur eve)-Sept. 13
 - Cara will organize and send to Bob R.
 - SEMA Convention-PR workshop?
 - South Shore Anniversary of Area-Dec. 3 (Andrew?)
 - Sarah O. requested that PR do an event or host a booth
 - Drug Court Conference, Marlboro MA. Sept 24-25
 - Sarah O. asked Central MA to coordinate volunteers
- Rob made a comment that we should be aware of clustering around booths to permit attendees access to our displays and information.

Money Motions

- James suggested we have money motions meeting separate from the regional PR for areas to make requests and just bring final tallies to the meeting.
- Literature Order: \$405.35
- 1500 RMDs: (Tomi's guess is \$150.5)

Elections:

- Vice Chair – Still Vacant
- Professional Contact - Rob volunteered for the position. Rob was elected.
- Events Coordinator– Still Vacant

Open Forum: - Sarah brought up lack of area representation at the regional meeting and how to get areas to start PR subcommittee and how to get PR chairs to attend. I discussed having RCMs find a way to bring up the importance of PR at the area level and getting subcommittees started. Also I will be available to meet with RCM and even in travel to struggling areas to get things moving.

- Sarah suggested areas and groups think about the planning basics and come back to the next region with ideas of what region can do for their area.

- Andrew still carries the website area information and since the crash wants to make sure each RCM reviews their area's information and make sure it is correct and up to date. Andrew discussed reviving the Regional Webpage contact for NAWS position.

- Moka inquired why is it our policy to not send a rep to the Western Service Learning Day. I explained that it is customary to send the RD and RDA.

We closed a little before 4pm with the 3rd step prayer.

In Loving Service, James P.

RMD INVENTORY

<u>Beginning Inventory</u>	<u>8,000</u>	
<u>Plus August 2015 Printing</u>	<u>8,000</u>	
<u>Total available for sales</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>Assets</u>
<u>Sold to areas, groups & individuals</u>	<u>-7,550</u>	<u>\$755.00</u>
<u>Sold to Regional Committees</u>	<u>-300</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
<u>Sold to outside vendors</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$-</u>
<u>Total Sales this period</u>	<u>-7,850</u>	<u>\$785.00</u>
<u>Remaining Inventory</u>	<u>8,150</u>	
<u>February Inventory remaining</u>	<u>-650</u>	
<u>June Inventory for Sale Today</u>	<u>7,500</u>	
<u>Plus sales tax collected</u>		<u>\$39.82</u>
<u>Plus Shipping & Handling</u>		<u>\$0.32</u>
<u>Assets Total (Deposit)</u>		<u>\$825.14</u>
<u>Seed Money for Printing</u>		<u>\$680.00</u>
<u>Total Assets - Deposit</u>		<u>\$1,505.14</u>
		<u>Expenses</u>
<u>Printing 8000 RMDs (August)</u>		<u>\$680.00</u>
<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>\$39.82</u>	

Postage	\$-	
Supplies	\$-	
Less Total Expenses	\$719.82	\$(719.82)
Gross Profit or (Loss)	\$785.32	
Less Seed Money	\$(680.00)	
Net Profit or (Loss) this period		\$105.32

150 RMDs were unsold from the June printing. The committee can decide whether to discard them or donate to whomever.

We have the August printing available for sales today.

To make updates, remove a meeting or add a meeting to the directory: Go to the website (NERNA.org) and register.

Check all meeting info on the website by clicking on the meeting day, then make your changes.

Changes should appear within a few days and will appear in the next printing of the RMD.

I will be asking for the customary expense of \$680 for the next printing of 8000 directories.

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

Meeting Update Coordinator Website Chair info@nerna.org

Printing Coordinator David L 617-484-8198 (dalgraphics@rcn.net)

Sales/Treasurer Christopher M 617-620-2887 (leadhead84@aol.com)

Outside sales to professional Dianne M 1-866-624-3578 (Literature menu)

Phone Line:

TRESURERS REPORT

Beginning Balance \$1,954.65

Assets-Payments Received From Areas

Expenses

Area	Payment Date	Check #	Amount	Paid To/Date	Check #
Boston(NERSC)	6/14/2015	1042	\$70.00	Santander Bank Fee	
	6/1/2015	SVC	\$15.00		
Cape Cod	6/10/2015	1810	\$32.23	Diamond Voice	7/9/2015
		2281	\$234.36		
Central Mass	4/6/2015	3995	\$75.00	Fair Point	7/9/2015 2282
			\$9.50		
Central Mass	5/4/2015	4007	\$75.00	Century Link	7/9/2015 2284
			\$30.31		

Central Mass	6/1/2015	4017	\$75.00	Verizon	7/9/2015	2283
\$168.67						
Free Spirit	6/28/2015	1884	\$35.44	Dianne M 40 Stamps	7/9/2015	
2285	\$19.60					
Martha's Vineyard	6/16/2015	1420	\$13.64	July 2015 Bill to Areas		
\$477.44						
Metro West	6/24/2015	5069	\$68.62			
Nantucket	6/3/2015	1078	\$25.48			
South Shore	2/1/2015	3948	\$50.00			
South Shore	4/15/2015	109	\$50.00			
South Shore	6/7/2015	122	\$50.00			
South Shore	6/10/2015	1336	\$30.57			
Deposit Total	7/10/2015		\$650.98			

Area	Payment Date	Check #	Amount	Paid To	Date	Check #
South Shore	7/12/2015	438	\$150.00	Santander Bank Fee	7/1/2015	
SVC	\$15.00					
Pioneer Valley	7/13/2015	1875	\$8.26	Diamond Voice	8/6/2015	2286
\$234.36						
Pioneer Valley	6/13/2015	1877	\$16.00	Fair Point	8/6/2015	2287
\$9.50						
Northeast Mass	6/28/2015	1756	\$111.39	Century Link	8/6/2015	
2288	\$38.76					
Northeast Mass	7/26/2015	1762	\$86.77	Verizon	8/6/2015	
2289	\$169.35					

Southeast Mass	7/19/2015	1615	\$107.17	Dianne M 40 stamps
8/6/2015	2290	\$19.60		
Greater Providence	7/26/2015	2567	\$93.02	August 2015 Bill to Areas
	\$486.57			
Martha's Vineyard	7/27/2015	1421	\$6.15	Total Expenses
\$964.01				
Deposit Total		\$578.76		
Total Deposits		\$1,229.74		
Sub-Total		\$3,184.39		
Minus Total Expenses			\$(964.01)	
TOTAL		\$2,220.38		

WEBSITE- No report

RD-

RDA-RDA-

BOD/CONVENTION CORP-BOD- No report

NERCC/NERSC Ad Hoc-

We met yesterday with 8 to 10 addicts (on and off) attending including the NERSC Chair, the NERD, and toward the end, members of the convention committee and corporation. As an ad hoc committee it had become apparent that we needed a special worker and/or a legal expert to be able to move forward with the work of the committee.

We were able to bring someone who was an attorney for a long time, that now also works for an insurance company. He is also a member with prior service to and familiarity with the corporation and convention. After several hours answering questions and presenting various scenarios, it feels like we finally broke through and we're finally able to get some sense of

where or how we might move forward. If we can't necessarily make recommendations around the big questions, then at least we have now some idea of where to expect continued pitfalls, and have a better grasp on the input, education and resources that will help to improve the current status of the convention/corporation and how to better protect our members and resources (\$) in the future.

Putting aside the Ninth Tradition problem - more on that later, we heard yesterday that if we are to have a corporation, and it seems like incorporation (along with GL And D&O insurance) at least provides the best protection for the NA members involved, then we need to be sure to act -always- like a corporation. That means to file all annual reports with the state and federal government and to sign all contracts as a corporation - never as an individual, etc. Other recommendations were also made and we trust that the corporate board members took them into consideration.

We have been concerned about our RCM's being exposed to liability simply by being elected. We were relieved to hear that that potential exposure to liability is small (so long as we maintain and act like a corporation). We have all also been confused by the process of closing the RSC meeting and opening a BOD meeting and what that means for RCM's. We have discussed this a few times. We learned that it is important that we have been doing it the way we have been and relieved to hear that the BOD has been working on solutions and will already be trying out some ideas on Sunday. The last pieces of this puzzle, we feel, will likely include a written description of what this all means that could go into an RCM orientation package to be given to new RCM's (or really anyone at all that wants it). We also feel that part of the significant communication that needs to occur between the RSC and its member Areas should include a description of what is expected of an RCM and what responsibilities they have with regards to the corporation and convention activities.

What has been painfully obvious for a very long time, is that there is conflict between the convention committee and convention corporation. This has always been true regardless of the individuals involved and with the purest of intentions and motivations all around. What seems obvious now, is that this is a structural issue. When you create two separate entities and charge them with largely overlapping responsibilities, it is inevitable that at least some confusion will follow.

The Ninth Tradition problem mentioned earlier is one that will only be resolved by consensus, if at all. We do not work by precedent in NA. Just because one group has coffee and cake doesn't mean another should. Just because World Services has incorporated doesn't mean a Region or Area can or should. We need to build consensus or form a conscience at whatever level is affected. Incorporation imposes a level of organization on the fellowship beyond anything seen anywhere else. This brings up a host of questions about the pros and cons of having events or providing services. Clearly, putting on an event such as the NERC is more complex than a lot of the other things we do in NA. It is also obviously a powerful way to carry the message of recovery. The NERSC made the calculation a long time ago that it would be a valuable thing to do. Since that time we have continued to hold the event and it has grown in size and complexity for a long time. We feel it is time to ask ourselves if there is anything we can or would change. And if not, to at least bring all our Areas up to speed on what the NERCC involves today.

I will compose and circulate a final report draft, listing what we have found along with any specific policy or procedural recommendations within the subcommittee and we will review and amend it between now and the October RSC, after which we will submit our (hopefully) final report on Sunday of that RSC. We expect implementation and discussions shaping the future of NERCC to follow, slowly, over a period of time.

ILS - Bill H

AREA REPORTS

BOSTON- No report

CAPE COD- No report

CENTRAL MASS- No report

FREE SPIRIT- No report

GREATER PROVIDENCE-

Thanks to the Central Mass area for hosting our August regional weekend. The Providence area has met twice since the June Regional meeting. Our group participation at the ASC has been very low with an average of 11 out of 46 groups sending GSRs to our monthly meeting. We have discussed various methods of encouraging more participation including outreach to individual groups.

H&I- The combined subcommittee of both FSA and GPA has been working well and recently a combined policy for both areas has been adopted. The committee meets once a month where both chairs report and commitments are distributed. A learning day is being planned for those wishing to be panel leaders and ALL are encouraged to attend.

PI- Planning to have an information booth at the RI Rally for Recovery in September. Coordinating with H&I with regard to the learning day as well as providing information/literature to treatment facilities who have reached out to our area.

Convention- GPACNA VIII is planned for February 19-21, 2016 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI, pre-registration fliers are available. The chair of the convention committee was sent a letter, per area policy, to explain her absence at the next ASC as the committee has not been represented for two consecutive meetings.

Treasurer- Are area's prudent reserve is \$2,984 and we are operating above that prudent reserve.

Literature- We have recently made the PI chair the point of accountability for the meeting list as it is combined with FSA.

Insurance- A question came up regarding how our insurance bill was determined and when explained that it was based on the number of meetings identified as being served by the GPA some healthy discussion ensued regarding more active participation of groups in our area.

Our next Area Service Committee Meeting will be on August 23, 2015 at 3:30 PM at 249 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI

Jim D. – GPA Alt RCM

MARTHAS VINEYARD-

Greeting from MVANA. Summer is in full swing and the island is hopping. The addition of 100,000 people to the island for the season has had its usual positive impact on our groups and we are thriving. We have a couple PR events in the planning stage and are grateful for the

continued local media coverage of addiction-related issues on-island. We still look forward to a visit from the regional PR training coordinator. Our ASC continues to meet on the last Monday of each month and all is well, indeed.

ILS - Bill H

METRO WEST-

Hey there from the Metro West Area! The Area Service Committee met on June 28 and July 26 with about 10 GSRs at both meetings which is slightly less than in recent months. Conversation continues on the topic drug replacement therapy and is going in circles. I found that it is the RCM's responsibility to facilitate a GSR orientation so I plan to do so- this may help some of the confusion about policies and procedure of Metro West area. I have found some materials online but welcome any suggestions or tips for this orientation. <3, Tiffany L

NANTUCKET-

NEMA-

PIONEER VALLEY-

Greetings from the Pioneer Valley,

Pioneer Valley is alive and vibrant with addicts in recovery. Thank you to Central MA Area for hosting Region this weekend.

Our Area has met once since our last Regional meeting and 6 out of 12 groups were present.

Our next meeting is tomorrow night 7 pm at 191 Montcalm Street in Chicopee.

All positions in Area service have been filled and we have a lively new Adhoc Committee looking into fundraising activities for our Area. We have recently had to dip into our prudent reserve several times to keep our bills paid and only three of our groups out of 12 regularly contribute to area finances. All our Committees have brought in budgets below last year's in attempt to live within our means. All H & I commitments are filled and the addict who still suffers is being

reached out to. Our PR Committee is vibrant and active, having just shared information at several public events where NA was requested.

We look forward to our collective Higher Powers' blessing on our service.

In Loving Service,

Ada C.

SEMA- No report

SOUTH SHORE - No report

WESTERN MASS-

Our area meeting place has changed to South Congregational Church, 45 Maple Street, Springfield, MA. We have had approximately 21 groups in attendance out of 37 groups in Western MA. Our convention change of it's location at the Marriott turned to be a good attendance and a fantastic time as well as carry the message that any addict can lose the desire to use and stay clean. We will be having cookout , swimming, volleyball get together in Greenfield, MA at the Greenfield River from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on August 16th. The cost is \$5.00 , but no addict will be turned away. PI/PR is still in need of help with only a few people involved. As far as H&I the Howard Street facility is opened back up to come in and I had my first Commitment with the women this week since they re -opened. We are still in need to get the Chicopee Women's jail commitment set to come in but have a interest and waiting upon to get them cleared to go in. The new location for the Springfield noontime meeting is at the Dunbar Community Center on the second floor at 33 Oak Street, it is wheelchair accessible and plenty of parking. The meeting goes from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

I.L.S, CATHIE L., W. MASS RCM

(DURING) AREA CONCERNS-

SEMA RCM raised concern regarding poor attendance at Regional Subcommittee Meetings.

Subsequent discussion resulted in a motion to amend policy as follows under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

NON MONEY MOTION

Voting members: 11 Simple majority: 6 2/3:7

Presented by: Jay P

Motion: To amend RSC policy to state; Facilities hosting the RSC weekend should be handicapped accessible

Intent: To increase attendance at RSC meetings and be assured that 'no addict be turned away.'

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION #1

Presented by: RD/RDA Team

Seconded by:

Motion: To make a check payable in the amount of \$1441.00 from the RD/RDA team to attend the WSLD 2015 at Tuscany Suites & Casino, 255 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, NV on Oct. 2-4.

Hotel: \$266.60 Flight: \$792.40 (\$396.20 x2) Shuttle: \$40.00 (\$20.00 each)

Per diem \$300.00 (\$50.00 x 6) Registration: \$42.00 (\$21.00 x2)

Intent: to further carry the message of NA

INFAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

Check # 1108

MONEY MOTION #2

Presented by: RD/RDA Team

Seconded by:

Motion: To make a check payable in the amount of \$788.38 from the RD/RDA set aside to fund RD/RDA trip to October North Zonal Forum (NEZF) on Oct 23-25, at the Hilton Hotel 135th Ave. Jamaica NY

Hotel: \$395.36 (\$158 +\$39.68 x2) Per Diem: \$300.00 (\$50.00 x 6)

Mileage (RD only) = \$93.02 includes tolls

Make check payable to Noel Dennis

Intent: to allow the RD/RDA team to fulfill their responsibilities

IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

Check # 1111

MONEY MOTON # 3

Presented by: James P.

Seconded by:

Motion: to purchase literature in the amount of \$405.35 for upcoming events

- Cape Cod Symposium
- SEMA Convention display table
- SSA Anniversary display table
- Drug Court Professionals Conference

Intent: to carry the message with literature

IN FAVOR; 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

Check # 1109

MONEY MOTION # 4

Presented by: James P.

Seconded by:

Motion: to purchase 1500 RMD for up coming events

- Cape Cod Symposium
- SEMA Convention

- SSA Anniversary and other activities

Intent: to carry the message and reach addicts looking for meetings

IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

Check #1110

ELECTIONS

CHAIRPERSON	Bring back to groups open	
VICE-CHAIRPERSON	Rachel G.	
SECRETARY	Bernadette	
Assistant SEC.	Tiffany L.	
TREASURER	Dave A.	Passes
ASSISTANT TREAS.	Cathy L.	Passes
ACTIVITIES CHAIR	Bring back to groups open	
H&I CHAIR	Mike C.	
LITERATURE CHAIR	Kevin H.	
POLICY CHAIR	Sam G.	Passes
PR CHAIR	Bring back to groups open	
RMD	Bring back to groups open	
WEBSITE CHAIR	Bring back to groups open	
INSURANCE CHAIR	John F.	
FINANCE CHAIR	Michelle	
FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE	Cathy L.	
FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE	Bring back to groups open	
FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE	Bring back to groups open	

