

# December 2017 Regional Minutes

February Regional weekend will be hosted by Western Mass, **The Church of the Atonement, 36 Court Street, Westfield, MA**

Subcommittees meet Saturday February 17th at 12pm RSC meets Sunday February 18th at 11 am.

February Regional weekend will be hosted by Free Spirit Area (Western Mass) Will be the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

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CHAIR (**Rachel M.**)- No Report.

VICE CHAIR (**Joe H.**)- No Report

SECRETARY (**Meredith B.**)- All reports should be emailed to [meredithann16@gmail.com](mailto:meredithann16@gmail.com) or [secretary@newenglandna.org](mailto:secretary@newenglandna.org)

TREASURER/FINANCE (**Michelle M, Jay P. Assist.**) –

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES (**Moke A.**) – The committee also talked about the event that will be talking place in the Cape Cod Area on 68 main street Falmouth Mass from 1pm to midnight. The committee did talk with the South Shore Area Activities. We did locked in a date which is Feb. 17, 2018 on 900 Main Brockton Mass from 12 noontime to Midnight. The committee will be putting in money motion and change of policy. The committee did reach out to Amass and pioneer valley area with no response. So we move on to further notice. We plan on holding event in April in Metro West and Region. In Greater providence in May of 2018. We still plan on doing one with Pioneer Valley and Amass. The committee will turn in a check back that was cut for \$200 and the cost is \$150 for the December 23 event. Loving Services Moke A

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BOD (Marryanne G.) - THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL CONVENTION, INC.

Report to the NERSC      December 9, 2017

The BOD meeting opened at 10:10 a.m. with a moment of silence and the Service Prayer. Attendance was taken. There were three voting members and two other interested members in attendance. The minutes of the October 15, 2017 full corporation minutes were reviewed and approved. I, as the BOD President, reported my activities since the October RSC to the Board.

I contacted the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau for help in determining possible sites for NERC XVIII. I forwarded the NERC XVIII Request for Proposal (RFP) letter along with notification of our Zone II (Boston, Metrowest, South Shore & NEMA) locations for consideration. Their process is to enter our data into their system from which their system determines which hotels would possibly meet our space requirements. The Bureau, in turn, forwarded our RFP letter to the hotels on the list generated by their system, with a request for each hotel to respond. I received proposals from five hotels in Zone II: three in the Boston Area, one in the South Shore Area, and one in the Metrowest Area. I also received a proposal from a hotel on the Metrowest border in the Central MA Area. This will only be considered if we are unsuccessful in locating a hotel appropriate to our needs in Zone II. I was able to visit two of the hotels and meet with personnel at each to view their meeting room space and to clarify some of our needs.

The Board did a preliminary review of the six proposals. We eliminated two hotels due to high pricing and/or lack of availability of our requested dates. I will be scheduling site visits to the four remaining hotels to be conducted prior to our next BOD meeting at the February RSC weekend in the Western MA Area. BOD members, as well as the appropriate Convention Committee members, will be requested to attend these site visits.

The By-laws Ad Hoc will be moving forward with Shelly A. as chairperson. The Ad-Hoc will be in place for six months during which time the members will be reviewing the Corporation By-laws and Internal & External Guidelines, as well as the Convention Committee Guidelines. Shelly A. attended the BOD meeting, as well as the Convention Committee meeting, yesterday to get a flavor of the operations of each body. She also consulted with the NERSC Policy Chair regarding what parameters there might be for editing/updating the current policies.

With regard to the status of the D&O insurance, I will need to procure the name and contact info for our representative at the Corcoran & Havlin Insurance Group to verify that our D&O insurance is in place. Hopefully, the NERSC Insurance Chairperson can provide that information.

The BOD has removed Damon W. from the Board in accordance with the By-laws **Section 6.06 REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS (a) For cause.** (v) Found by the Board to have failed to attend or participate in any other manner as provided for herein, two (2) or more consecutive Board meetings, or three (3) Board meetings in total, in a 12 month period. This leaves a vacancy for One (1) previous member of the Convention Committee. In accordance with **Section 6.05 (c) Notification of Vacancies.** All vacancies on the Board shall be announced

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at the NERSC with elections to be held at the following NERSC meeting. In light of this, we will be looking to fill that position at the February, 2018 NERSC.

There remain two At-Large BOD positions open for nominations at this time. The BOD will be recommending Shelly A. for nomination for one position and will be opening nominations for the remaining one At-large position at the NERC, Inc. full corporation meeting today.

We will be making arrangements with Andrew L. to procure the BOD assets from the South Boston storage location for relocation to the newly secured storage at ASAP. Since I believe there may also be other NERSC property located at the South Boston facility it may be expedient for some NERSC members to facilitate movement of such other possessions at the same time. That way, the RSC would not have to be paying for two storage locations for the same time frame.

I have been successfully using [bod@newenglandna.org](mailto:bod@newenglandna.org) for all Board correspondence. I would like to have the capability to request read receipt(s) for sent mail and I understand that the administrator needs to authorize that. I would like help with that!

Our next BOD meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., Westfield MA.

In loving service,

Mary Anne G.

BOD President

### THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL CONVENTION, INC.

#### MEETING MINUTES

12/10/17

249 Main St. Pawtucket RI

#### ATTENDANCE:

15 Voting Members (BOD President; 2 BOD Directors; 12 RCMs); 5 Members absent (1 BOD Director; BOD Clerk; BOD Treasurer; 2 RCMs)

#### MEETING OPENED:

Moment of Silence followed by the Third Step Prayer. An explanation of the responsibilities of RCMs as corporation members was given.

#### ELECTIONS:

Due to the removal of Damon W. as a BOD Director for cause, there are again three open Director positions. Open Positions are 2 At-Large Directors and 1 Previous Convention Committee Member. The qualifications and responsibilities for board members were read from

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the guidelines and nominations were open. Shelly A. was recommended by the BOD and nominated as an At-Large member. Shelly qualified and was elected by a vote of 14-0-1. There were no nominations for the two remaining positions. Members were requested to seek out interested and qualified members to fill these positions.

### **MEETING CLOSED:**

1:55pm with a reminder that the next full corporation meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 11, 2018** at the Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., Westfield MA after the BOD Report to the NERSC.

Closed with the Third Step Prayer.

CONVENTION (**Debbie L.**) – NERC XVIII                      Chairperson Report to the RSC12/10/17

Good Afternoon,

We met yesterday with 14 members in attendance. We elected an assistant Treasurer, Merchandise and Registration Chairpersons. We now have a full committee.

The BOD met just before our meeting and we reviewed some RFP's and will be scheduling site visits to 3 of those Hotels.

We are looking for additional submissions for Logos and or Themes for NERC XVIII as we are scheduled to choose one in February at the RSC. Please e-mail any submissions to [nerc\\_chair@nercna.org](mailto:nerc_chair@nercna.org)

We have a fundraiser scheduled for January 20 At Trade Center Bowl at 89 Spring Bars Road in Falmouth, MA 02540 from 8 PM to midnight. Tickets are \$10 which includes unlimited Bowling and Pool Tables.  
A flyer is attached to my report.

In Loving Service  
Debbie L

### **FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Jaime V.) – New England Regional Fellowship Development Workgroup of Narcotics Anonymous December 2017**

Greetings members, and thank you to the Greater Providence Area for hosting us this weekend.

We met yesterday on December 9<sup>th</sup>, with attendance averaging 9 interested members. Our agenda was fairly light, as we are shifting into the Conference Agenda season and, as such,

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transitioning into more of a support role; working to assist our Delegate Team in their efforts to bring us all into our World Service Conference participation process.

While we will be a little less “in the spotlight” so-to-speak, in the coming months, this does not mean that we will be any less proactive in our efforts to be of service, and to fulfill our responsibilities to our member Areas.

In October, the Regional body gave us their confidence to develop an agenda for our first ever Regional Planning Assembly, and this is an endeavor that we are enthusiastically engaged in. As a larger body, we have talked about the importance of planning for years. What we’re trying to do is to create a shift in culture towards a more plan-driven body that regularly asks itself – “How can we better carry the message?” Scheduling our service cycle to begin in August puts us in a good position to be prepared to participate in any projects approved by the WSC. We have already done this part, by having our elections in June and by adopting our Regional Rotation Plan some years ago. (Attached to this report, btw, will be a graphic which illustrates that schedule and which we hope to upload to our website soon.)

Our projected timeline for this project is as follows:

- February 2018: We will provide a survey soliciting input from our Areas/Trusted Servants.
- April 2018: We will offer a progress report and revisit parts of the survey if need be.
- June 2018: We will collate the input and complete the agenda for the Assembly.
- August 2018: We will have our first ever New England Regional Planning Assembly!
- October 2018: We begin implementing ideas derived from that Assembly and Fellowship Development will resume its role of providing workshops on relevant IDTs and such.

We want to encourage members to reach out to us with any ideas that they may have as we move through this process. As it is essentially a road that we are paving as we are driving on it, and all perspectives are welcomed and appreciated.

On a much more personal note, I want to apologize to this body for not having a comprehensive report from Western States Learning Day. Shortly after returning from California my family became the center of my world as we experienced the loss of my older sister due to her active addiction. As self-care must be paramount at this time, all else in my life has fallen by the wayside to some degree. So, regarding WSLD, I will say that it was juice well worth the squeeze, and I look forward to bringing much of what I learned there home to you all. I’ll construct a separate report specific to that in time for our February RSC meeting, and thank you for your patience at this time.

thNAk you for allowing me to be of service, Jaime V. NERFD Chair

H&I (Billy V.) –

INSURANCE (John F.) –

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Report for Insurance December 2017

Good afternoon, Thank you for The Greater Providence Area for hosting this weekend!!! We had a total of one request for an insurance certificate for a meeting in Providence Monday nights from 7pm to 8:15pm 300 Weybosset St Providence, RI 02903. I am also submitting the info on how to receive an insurance certificate for a meeting or event.

In loving service

John F

LITERATURE (**Vacant**) – No Report

POLICY (**Duncan M.**) -

PR / PHONELINE (**Bridget V.**) -NERNA PR Report 12/10/17

Good afternoon and thank you Greater Providence Area for hosting. Public relations met Saturday November 9th with 6 addicts in attendance and 5 areas represented.

All phone line volunteer positions are currently filled. So far no further progress has been made to transfer to the new phone line system. The next phone line update is scheduled for this month. We received 213 calls in the month of October and 232 in November. There were notes about a “harassing caller” on 11/25/2017. Other than that all is well.

RMD chair was not present yesterday but all finances were taken care of and a motion to print was handed in. RMDs are available for sale again today.

At length, the website was discussed. It was noted how there is a current version of the website and a new version that the Region had made an AdHoc to explore back in April with the help of Patrick from the Vineyard. Changing the system has a lot to do with implementing a software called BMLT which helps to generate and keep up to date the meeting list. This tool would also communicate meeting updates on the world level as well which is a task that is currently left in the hands of an individual. We also discussed each Areas responsibility to make their own updates on the website to ensure the utmost accuracy of RMDs. The website is likely to move in the direction of implementing BMLT in the near future. In addition to the discussion of the new and the old versions of the website, a member was delegated the task to proofread the website.

Area Reports

Boston, Cape Cod, Greater Providence, Metro-West and South Shore Area all submitted reports. Each area seems to be doing very well. We participate at a number of events each month including drop-in events, flyer hanging days, Learn to Cope presentations, task-forces, and miscellaneous recovery events. Four of the 5 areas represented also have literature rack programs.

We discussed our participation at the New England Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference. What was noted was a large registration fee which we are putting in a motion today to pay as well as our location in the event. There was a main room of vendors and an annex in which we and another 12-step fellowship were placed. We discussed speaking up for next year and requesting a better location given such a large registration fee. The conference went well and

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we did receive an e-mail request from a woman at Tewksbury Hospital to participate in a Substance Abuse Lecture Series as a direct result of communicating during the event. A time and a date has been set for this presentation.

The Massachusetts substance use helpline asked if we'd like our information in their helpline.

We agreed that this would be good and provide visibility for the fellowship.

Our policy/planning basics AdHoc was tabled until next meeting in which we are hoping to finalize our policy.

Open positions are Vice-Chair, Events Coordinator, and Media Outreach.

ILS

Bridget V

RD (Noel D.) –

RDA (James P.) - Regional Delegate Alternate Report      December 10, 2017 to NERSC

Greetings New England Region! Thank you Great Providence Area for hosting us! I'm sorry that I cannot join you in person; I look forward to seeing some of you at the MRLE next weekend in Manchester, NH.

### October 27-29 Western Service Learning Days XXXI

Jaime V. and I attended the WSLD in Seaside, CA over the last weekend in October. It was an amazing event and I hope to be able to share the information I took away from it effectively. I will attach my raw notes at the end of this report. The workshops I attended were:

- Professionals Panel #1 Corrections
  - 2 prison wardens in this workshop; 3x dialed into a facilities; spoke to incarcerated members
  - Rehabilitation Achievement Credit programs – voluntary tracking recovery activities for “Good Time” – OVERARCHING MESSAGE – The prisons need volunteers to come in
- Professional Panel 2 Hospitals - Mental Health
  - Psychiatrist presentation “Recovering Addicts, Mental Illness, Understanding, & Empathy”
  - Psychologist presentation “Putting the "H" back into H&I”
    - Neuroscience of Addiction
    - Evidence Based treatment – MI; Contingency management; CBT: Trauma Informed treatment; couples and counseling, 12 step facilitation therapy
    - Interface of MAT (DRT) and NA – how to reduce stigma
- Guiding Principles Workshop 1- Traditions 1-6 \*Notes and PowerPoint attached
  - Large group discussion -principles of tradition 5; small groups answered ‘workshop’ questions
- Regional Delegate Roundtable
  - Discussion of Tech Work Group; notion of zonal seating at WSC; motion for planning conference; 3 year cycle;
- Overview of our Service Structure II – Regions, Zones, WSC
  - Robust discussion focusing on Zones
- Guiding Principles Workshop 1- Traditions 7-12 (I co-led this workshop)

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- Large group discussion -principles of traditions 7-12; small groups answered selected ‘workshop’ questions
- 4th Concept In Action – Leadership In Service
  - Seminar format - Distinguishing NA leadership; what is good and bad leadership, what qualities do we need to consider when selecting leaders
- “What if my Area Doesn’t Have...”?
  - Outreach subcommittee; Youth Committee; Special Interest/Regardless of committee, Group Services (GSR committee)
- NAWS Update October
  - Vision for NA service, WSC by the Numbers, Issue Discussion Topics 2016-2018, Collaborative Strategic Planning Process – Project Plans
    - Recovery Literature – Daily mediation book project; Mental Health IP
    - Service Tools - Conventions & events best practices, local service toolbox
- Who’s missing from our meetings?
  - Large group brainstorming an small group discussion:
    - Addicts who Relapse;
    - Addicts who Differ; Race, Language, Culture, Age, Gender, Disability;
    - Addicts who are court-ordered;
    - Addicts on Drug Replacement
    - Experienced members

In Loving Service, James P

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RMD (Christopher M.) – See Attached Report

WEBSITE (Jeremy F) – [Website Chair Report, Dec 2017](#)

## Getting Started

I have spent the last two months getting started. Even though I have computer experience going back to 1982, there is still a lot for me to learn. It is my intent to attend Region every time on both Saturday and Sunday.

## Committee Members

Jeremy F, website chair (elected Oct 2017). Mike P, technical specialist. Dianne M (worker). There are others in the user accounts on the website, including past website chairs, but they are not actively involved.

Dianne performs the following functions:

- Validates meeting changes
- Validates event information
- Validates user account requests
- Exports meeting information to the RMD
- Exports meeting information to the phone line

## Two Website Versions



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Because of perceived problems with the current website, Region was considering adopting an alternative website. Indeed, Patrick J who lived on the Vineyard before he moved down South in October, did some work in one. The current website is written in Drupal. The one Patrick worked on is in WordPress. The WordPress site would mean using the Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT) for meeting information. The BMLT was created as a labor of love by NA members with advanced programming skills.

The current website has many features. I created an Excel spreadsheet containing information about the features of the current website with those of the proposed website. I have not included it in this report but it is available for anyone who wants to see it. Here are a few brief notes. Any NA member can have an account on the current website that will allow them to edit meeting information and event information. Dianne validates the information before it goes live, as she does for new user accounts. The current website has 8 roles for users, from Administrator to Anonymous User. Each role has scores of permissions that may be assigned to that role, permitting us to fine tune what every role can do. WordPress has five levels of user and may have ways to fine tune the permissions each level can have, to find out about it I would have to do some research. In addition, the current website can feed meeting information to the Regional Meeting Directory (RMD). I have many questions about how we would implement a new website to have the same functionality as the current website. Mike and I have talked over the technical details involved, and we felt that changing is not the best move to make at present, although we might consider it down the road. Dianne is ok with going either way. Therefore we agreed on the recommendation to go forward with what we have for now.

### New Information

The preceding paragraph was based on what I took away from the October Region and that is the report I gave at the PR committee on Saturday. My understanding was that Region had authorized the creation of an alternative website and it had gone back to Areas (and maybe to Groups?). My best memory of the October Region is that only two RCMs had actually discussed it at Area and no other RCM had brought back a conscience. During the PR committee meeting, we were joined by two people from Fellowship Development and Patrick J, who has traveled up here from South Carolina. Patrick did a demo of how BMLT information can feed into the phone line. He says that the WordPress site has about 70% of content done. Much of the meeting data has yet to be done. During the PR meeting, I came away with the impression that a Regional conscience had been formed to move to the new site. I had not realized that nor had I realized how much work Patrick has done. At the October Region, I had concluded that it was difficult for the RCMs to come to an informed decision because which to choose depends on the functionality of the website and that depends on what the technology is capable of. I phoned Mike on Saturday evening and Sunday morning and discussed the technical pros and cons. For example, right now users can have one log in to change meeting information and event and area information. With the new site, the users would need two logins, one for BMLT and one for everything else. Or else the website committee would have to edit event and area information, creating more work for the committee. Overall, I believe the new website would have less functionality than the current site, and require more work to maintain.

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During the RSC meeting on Sunday, I explained that I would depart from my written report and just say aloud what I was thinking. I said what I would like to do in the next two months is to work with Mike and Patrick to work out these technical details, then let Region decide which way to go. As the meeting proceeded, other people, including Patrick, gave counter reasons as to why we should go with the new site. It became obvious that this was the conscience of Region, so I committed to work with Patrick and Mike over the next two months and come back with a tangible result at the February RSC.

### Summary

I have made a beginning as web chair and am glad to get a clear direction from Region. One of my projects is writing how to documentation on the website so anyone could take it over.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy F, NE Regional Web Chair

### AREA REPORTS

BOSTON – BASC - RCM Report December 10th, 2017 to NERSC

Greetings New England Region! Thank you, Greater Providence Area for hosting us! The BASC met twice since the last RSC meeting with an average of 16 GSR/Alternates present. I am Sammy S the RCM for Boston Area accompanied by Mikey C. the Alt. RCM for BASC. The BASC has currently two open positions: Activities chair and Finance chair

Our newly formed Fellowship Development/Outreach has met twice since last regional meeting and is meeting every third Saturday of the month at 340 Dorchester St in South Boston at 5:00pm. Rather than meeting this month, we are encouraging everyone to attend the Multiregional Learning Event.

Public Relations will have an information table at BACNA in January. currently working on gathering a list of contacts for institutions in the Boston Area to target in a future PR mailing campaign. Three upcoming presentations which include a class at UMASS Boston, Simmons College and a class at Wheelock College.

The Boston Area Convention will be held at The Boston Park Plaza Hotel on January 12-14, 2018 – rooms at \$119 based on availability. The theme is T.I.M.E. – Things I Must Earn  
The H&I subcommittee has 27 active commitments and 9 vacancies. Reaching out to Suffolk county to mend relationship for woman's and men's commitment at south bay. We urgently need female & male panel leaders.

The next meeting of BASC will start at 11:30 on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 In Loving Service, Sammy S. 339-225-5931 [silvermansammy@gmail.com](mailto:silvermansammy@gmail.com)

CAPE COD –

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### CENTRAL MASS –

#### FREE SPIRIT – FSA report Dec 2017

A few more groups have left the area and have joined neighboring areas. We have closed the local phone lines and are now using the regional line only. Finances are currently stable we have approximately \$1200 in the account and all bills are paid. A member group made a motion to merge with GPA.

Carrie

### GREATER PROVIDENCE – **GPA RCM Report 12/10/17**

Welcome to the Greater Providence Area! It is our pleasure once again to have the honor of hosting the December regional weekend. Special thanks to our area chair, vice chair as well as our convention committee vice chair for all of their efforts in organizing and preparing this weekend's cuisine.

I am very pleased to have Victoria M. here with me today as the newly elected RCM Alternate for Greater Providence.

The Greater Providence Area has met twice since our last regional meeting with approximately 15 GSRs present. Open subcommittee positions are Finance and Policy as well as alternate treasurer.

The H&I Subcommittee now holds its meeting on the fourth Sunday of the month at 2PM before the GPA meeting as the Free Spirit Area has disbanded their subcommittees. The new panel leader system is working well and most commitments are being covered by the groups.

The early registration for the Providence Convention has ended and registration is now at \$20. The committee meets every third Sunday of the month at 4:00 at 249 Main Street-Pawtucket; RI. The committee is still in need of a secretary and alternate secretary.

The Providence Area is operating above prudent reserve.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 3:30 PM right here, at 249 Main Street Pawtucket, RI

In grateful service,  
Jim D. and Victoria M. – GPA RCM team

### GREATER WORCESTER –

#### MARTHA'S VINEYARD – Martha's Vineyard Area Report

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Thank you greater providence for hosting, our area has met twice since last RSC. It's hunting and scallop season on the vineyard, no deer or scallop is safe. all meeting attendance is good. We are working on having an H & I Learning Day soon. and plan on donating money to region at some point soon.

In Loving Service,  
Patrick J

### METRO WEST – Metro West Area RCM Report 12/10/17

Hello everyone! Thank you to the Greater Providence Area for hosting the RSC this weekend. The MWASC has met twice since the last RSC. We last met Tuesday night November 28th. We had 10 GSR's present. We have recently filled our secretary position a couple months ago but we are still in need of an Asst. Secretary and an Asst. Treasurer. Next month the MWASC will be meeting a week earlier than normal. Usually we meet on the last Tuesday night of the month, H&I at 6pm and ASC at 730pm. Because of the holidays we will be meeting on December 19th. H&I Subcommittee currently has two open commitments at women's facilities that they are trying to fill. H&I is in the process of changing the way they order their literature from NAWS so that they may receive it in a more timely fashion.

PR Subcommittee continues to meet once a month on the first Saturday of the month in Cambridge. Metro West PR and Boston Area PR continue to work together. They have now met 5 times together and they are doing well. PR continues it's literature rack program. They currently have 8 literature racks out and 8 more that they are still trying to find homes for. PR has been consistently giving presentations in the area, and they have more scheduled for the upcoming future.

Outreach Subcommittee has been struggling with regular participation and low attendance. We are still going to move forward regardless of attendance and participation but it has been slow going. At our last ASC a new signup sheet was sent around in hopes to have an updated contact list of members interested in getting involved. We have asked GSR's and other members of the ASC to make an announcement at meetings about outreach looking for members to get involved. Our goal at outreach is to increase attendance at Area and bring unity to our area. This will be a lot easier to work towards with more members involved.

We currently do not have an Activities Chair is Subcommittee. I am happy to introduce my new alternate RCM. Her name is Jeanne G.

In loving Service, Brandon W. (MWA RCM) 508-728-8314

### NANTUCKET –

NEMA – Aloha, NEMA has met twice since the last RSC averaging a monthly attendance of 18-21 GSR's. That attendance accounts for roughly 30.5% of the groups in NEMA. No major discussions or motions just an excessive lack of addict support at the ASC and all

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subcommittee's. Meetings seemingly appear to be running fine for those who are represented. NEMA will likely be printing 1000 Service IP's that NEMA Outreach adopted from Seattle, WA area. These will be free to all groups when the group gets local meeting lists and the ASC will fund this. Moving forward the RCM team will be working with Outreach to put on C.A.R. workshops for our area, any input on best practices would be appreciated. Joe H. (RCM) and his faithful sidekick Kris R. (Alt. RCM)

### H&I

Between October and November 3 new panel leaders were made, and 1 new co-panel leader. NEMA currently has 89 commitments with an average of 9 open commitments, 8 Open/Covered commitments, 10 coordinator positions open, 27 open/covered coordinator positions, subcommittee meeting attendance averages between 24%-36% each month. H&I also held a learning day with the Activities committee in October.

### PR

PR held 2 flyer hanging days 1 in Lowell (November) and 1 in Lynn (December) both events had a guest speaker and brief training. PR has been making a PSA to be aired on Revere Public access, as of September the audio has been recorded and in November they were hoping to find a studio to finish the video and editing of the PSA. PR decided to drop the website for NEMA due to a lack of addict support however, they will be creating a NEMA Facebook page managed by NEMA PR. I was unable to see their average member attendance but in September they reported having 4 members present.

### Outreach

Upon Outreach's group visits throughout the area multiple meetings in Lowell requested a group presentation. The committee decided it was best to give a single workshop in Lowell (December) on Atmosphere of Recovery in Service. There were 15 members in attendance at the workshop. Outreach put forth a motion to the ASC to have the ASC print the "Reaching Out" Service IP the committee adopted from Seattle, WA. These will be free to all groups when the group gets local meeting lists. Outreach continues to visit groups whom have not been present at the ASC in 3 or more months to offer any resources we have. Currently they average 6 members in attendance at the committee meetings.

### Activities

Activities held an H&I learning day with the H&I committee in October. Between the September speaker jam and the H&I learning day in October the committee raised \$520.00 which they forwarded back to NEMA. Activities will be hosting another speaker jam in February too. The committee will also be holding a holiday event in December, in East Boston with the East Boston groups. Activities has an average of 5 members for their subcommittee.

### Convention

Currently the committee has 3 open positions, Hotels and Hospitalities, Secretary, and Merchandising Chair. All 3 positions are currently being done by committee members and the convention committee is on track for their march convention. The convention committee held a softball event in October to raise funds, NEMA had minimal attendance at the event. The convention committee will be attending the Activities committee's holiday event in East Boston

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in December to set up a registration table. The committee voiced its frustrations with a lack of addict support at NEMA events and committees.

### Literature

No report has been attached to the minutes recently. This is another committee with minimal addict support and still continues to provide literature at cost to all NEMA groups at the ASC.

### PIONEER VALLEY –

### SEMA –

### SOUTH SHORE - South Shore Area Regional Report for December 2017

Hi everyone! I am an addict and my name is Becky, and I am the RCM for South Shore Area. The SSA currently has 38 meetings, which is less 5 meetings since our last regional meeting. These meetings folded primarily due to a lack of trusted servant and overall addict support and issues with securing a facility. A lot of our meetings are in need of trusted servant support as well as addict attendance and have not had representation over at our ASC. In November we had 10 GSRs or votes of confidence present in November and 13 in December. There has also steadily been a lack of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations and at the rate it is going over the next few months we potentially will not be able to carry on with area business and our commitment to our community. We had our yearly elections and due to the length of the meeting continued discussion on these topics were tabled until next month. I have a check for region in the amount of \$9.00. We currently have 2 open Area positions; Assistant Treasurer and Outreach Subcommittee Chairperson, with 4 of our 5 subcommittees active and could always use more support.

**H&I-** Had a boom in attendance this month with 24 attendees. We were able to fill 8 of our 9 open commitments. We currently have 23 in total in 9 different facilities. H&I took part in a service slam yesterday at the SSA's 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

**PR-** Has an average of 4 members in attendance at their committee meeting and has an average of 10 monthly commitments in the community. We are still looking for Local PR contacts for each town to aid in our endeavors and the many requests for NA to attend these and other community events. Our literature rack initiative is continuously growing and we now have 44 racks across the South Shore. We are preparing to do our first mail out across the south shore with a target mailing date of Friday 12/29. It will contain our own SSA NA introduction letter, services request form, SSA mtg list, and Information About NA Meetings IP. The importance and need of working with H & I to assist with outreach to facilities w existing commitments when issues arise, as well as ongoing educational efforts was discussed and a member volunteered to be a liaison for this.

**Activities-** Has been discussing how to better support our homegroups through activities and promote unity throughout the area and asking groups to let them know how they can help. They put on the SSA's 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary/Service Slam yesterday in Brockton.

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**Upcoming Area and Group Events-** South Shore Area Holiday Marathon, 900 Main Street Brockton, MA starting at 6pm Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 and ending at 6pm December 25<sup>th</sup> 2017. Area homegroups will be chairing and sharing every hour on the hour and there will be food and fellowshiping for 24 hours! The group “Twelve” that meets Fridays at 33 Newport Ave in Quincy will be workshopping the Conference Agenda Report weekly prior to the regularly scheduled meeting starting January 10<sup>th</sup> at 630pm, which is an hour prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, which is a step, tradition, concept study meeting. All are welcomed to come and learn and get a better understanding about this year’s Conference Agenda Report! The South Shore Area will also be workshopping the CAR with a date that is TBD.

**Outreach-** Committee is vacant

**Website Contact Person-** New member was voted in.

**Open Forum:** Consisted of discussion pertaining to our extremely low (\$80) ending balance and the trend that has led to it. It was mentioned that in the past when our area’s ending balance was below the allotted (\$970) amount, our activities committee would be directed to hold a fundraising event to raise funds to bring the ending balance back to our policy level. Due to elections and time constraints we decided to discuss this more next month.

**MENTION:** I wanted to mention that when including event flyers of events across the region it was brought to my attention that 2 flyers; Pioneer Valley’s Narc-a-thon and the early registration flyer for NEMA’s convention did not have a trademarked NA logo so I wanted to mention this to their area RCMs.

**BRINGING BACK TO REGION:** I did receive a little feedback about the Regional Activities Policy and our new policy chair who has experience with policy as well as being on an activities committee offered to help and gather some materials. More clarity of purpose and what the activities committee will be doing was wanted. I did ask for feedback from SSA groups as to what they wanted from our regional activities committee and I hope to come back to our next meeting with a more descriptive answer.

Grateful for the Opportunity to Serve,  
Becky C. SSA RCM

### WESTERN MASS - Western Mass Area

Thank you Greater Providence area for hosting this weekend.

The Western Mass Area has met twice since our last regional meeting with 23/35 and 14/35 GSR’s present, respectively. We continue to operate under prudent reserve.

- The ASC committee has discussed starting a set aside fund once we reach our prudent reserve for yearly insurance policies as well as the accountant fees for tax filings.
- The November 4<sup>th</sup> flyer hanging event hosted by Western Mass and Pioneer Valley was a success With the support of 23 addicts over 200 flyers were welcomed and posted in the Springfield, Agawam, Ludlow, Wilbraham, Hampden and Palmer area businesses.

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- Lori, the H&I chairperson stepped down due to re-location. Our newly elected H & I chair, Lynn, reported that there were no orientations at the last H&I meeting, and that the meeting was poorly attended. Addict support is needed as there are commitments which remain open.
- To date, the convention committee does not have a set venue for the 2018 convention. The committee remains in talks with Tower Square of Springfield. A convention committee treasurer was elected at the November ASC.
- The Christmas and New Year's marathon meetings will be held at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA in the Community Room. They will begin at 8:00 pm on both 12/24 and 12/31 and continue until 6:00 pm the following day, 12/25 and 1/1.
- The next scheduled ASC meeting is January 8, 2018.

### Area Current Open Positions

PR Chairperson – vacant

RCM Alternate – vacant

Outreach Chairperson – vacant

Activities Chairperson - vacant

In Loving Service,

Susan RCM

### AREA CONCERNS / OPEN FORUM

A flyer was sent to be added to the website, but later rejected. Convention was having a comedian (flyer with photo & name) – NA does not endorse. Website rejected the flyer as it is close to endorsing. This was a judgement call. NA.org has had flyers that does have names and photos (bands, comedians etc.). It was discussed that world has a link to the entertainment with a disclaimer that NA is not affiliated with such entities.

The South FL audit is not available currently. It was discussed that it is an inspection not and audit.

The United States Service Conference is disbanding. A PDF of the guidelines are available online. [www.usscna.org](http://www.usscna.org)

Is website part of PR? It is a separate committee. There should be a Website Subcommittee meeting on Saturdays of region.

Discussion on providing funds (from Region) to Subcommittee chairs to get people to come to the regional Saturday committees. Some areas already provide mileage reimbursement.

Discussion for MARLKNA and whether or not we should be sending delegates to this event. Per the RD report, it was suggested that this is not beneficial to send the delegates. Decision was made to not send any delegates.



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## OLD BUSINESS

Website – 1/3 of all areas/regions are hosted on the new platform being suggested. Ask groups approval for ad hoc website for updates / revamp. More will be revealed

## NEW BUSINESS

How does the body feel about doing formal business during virtual (NECF) as opposed to the 3 or 4 times a year depending on if you go to world. It was decided to proceed.

## MOTIONS

Voting Members : 12                      Simple: 7                      2/3: 8

**Nominations:** Finance  
                            Finance members at large (3)  
                            Literature

Non-Money Motions:

Money Motions:

- 1) Maker: PR Chair            Total: \$1,000            Payable To: NEADCP  
Motion: To pay for NAs registration at the Drug Court Conference in the amount of \$1,000  
Intent: To pay for the Drug Court Conference that we attend in November. This was budgeted for and was attended successfully  
**In Favor: 12    Opposed: 0    Abstained: 0**
  
- 2) Maker: Billy V            Total: \$134            Payable To: USPS  
Motion: To open a new PO Box for the WSR committee  
Intent: To fund a customary expense of the committee  
**In Favor: 12    Opposed: 0    Abstained:**
  
- 3) Maker: Billy V            Total: \$67            Payable To: Zane F  
Motion: To reimburse the previous WSR chair for payment on the PO Box  
Intent: To reimburse the previous chair for using his personal forms to pay for the box  
**In Favor: 12    Opposed: 0    Abstained: 0**
  
- 4) Maker: Moke A            Total: \$100            Payable To: First Evangelist Luthern  
Motion: To pay \$100 for rental of the hall for 12pm to midnight on February 17, 2018  
Intent: To be fully self-supported  
**In Favor: 12    Opposed:    Abstained:**
  
- 5) Maker: Moke A            Total: \$250            Payable To: George Jennings

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Motion: To provide music and sound for the February 17, 2018 event in the South Shore Area

Intent: To be fully self-supported

**In Favor: 12    Opposed:    Abstained:**

- 6) Maker: Moke A      Total: \$350      Payable To: Tomika W (Moke A)

Motion: To provide \$350 for food & supplies for February 17, 2018 in the South Shore Area

Intent: To be fully self-supported

**In Favor: 12    Opposed:    Abstained:**

- 7) Maker: RD/RDA      Total: \$198      Payable To: Noel D

Motion: For \$198 from the RD/RDA set-aside – Registration x2 \$50, Mileage x2 \$48, Per Diem x2 \$100

Intent: To attend the multi-regional learning even & workshop the C.A.R. with the World Board

**In Favor: 12    Opposed:    Abstained:**