

The regional service committee met on Saturday February 19th at The Sturbridge Host Hotel
366 Main Street, Sturbridge MA.

Announcements

1. Next New England Regional Service Committee Weekend will be held at th Anna Cole Community Center at 10 Lamartime Street Jamaica Plain Ma,
Subcommittees: Saturday April 14th 2012, 12:00PM - 5:00PM
RSC: Sunday April 15th 2012, 11:00PM - 5:00PM
2. WSR is seeking male and female step guides to help incarcerated addicts within the New England Region. Please contact Andy from Central Mass.
3. The Central Mass Area Spur of the Moment Campout is holding its annual sponsorship breakfast. Date: 4/21/2012 time: 10:00AM location: Fitchburg Masonic Temple 16 Thorndike Street, Fitchburg Ma 01420. Tickets are \$10.00 for more information visit the NERNA.org website or call Kevin F: 6179135512, Evelyn D: 9784132534, or Bob S: 7746275186
4. Cape Cod Area Fun in the Sun: August 17-19th at Camp Lyndon in Sandwich, MA.
5. The New England Regional Literature Committee is asking for addicts input: stories, poems, etc. Please email literature@newenglandna.org
6. Martha's Vineyard Area 25th Annual celebration of recovery "no matter what" will be May 4,5&6 2012. Please visit MVANA.org for more info
7. Free Spirit area is hosting it's 12th Annual golf tournament on August 18th at Fenner Hill Country Club in Hope Valley, RI. Flyer on regional website.
8. NEMAllI Convention "stairway to freedom" 50 Ferncroft rd Danvers MA, March 2,3&4 2012.
9. Rolling in Recovery 4/1/12 299 Broadway RT. 1 South Saugus MA. \$6.00 advance ticket sales only. Bobby B 978-968-5110, Mike C 978-578-2375, Casey S. 978-675-7522.
10. Greater Providence Area of NA is hosting an HI learning day on Saturday April 28th, 2012 from 1-5pm at the Anchor Recovery Center, 249 Main Street Pawtucket RI 02960.
11. Western Mass 12th annual convention will be held on August 3,4&5 2012. Please see the regional website for more info.

Subcommittees:

RSC:

Open Positions: Assistant Secretary, Activities Committee Chair

Noel opened the meeting at 11:11 with a moment of silence and a collaborative reading of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts of NA.

12 areas were present: Boston, Cape Cod, Central Mass, Free Spirit, Greater Providence, Marthas Vineyard, Metro West, NEMA, Pioneer Valley, SEMA, Western Mass and South Shore.

The minutes from December 2011 were accepted.

SUBCOMITTEE REPORTS

Chair: no report

Vice Chair: no report

Secretary: contact sheet was sent around for updating.

Opening Balance and Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer Report 2/18/12

The finance committee met in Sturbridge, MA on February 18, 2012. Thank you to all who rallied at the last minute to make region happen here at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. Thank you to Sal S. for the assistance in preparing this report.

Attendance:

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We started the meeting at 1:15pm. Present were:

- Rocco – Subcommittee Chair
- James P – Regional Treasurer
- Karrie – Assistant Regional Treasurer
- Sal S – Subcommittee Secretary
- Brian – Finance Subcommittee Member at Large
- Bob

New breakout for phone line with the addition of 2 new regions.

Region	Number of Meetings	% Breakout
Boston	66	12.48%
Cape Cod	32	6.05%
Central Mass	79	14.93%
Free Spirit	21	3.97%
Greater Providence	50	9.45%
Martha's Vineyard	6	1.13%
Metro West	39	7.37%
Nantucket	5	.95%
North East Mass	92	17.39%
Pioneer Valley	11	2.08%
South East Mass	48	9.07%
South Shore	49	9.26%
Western Mass	31	5.86%
total	529	

Taxes

We received notice from the Office of Attorney General (AG) form PC for the period ending 7/31/11. Form PC is filed with the AG to list RSCNA as a charitable organization. Our check number 1,400 for \$50 was returned to us as it was supposed to be for \$35. In addition the AG's office is requesting that we submit Federal Form 990, 990-EZ and/or 990-PF filed with the IRS for same period. Finance Committee is referring the matter to our CPA, who prepared our form PC and whom also told us to issue a check for \$50.

The Rhode Island Division of Taxation notified us that the Sales Permit Renewal form for FY 2012 had not been filed. It was filed on February 18, 2012 at 1:30pm. The Rhode Island Division of Taxation also notified us that we did not file our sales tax returns for the first quarter of 2011. This report was filed for \$0.00 on February 18, 2012 at 1:35pm. This return was for \$0.00 since the only time we generate revenue in Rhode Island when we hold the RSC meeting in Rhode Island. The RSC did not meet in Rhode Island during 2011.

Money Matters

- The treasurer's beginning balance for our meeting today was \$0.29.
- Prudent reserve is full at \$1,552.50.
- RD/RDA set-aside prior to the transfer is \$1,208.99
- The RD is requesting funds that were included in their current budget. At the time of the February RSC, after the RD/RDA set aside, there will be insufficient funds to cover this request. However, the RD is returning funds from their recent trip to MARCLNA. We will be applying that to their set-aside account.
- At the April RSC, the annual bills for the P.O. Box as well as the storage unit need to be paid.

Policy Matters

Move the following treasurer's duty from the December RSC and move it to the February RSC

- A \$10 payment needs to be made to the state of RI Division of Taxation for a new sales permit for RI. (It has been a practice to keep this updated in the event that taxes need to be collected/literature sold in the state of RI) *It is easier to keep it updated than to have to go through the process of requesting a permit again

Add the following treasurer's duty to the February RSC

- Although no taxes may have been collected in RI, a tax slip still needs to be filed indicating that 0 dollars were collected in RI. – Log on line to the RI Division of taxation and file quarterly return on line—<https://www.ri.gov/taxation>

Meeting was closed at 3:15pm

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James P. [617-314-4048](tel:617-314-4048)

Convention Committee: Convention Committee met Saturday 2/18/12 at Sturbridge Host Hotel. All reports were given. We will be having a fundraiser 4/21/12 Pajama Jam 2, it will be held at 900 Main Street Brockton Ma, flyers will be sent out. Treasurers balance is \$6,597.06. Next meeting will be 3/10/12 location TBA. ILS, Debbie P.

H&I:

Greetings and Salutations

H&I met Saturday, February 18, 2012, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. Ten addicts were in attendance, nine of them voting members. Six areas were represented – SEMA, SSA, NEMA, Central Mass, Boston, and Greater Providence. Hal B from WSR was also in attendance. A total of 296 commitments were reported on. In December we had reports on 365 commitments with additional attendance from Cape Cod (28), Metro West (25), and Western Mass (18). Assuming these numbers are still the same, we have 377 H&I commitments running in the New England Region right now.

The only problems reported were clearance issues at county facilities at Dartmouth (Bristol County) and Plymouth (Plymouth County). There is also a communication issue at MASAC which has been going on for some time. The South Shore Area has decided to wait for further communication from that facility and take on additional commitments at MCI Cedar Junction, which will now be a South Shore Area Commitment.

Dwayne B from SEMA qualified as a regional panel leader and will be taking on the regional commitment at MCI Pondville (4th Friday). SEMA will be voting on whether to take on that facility full time as an area commitment at their next ASC meeting.

Bob S from Central Mass was elected DOC Coordinator. He will be working closely with other members of the Regional H&I subcommittee to open new commitments at MCI Concord, a facility where we do not currently have any but that has expressed interest.

Our Vice Chair Chip K has begun working on a regional panel leader list which can be used as a shared resource by all NER areas. NEMA and SSA have already submitted panel leader names; other areas are expected to follow suit in the next few months.

WSR (Writing Steps in Recovery) is requesting assistance with both letter writing and administrative tasks such as presentations and contacting DOC facilities. For additional information, contact Hal B at 401-578-4888 or email HNIGUY@aol.com. WSR writers anonymously correspond with incarcerated addicts seeking step guidance. To be a WSR writer you need to have 2 years clean and have worked a 5th Step.

The New England Regional H&I subcommittee is in need of a secretary. The position has been open for some time now and we would like to fill it at our next meeting in April. The clean time requirement for the position is two years. If you are interested in this position please come to our next meeting. It's a great way to get involved.

ILS,
Kevin F

**Literature:
Literature Committee
Brenda V.--Chair**

The literature committee met yesterday with 3 members attending. We reviewed the following agenda items:

- Web page
 - We are trialing a couple of options to gain visibility and addict participation. These include posting links to frequently utilized NAWs resources.
 - We are also developing a template for our link on www.nerna.org. We plan to utilize the web space locally developed resources submitted to the literature committee. Please let your areas know we would love to have addict input.
 - We continue to have the Literature Committee survey posted.
 - Input by individual NA members, groups, and our member areas is requested and will be accepted and compiled on an ongoing basis.
 - We discussed the possibility of having an annual literature survey for groups to complete to assess the needs of our region.
 - In addition to the above changes,
- Regional literature mailbox
 - The mailbox is fully functional.
 - Requests to literature have been forwarded to the responsible committee i.e., RMDs, etc.
- Regional Committee Member Orientation Packet
 - At the request of the RD, we will be reviewing, editing and updating this packet.
 - Work on this will continue into the next RSC meeting.
- Mission and vision statements
 - The committee will continue to review and develop as our committee evolves.

Once again, we continue to seek input from Areas of the New England Region. Input including completed surveys may be submitted via the Literature Committee email: Literature@newenglandna.org. We continue to welcome any and all addict/group participation in this process.

In Loving Service,
The Literature Committee

**Policy:
Phone Line:**

The Regional Phonenumber Subcommittee met Saturday, February 18th, 2012, 12:00pm at Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, 366 Main Street Sturbridge, MA 01566. There were 3 members in attendance. Phonenumber Chair Gary B., attended Pioneer Valley's Area Meeting in early January. The decision was made to include Pioneer Valley and Western Mass into New England Region Phonenumber as a cost of \$120.00 through Diamond Voice, As of January 20, 2012, both areas can be accessed through the New England Phonenumber. There is also an additional charge of \$20 to create the announcement for urgent callback. Katie P. is the urgent callback volunteer for these areas.

New England Region Meeting Directory has been updated to include Pioneer Valley and Western Mass, which consists of 4 meetings.

Within the last 2 months, the Phonenumber has received an increase of 116 calls since December (415 calls).

-Non urgent (36 calls)
-Boston

-Martha's Vineyard
- Metro West

- Cape Cod (9 calls)
- Central Mass (4 calls)
- Free Spirit
- Greater Providence

- Nantucket
- Northeast Mass
- Southeast Mass (4 calls)
- South Shore (4 calls)

Literature report: 20 RMD's were sent out

Update Coordinator: All updates are current

Open positions within the Regional Phonline Subcommittee are:

- Vice-chair
- Professional contact

Carolyn R. was elected as secretary.

No new business.

The subcommittee closed with the serenity prayer.
ILS, Carolyn R. , phone line secretary.

Public Information:

New England Regional Public Information Subcommittee

The New England Regional Public Information Subcommittee met on Saturday, 02/18/2012 in Sturbridge MA. The meeting began at 12:00pm. In attendance Pat F Regional Vice Chair, John N Greater Providence, Christopher M RMD Chair, Katie G Western Mass, Alex B Western Mass, Jonathan S Central Ma, Harold L Cape Cod Area, and Bob R South Shore Area.

Chair's Report: At the beginning of the Meeting there was no Chair or Vice Chair, Bob R as Secretary facilitated the the meeting.

Presentations:

Bob R

Up Coming Events:

Harvard Medical School Symposium Treating the Addictions
Boston Park Plaza Hotel
March 9th and 10th 7am to 4pm

Completed Presentations:

**Cape Cod Voc Tech High School with Cape Cod Area PI
Committee**

**Mass General Hospital Youth Addictions Treatment
program, Bob R with Leah and Dan from South Shore Area
Radio interview with WBOS, WROR, WKLB to air 02/19/2012**

VICE Chairperson Report – None

Money Motions:

\$50.00 For RMD's (regional meeting directorys) for Harvard Med School event
\$234.20 For NAWS Literature Order for Harvard Med School event

Non-Money Motions – None

Area reports

Metro-West None

Northeast Mass: None

Pioneer Valley: None

Martha's Vineyard None

Nantucket: None

Cape Cod: Harold L

Cape did another mailing, Cape Cod Voke tech presentation, worked area meeting list update process improvements

South Shore None

Free Spirit – None

Greater Providence John N

We have had a few business as usual months with only a few changes. We have appointed a new website coordinator Johnny Wheels and we are making some great improvements to site over the past month some are listed below

- Added google maps link to every meetings address
- Added a clean time calendar
- Changed the page's color to basic text blue

We look forward to making the site a much more user friendly website for the future. There is a presentation we have coming up with the Rhode Island Housing Authority which we are looking forward too. There will be more4 to report in the upcoming months also as usual we are always looking for member's support.

ILS John N GPANA

Southeastern Mass None

Central Mass given by Jonathan S

Public Information:

Chairperson: Teri T. 1/9/12

Central Mass Area Public Information Monthly Report

At the last Public Information Sub-committee meeting we had a lot interested in,

"How to give a P.I. Presentation". Presentation instructor was Sara O. from regional PI.

She was kind enough to come help CMA -PI. From this we got a lot of support and people interested in going out and are willing to do presentations. Two presentations have already been done. January 17 @ 2pm, @ the Longsjo academy Jr. High-school, in Fitchburg Mass. January 26 @ 3pm @ U mass Memorial hospital on Belmont St. Worcester.

More presentations are pending for this month. Also letters to all the high schools, jr. high and elementary schools in the Worcester County CMA were sent out to further inform the scholastic system that NA is available to help them or someone they may know. Next month we will send letters to the judicial system. Next month we will meet @ 5: 30 at the Dream Center right before the CM area meeting! We will have PIZZA! So come join us!

Public Information Sub - Committee of Central Mass.

In loving Service, Teri T

Western Mass: _Katie G

WMA PI has continued forward with our mailing. Since the last regional PI meeting, we have sent out about 130 additional mailing. We have finished the bulk of our mailing to churches in the area, and have now also sent letter to courts, probation offices, high schools, and middle schools. Now we are putting a hold on the mailing so we can focus our attention on planning a professional PI learning day for the folks who have respnOnded to our mailing interested In a presentation. We are open to hearing experience from other areas who have held such an event.

Also, now that western Ma area of NA is going to keep printing our own meeting listsandbuyasupplimental amount of meeting lists to also offer at our meetings.

we have decided to cease using our phonenumber and our now on the regional phone line only. Also we have ceased production of our areas website and will now only be utilizing the services of the regional website.

In loving service,
Katie G.
Western Ma Area Public Information Chair

AD-HOC Reports – None

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS *Volunteer Sign Up for Harvard/Park Plaza*

Elections:

CHAIR *John N*

SECRETARY *Katie G*

Open Forum

Motion to Close.

RMD:
Regional Meeting Directories Committee February 17,2012
INVENTORY
2,750
8,000
10,750 Assets
-9,200 \$ 920.00
0 \$ -

-1,300 \$ 130.00
 -10,500 \$ 1,050.00
 250
 \$ 56.35
 \$ 73.15
 \$ 1,179.50
 Seed Money for Printing \$ -
 Total Assets \$ 1,179.50
 Expenses
 \$ 675.00
 \$ 56.35
 \$ 61.72
 \$ 47.66
 \$ 840.73 \$ (840.73)
 \$ 338.77

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

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

Website Chair

David L

Christopher M

Dianne M

Net Profit or (Loss) this Period

Western Mass and Pioneer Valley are included in the January Printing now available. The Logo was also

changed to reflect the addition of those areas to the New England Region.

Beginning Inventory

Plus January 2012 Printing

Total available for sales

Sold to areas, groups & individuals

Sold to Regional Committees

Sold to outside vendors

Total Sales this period

Plus sales tax collected

Plus Shipping & Handling

Remaining Inventory

Assets Total (Deposit)

Less Total Expenses

Printing 8000 RMDs (January)

Sales Tax Collected

Postage

Outside sales to professionals
 info@nerna.org
 617-484-8198 (dalgraphics@rcn.net)
 617-620-2887 (leadhead84@aol.com)
 1-866-624-3578 (Literature menu)

To make updates, remove or add a meeting: Go to the website (NERNA.org) and register.
 We sell meeting directories in quantities of 50; check table below for quantities costs.

Committee Members

Supplies

Meeting Update Coordinator

Printing Coordinator

Sales/Treasurer

Changes should appear within a few days and will appear in the next printing of the RMD.
 I am submitting a Customary Reimbursement form for \$ 109.38 for postage and supplies expenses.

I am also requesting a check for the next printing in the amount of \$675.00.

New England Regional Meeting Directories Subcommittee February 18,2012

DATE PURCHASED	BY INV #	Pymnt	QTY	COST	TAX	S & H	TOTAL
12/11/12	Cape Cod ASC 938468	1640	300	\$ 30.00	\$ 1.88	\$ -	31.88
12/11/12	NEMA 938469	1353	1500	\$ 150.00	\$ 8.00	\$ -	158.00
12/11/12	NEMA 938469	Cash 0		\$ -	\$ 1.37	\$ -	1.37
12/11/12	Greater Providence 938470	Cash 200		\$ 20.00	\$ 1.25	\$ -	21.25
12/11/12	Central MASS 938471	Cash 250		\$ 25.00	\$ 1.57	\$ -	26.57
12/28/12	Metro West 938472	Cash 350		\$ 35.00	\$ 2.19	\$ -	37.19
12/28/12	Metro West 938473	Cash 100		\$ 10.00	\$ 0.63	\$ -	10.63
1/26/12	Central MASS 938474	Cash 500		\$ 50.00	\$ 3.13	\$ -	53.13
1/28/12	NEMA 938475	Cash 700		\$ 70.00	\$ 4.38	\$ -	74.38
1/28/12	Metro West 938476	Cash 400		\$ 40.00	\$ 2.50	\$ -	42.50
1/31/12	SEMA 938477	Cash 500		\$ 50.00	\$ 3.13	\$ -	53.13
2/8/12	South Shore 938478	3660	800	\$ 80.00	\$ 5.00	\$ -	85.00
2/10/12	Central MASS 938480	Cash 500		\$ 50.00	\$ 3.13	\$ -	53.13
2/18/12	NEMA H & I 938481	1452	1500	\$ 150.00	\$ 8.10	\$ -	158.10
2/18/12	NEMA H & I 938481	Cash 0		\$ -	\$ 1.28	\$ -	1.28
2/18/12	I Can't We Can 938482	Cash 150		\$ 15.00	\$ 0.94	\$ -	15.94
2/18/12	Free Spirit 938483	Cash 50		\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	5.32
2/18/12	Western Mass 938484	Cash 200		\$ 20.00	\$ 1.25	\$ -	21.25
2/18/12	Gary B 938485	Cash 50		\$ 5.00	\$ 0.32	\$ -	5.32
2/18/12	South Shore 938486	Cash 150		\$ 15.00	\$ 0.94	\$ -	15.94
		8200		\$ 820.00	\$ 51.31	\$ -	901.31
1/24/12	Rachel King OS 107	100		\$ 10.00	\$ 0.63	\$ 5.65	16.28
1/13/12	Northeast Hospitals OS 706395	100		\$ 10.00	\$ 0.63	\$ 5.65	16.28
12/22/11	Mark Boehnert OS 3583	100		\$ 10.00	\$ 0.63	\$ 5.65	16.28
1/8/12	W. J. Fennell II OS 1650	200		\$ 20.00	\$ 1.26	\$ 11.30	32.56

2/8/12 Partners McLeans OS 4349375 300 \$	30.00 \$	1.89 \$	16.95 \$
48.84			
800 \$	80.00 \$	5.04 \$	45.20 \$
130.24			
9000 \$	900.00 \$	56.35 \$	45.20 \$
1,031.55			
2/8/12 Boston ASC 938479 1516 1000 \$	100.00 \$	- \$	- \$
100.00			
1000 \$	100.00 \$	- \$	- \$
100.00			
1/12/12 Newbury College OS 24878 100 \$	10.00 \$	- \$	5.65 \$
15.65			
12/22/11 High Point OS 52381 200 \$	20.00 \$	- \$	11.30 \$
31.30			
1/4/12 ATCNE OS 3329 200 \$	20.00 \$	- \$	11.00 \$
31.00			
500 \$	50.00 \$	- \$	27.95 \$
77.95			
1500 \$	150.00 \$	- \$	27.95 \$
177.95			
10500 \$	1,050.00 \$	56.35 \$	73.15 \$
1,179.50			

Total Taxable Sales To Areas, Groups & Individuals

Taxable Sales To Areas, Groups & Individuals

Total Sales

Non-Taxable Sales to Individuals, Areas & Regional Subcommittees

Non-Taxable OutsideSales

Total Non-Taxable Internal Sales

Total Non-Taxable Sales

Taxable OutsideSales

Total Taxable OutsideSales

Total Taxable Sales

Total Non-Taxable OutsideSalesNew England Regional Meeting Directories

Subcommittee February 18,2012

Assets Assets

Seed Money Check # \$

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Directories sales (taxable) \$ 900.00

Directories sales (tax-exempt) \$ 150.00

Shipping and handling \$ 73.15

Sales tax collected \$ 56.35

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 1,179.50

Expenses Check # Liabilities

1/26/12 Printing 8000 RMDs 1386 \$ 675.00

1/27/12 cash \$ 47.66

1/27/12 Postage- Acton 200 cash \$ 11.35 on-line no receipt

1/27/12 Postage- Dorchester 100 cash \$ 5.75

1/27/12 Postage- Gloucester 100 cash \$ 5.75

1/27/12 Postage- Needham 100 cash \$ 5.75

1/27/12 Postage- Brookline 100 cash \$ 5.75

1/27/12 Postage- Brockton 200 cash \$ 8.01

1/27/12 Postage- Brighton 200 cash \$ 8.01

2/11/12 Postage- Belmont 300 cash \$ 11.35 \$ -

\$ 109.38 \$ 109.38

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 784.38

Gross profit or (loss) [Assets less Liabilities] \$ 395.12

(Less) Seed money \$ -

(Less) Sales tax collected \$ (56.35)

New profit or (loss) \$ 338.77

8,000 = 10,750 -10,500 250

Beginning Inventory (+) Printing = (-) Total
Sales = Remaining Inventory

2,750

Shipping Supplies-Staples

TOTAL POSTAGE & SUPPLIESNew England Regional Meeting Directories Subcommittee
February 18,2012

Date NAME CHECK # Amount

11/9/11 Cape Cod ASC 1640 \$	31.88	
11/27/11 Northeast Ma ASC 1353 \$	158.00	
1/8/11 South Shore ASC 3660 \$	85.00	
1/20/12 Boston ASC 1516 \$	100.00	
1/24/12 Rachel Beth King 107 \$	16.28	
1/13/12 Northeast Hospitals 706395 \$	16.28	
12/22/12 Mark T Boehnert 3583 \$	16.28	
1/8/12 W J Fennell II 1650 \$	32.56	
1/12/12 Newbury College 24878 \$	15.65	
12/22/11 High Point 52381 \$	31.30	
1/2/12 ATCNE 33629 \$	31.00	
2/8/12 Partners-McLeans 4349375 \$	48.84	
2/18/12 NEMA 1452 \$	158.10	
12/10/11 Christopher Maracic Cash Sales \$	438.33	
Total Checks for Deposit \$	1,179.50	

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\$ 1,179.50

\$ (741.17)

\$ 438.33

CHECK REGISTER

Website:

Website Committee Report

Over the last two months the website committee has continued to update the site with meeting revisions and event notices. We added the Pioneer Valley and Western MA meetings to the website. In December the newenglandna.org domain was moved to our current registrar GoDaddy and will expire in 5 years.

Here are some statistics from the website over the last two months:

- 43,000+ Pageviews
- 5,500+ Unique Visitors
- 53% New Visitors and 47% Returning Visitors
- Around 30% of our visits were from Mobile Browsers

There was discussion in our meetings about our current hosting situation. We are currently using our own Virtual Private Server for hosting at a cost of 323.46/yr for the service + 7.50/mo backups for a total of \$413.46 per year. Because of the traffic that our site gets it's not necessary for us to have our own Virtual Private Server. A shared hosting solution would ultimately be less expensive and would not change the hosting or capability in any substantial way.

Aaron S. has a company called Saintly Solutions that offers shared hosting accounts for \$10/month. This would be a savings of \$293.46 per year. The current year is paid for through June 2012. If we were to cancel the account and move to the new host at the end of this month we would be refunded \$89.85. This would cover our hosting for 9 months, or until November 2012. At this point we could either pay on a monthly or a yearly basis.

We will be bringing a motion in new business to move forward to change our hosting provider at the end of February.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Brandon H.

Motion:

To move the NERNA website hosting from our current solution with Linode to a shared hosting account with Saintly Solutions.

Intent:

To continue to carry the message to the addict who still suffers while maintaining fiscal prudence.

Fellowship Development: Fellowship Development Ad Hoc Meeting

October 8th, 2011

1st meeting

There were 6 addicts in attendance. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

We discussed the core purpose of the Fellowship Development committee which is to do the following:

1. To assist areas and groups implement new service tools.
2. Plan and coordinate workshops at the request of areas/ groups to introduce new information and service tools.
3. Draw out and identify the needs of areas/groups.

Creating a page on the regional website for fellowship development information as it is disseminated.

We discussed how the information would be disseminated back to the areas/groups. Via RCMs or area chairpersons. We need to listen to what the regions feel they want.

Availability of the information is very important. Developing the fellowship is the sole purpose of this committee.

Personnel

RCMs? Area Chairs? Regional delegates/regional delegate assistant. Chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary.

The committee will meet every Saturday at region.

The next meeting will be in December. At this time Joe V. will start the framework for the policy.

Second Meeting

February 18th, 2012

There were 3 addicts in attendance.

We discussed what the criteria of each position should be, i.e. required clean time, responsibilities of each position, and prior experience (workshops, knowledge of information, etc.).

The subcommittee would follow the guidelines as set forth in NERSC policy for clean time requirements. Policy is set and needs only minor polishing.

The committees agrees to move forward and to recommend to NERSC, that it make the Fellowship Development a standing subcommittee.

The committee also brings forward a recommendation for a chairperson, Joe V.

ILS,

Joe V.

Insurance:

RSC Insurance Report Sunday February 19, 2012

I received two requests for a certificate of liability. One from NEMA for their convention on March 2, 3, 4. The other from the CMANA Friday night step on Greenwood Street group for a one day event.

This committee expressed to the website committee the need for an insurance page on the NERNA website. The intent is to have a central point of access for all members to view the policy, to see what it does or does not cover and to obtain copies of certificate for groups and events.

I would also like to send a friendly reminder to the following areas that annual expenses are due by next region as our fiscal year is ending on April 14, 2012:

- Boston
- Central Ma
- Greater Providence
- Metro West
- Nantucket
- Southeast

The new fiscal billing cycle will begin and I will have a spreadsheet breakdown for all areas included in the New England Region as to the suggested cost per area for our NERNA insurance.

I also received two requests for certificates of liability for 2 groups in the Western MA area. I will expedite these requests ASAP.

I have also received a letter sent to the NERNA PO Box from the law offices of Palmer and Levine re: a slip and fall accident due to the "negligent placement of a plastic coat hanger" in the NEMA on January 9, 2012 resulting in an ankle fracture. This information will also be expedited to our insurance agent on the next business day. More will be revealed.

ILS,

John L.

RD/RDA:

There was much discussion about the USFC, a group of addicts who is proposing a restructuring of the service system. The offer was made for one of the members of the movement to come up to New England and provide more information.

RD Report February, 2012

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

GSR Notes- These notes are vital for GSR's to have for their groups. Please report this information to your area and groups.

Thank you for your time and efforts. Please cut and paste the links into your browser for best results.

Building Strong Home groups:

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/IDT_Frame_27Feb07.pdf

C.A.R C.A.T. <http://www.na.org/?ID=conference-index>

Service system project information-

Second Draft

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Service_System_Proposals_Report_March2011.pdf

Please feel to contact me with any questions. rd@newenglandna.org

New info regarding Third draft is available please visit <http://www.na.org/?ID=servsys> Please contact Your RCM or RD with any questions. Updates continue to be added so please check regularly.

We have also added them to the Regional website:

http://www.nerna.org/Service_Structure_Project%20

We as a fellowship are looking at proposals that restructure the service system. The current system was created in 1976 to support 5000 groups. We now have over 50,000. For all the information

Our New Vision Statement-

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Vision_for_NA%20Service.pdf

A Vision for NA Service

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one-day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;**
- Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;**
- NA service body's worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;**
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.**

Would you like to sign up for the Just For Today and other NA Periodicals e-mail list? Click here

<http://www.na.org/?ID=subscribe> Please note that everyone's subscription to the NA Way magazine will need to be renewed ASAP. You can also use the e-subscribe to eliminate postal charges to the fellowship.

Free NA Literature- <http://www.na.org/?ID=ips-eng-index>

Regional events, meeting information and www.nerna.org

North East Zonal Forum: www.nezf.org

NAWS NEWS- <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-nawsnews-nawsmain>

PR Basics- http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_Basics.pdf

H&I Basics- http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_H_I_Packet.pdf

Group Updates- Go to www.nerna.org -create an account, find the meeting you want to update, click on group name and submit the updated info. The moderator will take it from there.

NAWS annual report - <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-ar-2010-TOC>

RCM Notes = *All GSR Notes and the following information*

Please submit your local Area Meeting directories to us. We will cross reference them to the NAWS and Regional databases. You can also mail your local Area meeting directories to the NERSC mailbox at PO Box 437 Quincy, MA 02132

Trusted Servant Update Forms for NAWS-

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/ASC-Reg_Form2010.pdf

Bulletins- <http://www.na.org/?ID=bulletins-bulletins>

Handbooks- <http://www.na.org/?ID=handbooks-handbook-index>

Local Recourses page: http://www.na.org/?ID=local_resource_area_resources

Service pamphlets- <http://web.na.org/?ID=servicemat-svc-pamphlets>

Click a Link Below to visit the NEZF Member Region Web Sites:

[ABCD](#)

[Buckeye](#)

[Connecticut](#)

[Eastern New York Region](#)

[Greater New York](#)

[Mid-Atlantic](#)

[New England](#)

[New Jersey](#)

Northern New England = www.namaine.org and www.gsana.org

[Northern New Jersey](#)

[Northern New York](#)

[Western New York](#)

[Tri-State Region of Narcotics Anonymous](#)

Hello fellow NERSCNA members,

For those of you who have completed in your area mailing address forms as well as trusted servant update forms please turn them in to me.

We would like to hear feedbacks after the report or in open forum about what your needs are as areas and if you would like to see us do anything specific to meet your goals as Area Service Committees.

The next NEZF (Northeast Zonal Forum) will be Hosted by the Northern New Jersey Region Original Area. June 15-17,2012 Holiday Inn 195 Davidson Avenue Somerset NJ, 08873 (732) 356-1700 We will be submitting a motion in the amount of \$1230.00 for costs associated with participation in this event.

I've picked up the Regional mail and distributed it to the proper committees. We have convention flyers from WQANA. They separated them for our areas. They added Maine, Granite State and Seacoast Areas. I mailed Maine and have Granite State/Seacoast here. I also mailed the Nantucket Area their CAR. There are packets of flyers for each area on the back table for RCM's to take back to their area. We were able today to provide the CAR to SEMA?

If anyone would like to take on the task of picking up the mail in Quincy, MA please step forward. We are also missing a key and would like to ask the region to purchase a backup.

Jaime and I attended MARLCNA. The costs are as follows.

Seed money \$1140.00. Travel \$475.00. Per diem \$330.00. Hotel \$193.14. Total costs \$998.14 I am returning \$141.96 to the region. This was very helpful for us to facilitate yesterday's CAR and facilitate expected upcoming CAR workshops for Areas upon request.

I will insert my raw notes here-----

We are submitting a motion for 2425.50 for expenses to the WSC for the RDA and travel to Beverly to facilitate a CAR workshop \$65.00.

We are submitting a customary expense in the amount of \$200.00 for use of this weekend's meeting space, flyers for RCM's \$10.31

I was asked to drop off the donation to FELC in Brockton to secure the hall for the Convention committees fundraiser April 21st.

We will provide the region with the RD - RDA budget at the next RSC.

You can buy the entire WCNA speakers @ <http://www.na.org/?ID=wcna-index> .

We made mention of the interest of discussing the formation of the New England region into the 6 states but was unable to discuss with NNER and CTR due to time restraints. We will continue dialog and keep you posted of our discussions.

We are in the process of completing the report to the WSC.

I have my travel arrangements to the WSC. The RDA Jaime V. will report on yesterday's CAR workshop and the USFA.

MARLCNA – Feb 10-12, 2012

Shawn M. the RD for the Mid-Atlantic Region opened with a moment of silence and introduction of the NAWS team facilitating the workshop. Junior, Travis, Ron H. and Ron M. (World Board Chair).

Friday Night was a NAWS update. WCNA 34 had 9100 pre-registrants. 13,000 in attendance. \$282,577 in revenue.

2011-2012 donations are down. They continue with cost cutting measures like reducing staff, having fewer workshops.

We translated 60 pieces of literature last year. Book sales are declining due to electronic wave.

Iran has the largest region in the world.

Service System Proposals-

In 2001 Naws asked "What do you want to discuss?". Answers were overwhelmingly common on how our services were struggling. In 2006 our infrastructure came to light. CAT = What should we do next? 2008 we developed the SSP workgroup.

Wrapping up a 4 year project. We will decide what to do with the project at WSC'12. We are looking for a more effective and efficient service structure.

When a resolution is agreed to we frame our efforts a certain way. If a project plan is approved we use the resolutions as our guide.

In 1996 we had multiple boards at the World level. A resolution at the '96 WSC changed it to a single board. The SSP's could be looked at as building a frame of a house. Then members/groups/boards and committees will act as the carpenters to customize the rest of the home to suit local community needs.

Groups are our consultants on the project. They give us the info on what projects we should do.

We have found some "Gang" mentality in our services. Like members/committees holding H&I commitments hostage and not rotating out as the concepts suggest. But then neglecting and leaving out "no-man's" land facilities.

We need to scan the global fellowship.

SSP suggests that executive committees will need to meet once a month. Reports should be condensed with bullet points / needs / accomplishments.

We must synchronize our events better to reduce overlapping events. Reducing support to similar events held on the same day or in weekend succession.

We may have struggles adjusting to a different system.

More discussion on WSC seating.

Siberia (11 time zones) has applied for a seat at the WSC. WB says not at this time due to our being in the process of creating a criteria for seating. We need to define that level of consideration.

We are cooperating with experiments and start collecting by a medical researcher. More will be revealed as this project continues.

In 2011 Naws sent out 800 Basic texts to incarcerated addicts. Added 2600 new groups to the NAWs database.

We now have 747 pieces of our literature translated to different languages.

NAWS has taken down the IWHW and the Basic text pdf's from the website. The loss of control and revenue were sighted as some of the reasoning why.

Sat. 8am

Practice straw polling. Explained how "Proposals" are a simple introduction into the stream of discussions.

March report will possess our "Strategic Plan".

WSC from a decision making body to discussion based conference. Experiment with scanning world services. Blending international service approaches. Keeping finger on ideas that have limited resources or support/interest.

ILS,

Andrew L.

NE-RD

NERDA Report to NERSC FEB 2012 RE: MARLCNA/USFA & CAR WORKSHOP

Greetings New England Region. Wow, is there a lot going on in NA! As many of you are aware already, Andrew & I attended MARLCNA (that's the MidAtlantic Regional Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous for those of you who aren't fluent in alphabet soup) last weekend down in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to workshop the 2012 Conference Agenda Report (the CAR) & the related Conference Approval Track (the CAT). Since Andrew is reporting on that weekend as a whole, my report should be short and sweet. Sort of.

What I will be conveying for you today really only covers two items; yesterday's CAR Workshop here in Sturbridge, and the presentation we attended at MARLCNA from the USFA (United States Fellowship Assembly).

Item number one, the CAR Workshop. Pretty simple really, Andrew & I presented the Resolutions, Straw Polls, Motions & Proposals for consideration to an attendance of approximately 43 addicts, comprised of 6 GSRs, 5 RCMs, at least 3 Area Chairpersons, and several interested Members. Almost all in the room were Trusted Servants in some capacity or another. Given the far lower attendance at last year's Service System Proposal Workshops and the fact that we had to relocate our assembly at the eleventh hour, I personally was pretty pumped to see such a tremendous turnout. We fielded questions, entertained discussions and shared experiences & information with one another for nearly 3 ½ hours in what I felt was a very valuable forum. I know both Andrew & I look forward to further engagements, and hope for tons of input from our Groups. As we move toward the World Service Conference (WSC) and beyond we remain available to serve, and grateful to be allowed to. Should any of our member Areas

wish to have a presentation on this material please submit a request to either Andrew or myself and we will do our best to accommodate.

Item number two, the USFA. As previously stated, we attended a presentation (after a long, long day) from 10pm to midnight whereupon 4 members of the USFA provided us with a slideshow & Q&A session on their efforts to create a United States Service Conference (USSC). The four members were Dale (an addict from Tennessee), Steve (an addict from New Jersey), other Steve (RDA from Free State Region) and Kathleen (an addict from MidAtlantic Region). In attendance were approximately 60 heads, 10 of whom were Regional Delegates, 20 were Regional Committee Members, and they did not ask how many were representing Groups.

What follows are my observations of the exchanges which took place during this workshop:

They explained their process thus far, starting with a motion from the 2002 CAR. It was Motion #6, from the South Florida Region which directed NA World Services to organize, host & facilitate the first meeting of the new Assembly of US Regions in 2005. The motion was very specific in regards to the general locale, duration, agenda & Regional responsibilities to the assembly. The motion was never voted on at that Conference as, following discussion with other Regions & the World Board, it was determined that this objective was not so much in the purview of NA World Services as it was the affected Regions of the United States. Coming to this conclusion, the South Florida Region withdrew the motion. At current, 10 years later, the World Board and the South Florida Region maintain this position and neither stands in opposition to this effort. Fast forward the first meeting of the now-dubbed USFA in March of 2010, held in Kansas. It was relayed to us that approximately 85 Groups were in attendance but later that statement was amended to the same number of addicts with no real count on how many were representing Groups. Nonetheless, the efforts of that weekend gave birth to what is now called the Wichita Accord. This document (available on the USFA website, but not at the workshop we attended) puts forth 3 proposals which were to be adopted at the October 2010 meeting in Tulsa, OK. Of the undocumented number of attendees at this meeting, votes led to the adoption of only one of these three Wichita Accord proposals. Back to the drawing board for the planning committee who intends to meet again in June of 2011, this time in Wisconsin. In the meantime, members such as the ones we met are working to gather further support for their cause by travelling to various Regions and giving presentations. The will next be at the Western Queens Area Convention in a few weeks.

The proposal which was adopted from the Wichita Accord offered that the purpose of having a United States Service Conference was to provide a forum designed to "meet the needs" of the US Regions that are US specific. When asked what those needs were, Dale said "You tell me, son." and Steve (Free State RDA) said, "Things like H&I and court cards." When then asked what national correctional institutions or treatment providers exist that would require a nationwide body of NA to work with, and why such services could not be delivered or handled locally, that had no answer.

It was somewhat tough to follow some of the ideas regarding the other two proposals (which were not adopted) as they made references to outdated literature such as the NA Tree and to long gone Transition Group Models used for discussion during the restructuring of NA World Services in the '90s. Verbalized speculation from others attendees was that this may be the reason said proposals failed to carry. I should also mention here that what the USFA calls a proposal is, in fact, a motion by the vernacular we are currently embracing in NA. So, rather than an idea to be discussed & considered, it is a call to action which is firm in its particulars.

At the point where the slideshow ended and Q&A really took over, these guys took nearly as many arrows as they slung at the World Board earlier in the day. They were asked why bootlegged NA Literature was for sale at their previous meetings. Steve (Free State RDA) stated that never happened, but then Kathleen contradicted that by letting us all know that in fact, Baby Blue was being sold but only in Wichita, they have since "nipped that in the bud". People wanted to know why so much "world service bashing" came along with the USFA efforts

and, to their credit, they illustrated for us how that controversy is also being addressed. Stating they have chosen to “take the high road and keep a low profile”, Dale explained that some of the original protagonists of the USFA have been “gently led to the fringes” and are no longer “running the show” ... as a side note, those members have in fact splintered off completely and started up yet another movement they are calling the United States Service Solutions Group and they are meeting in Florida in April.

Other sentiments that were not favored by the attendees were regarding the USFA’s stated intent to create NA Literature for US members only, zero transparency for where the funds were (speaking of moneys raised by the two previous USFA meetings and the sales of Baby Blue), and an inability to give an accurate count of just how many groups have registered in support of the USFA. Speaking of which, when asked by an RD from Kentucky how an NA Group could state opposition to the USFA, the answer was alarmingly simple; “they can’t”. I call this alarming because the USFA flier says prominently “Let every group’s conscience be heard, every member’s voice matters.”

Some of the ideas presented which seemed to be favored by folks, were the idea of having a time and place for the US Regions to come together in a fashion similar to what our Zones do currently, and have solution-based discussion forums as well as idea sharing seminars and the concept of having avenues of cooperation and collaboration with neighboring Regions. Also well received was the notion that such an assembly may serve to accommodate the common needs of two or more Regions having certain mutual needs, even though those needs were not clearly identified.

“Create the mechanism to meet the needs, then discover the needs. Is that right?” asked a GSR from Pittsburgh. “Yes.”, was the USFA response.

There is no question, in my estimation, that the members of the USFA love Narcotics Anonymous and believe in what they are doing with sincerity and passion. By their own admission, they are at the beginning of a long road. Dale, in particular, was enthusiastic in his conviction that they “...will stay the course and bring this thing to fruition.” He was also quite thrilled at the prospect of giving a presentation to our Region, and hopes to get an invite from us in the future. All he asks, is “a little bit of gas money and some folks to talk to.”

I hope I have been able to shed at least some light on what has no doubt been a muddied topic for us here. The USFA exists. They have had struggles in gathering support and in maintaining direction but, their hearts are in the right place and despite both internal strife and external confusion, we may yet see a United States Service Conference.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Jaime V. NERDA

Finance:

BOD/Convention Corporation: 3 Recommendations were made by the convention corporation.

The regional service body was

Insurance Liability Ad-hoc:

BREAK FOR LUNCH

AREA REPORTS:

Boston:

Cape Cod:

Cape Cod Area RCM report

Our Area Service Committee has assembled twice since we last met with an average of 14 GSRs in attendance. There are currently 26 meetings on Cape Cod.

H&I-Three commitments were missed over the last 2 months, the facilities were very understanding. A new commitment was added at our local detox facility, we now provide up to 5 commitments a months at that facility. We have voted to reinstate the stamping all of our literature before it enters the facilities we service. It was brought to the areas attention that there is a strain in the sub-committees budget due to providing literature for 3 new commitments over the last 6 months. The sub committee is scheduled to meet again on Saturday march 3rd.

PI- Pi discussed taking on the printing of our meeting lists, and group conscious was to take the job. The mailing to all schools on Cape Cod has gone out. Pi is also planning a flyer hanging day sometime in march.

Activities- We secured Camp Lyndon for Fun in the Fun August 17-19. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner at the Calvary Baptist Church in Hyannis on April 14th. We could not secure a hall for "Luck of the Addict" so we will be working on trying to get a spring fling dance soon.

Policy- Cape Cod are now has a policy chair. Vasco was nominated and voted in.

Insurance Policy-Dave S our Area Chair has cancelled our areas insurance policy, they could not back date it. We are now covered under the regional pWe received a check for unused premium back from our old Insurance Company "Peerless Insurance" for \$131

It was brought to the areas attention that there is a meeting on the regional meeting list that is not in existence, which is the Tuesday night meeting at the 1st congregational church in Falmouth at 7:30....

It was brought up at our January meeting about non-funded trusted servants being funded and did not receive the support of the Cape Cod area.

Next ASC meeting will be held Wednesday March 14th, 2012 at 7:00pm Grossman Building, 2nd Floor, Club Room at Cape Cod Community College Meeting.

In loving Service, Adam G.

Central Mass:

Free Spirit:

Free Spirit Area Report

2/19/2012

The Free Spirit Area Service Committee met once since our last meeting. In our January meeting 10 groups were represented. We are struggling to fill positions and we currently have many open positions. Open positions are, H&I Vice Chair, Policy Chair Public Information Chair, Outreach Chair, Alt. Secretary and 4 panel leader positions.

A new group Serenity Seekers was formed and it meets at Christ the King Church 130 Legris Ave. West Warwick from 10am-11:30 on Saturday mornings.

There was much discussion on the Providence Areas decision to relinquish the phone line that is shared with our area. We will have to make a decision whether the Free Spirit Area can afford the phone line on our own or if we will need to let it go.

The Free Spirit Area will be hosting our 12 Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday August 18th at Fenner Hill Country Club, Hope Valley RI. More information can be found on the flyer.

The Free Spirit Area gave a donation to region of \$330.00.

In Loving Service

Brian S

Greater Providence:



Greater providence area RCM report

February 19, 2012

Hi Family,

The Greater Providence Area has met twice since the last RSC. We have had 15 & 18 groups out of the 43 groups represented at the last ASC's. There are several vacant administrative and sub-committee chair positions open. Vice Chair, Alt. Secretary and Literature Chair. On the Convention Committee – Fundraising / Entertainment, Arts & Graphics, Merchandising.

A new group has been formed C.O.D. – Change or Die. They meet Friday nights from 7:00-8:30 @ the Anchor Recovery Center 249 Main St. Pawtucket RI. This a closed meeting for Addicts only.

Our ASC meets the 4th Sunday of every month, also @ the Anchor Recovery Center 249 Main St. Pawtucket RI. Our Mailing address is GPA P.O. Box 72792 Providence, RI 02907.

The Greater Providence Area has voted to discontinue use of the Rhode Island help line. Service agreements or contracts shall not be renewed with either Verizon or New England in Touch. INTENT: The Findings of the Ad Hoc Phonenumber subcommittee are that overall services available from the Regional Helpline are more robust and the costs are significantly less than the Rhode Island line.

ILS,
Ned L.

Martha's Vineyard:

Metro West:

Greeting New England Regional, All is well in Metro West Area we are operating above prudent reserve and all bills are paid, with the exception of the phone bill which will be address at the Area Meeting on the 26 of April and it will be resolved.

Nantucket:

NEMA:

Pioneer Valley:

Pioneer Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous

The PVASC met most recently on February 6, 2012. The PVASC meeting dates have changed to the 1st Monday on every month. 8 out of 11 groups were in attendance. All positions are full with the exception of Alternate Secretary and Alternate Treasurer. Policy was changed in regards to the fund flow structure it now reads The PVASC will make a bi-monthly donation to the New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous, based on excess funds.

Two groups that have been absent from PVASC meetings for the past few months were visited by Area Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer. The "It's a New Day Group" attended the PVASC

with a newly elected GSR and a representative from the "I Can't We Can Group" stated they do not have enough group members at this time and will remain in touch.

A new meeting has formed and joined the Pioneer Valley Area to bring the total number of meetings to 12. The Meaningless Unless We Live It Group is a Basic Text steps 1-12 meeting that started on February 7, 2012 and meets every Tuesday from 7:30-8:45pm at "Hope Community Church" located at 152 South Westfield Street Feeding Hills, Ma.

PVA H&I Meets the 3rd Friday of every month at St. Johns Church in Agawam. All commitments are being met.

PVA PI Meets the First Monday of every month immediately following the PVASC. We currently have been added to the Regional Phone line service and are researching the ideas and costs to forward existing lines to the regional number.

A discussion took place in regards to the issue of "funding trusted servants", this idea received no support and no other solutions were offered.

In Service,

ROB L. (RCM)

SEMA:

SEMA RCM report

In december we conducted regular buisness because we are currently alternateing from gsu-lsu to reg buisness every other month for a six month trial period

in december:

Location: UMASS Dartmouth

Date: Sunday, December 18, 2011

Time: 10:15 a.m. A.S.C. Administrative Meeting

11:00 a.m. H&I Meeting

12:15 Area Service Meeting

Vice Chair Report:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in last month's GSU. As the presentation progressed, it became apparent that the format was disorganized. I apologize for the lack of preparation to facilitate this format. After more that half in attendance left, the discussion became robust and focused. We established a structure for the next GSU.

1) To submit group concerns to the secretary before the meeting, by e-mail if possible. Based on the number of concerns, each issue will be allotted a certain amount of time for solution based discussion.

2) An AD HOC committee be established to facilitate, assess and review the overall GSU process since August. This would better define our accomplishments and create a report to submit to region and world as to our progress.

After attending the World service Zonal forum in Manchester NH earlier this month, there were multiple proposals and straw poles to better create strategies for the GSU format with the LSU format. No definite proposals were met, however, what we are doing with our GSU will better inform and help define how this will work in the future for other service structures. World service has requested we establish a new service structure because we have been using the same service system for years, and as the fellowship has grown, it has not been working as well as it could. "Ineffective communications, insufficient resources, frustrated trusted servants, and

a poor atmosphere of recovery in our service meetings" are the reasons supporting this change. The GSU, or group service unit, is to create an intermediate body open to all members; Newcomers, old timers as well as service connected and non service connected members.. The nature would be to have a simple, uninhibited group of members, dedicated to better improve the general structure of NA.

Secretary Report:

Hello Everyone,

Last month I sent out the minutes early due to the GSU format and that caused some confusion. I wanted to let you know that if your committee's report was not read at area then it cannot be entered in the minutes. This especially pertains to the months that we have a GSU format. Also, if you do not email me your reports by the time I send out the minutes then it will not be included in the minutes. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

ILS,

Sandy O.

H&I Report:

Good Morning,

We currently have 46 commitments serving with 42 panel leaders. Our learning day will be held on Saturday Jan 14th and the flyer is attached as well as posted on NERNA.org and you will find flyers at the front of the room. MCI Norfolk is in need of coverage and I brought this to the subcommittee to overwhelming support then back to regional subcommittee and it was decided I will establish contact SEMA H&I handle starting commitments there. We are still back in forth with the sheriff at the county jail on starting a commitment and we feel it's important for our committee to fill prison commitments. If any women are interested in doing a commitment at the state prison in Framingham I have contact info for panel leaders. Also region voted to have region wide panel list so I will pass a sheet around you do not have to write your name down. Also regional meeting lists were unavailable at regional subcommittee day but our vice chair will pick up lists for us thanks. Also SSTAR expressed interest in having more commitments over holidays so if any panel leaders want to lead or go on commitments I will send around a list. We have had no issues with any of our facilities and all the subcommittee positions are filled.

Zane F

Policy Chair Report:

Good afternoon, we have not been able to do much with policy due to some outside issues. However, we have found some relief from these issues, so the ASC should expect a number policy issues to come their way. Also, we have received Sister In Spirit's policy, Convention Committee's policy, PI's policy, Literature Distribution's policy, and H&I's policy. We highly suggest that all sub-committees construct a policy, so that when the changing of the guards happens in your respective sub-committee, your successor will have the smoothest transition possible.

ILS,

Policy Committee

Literature Distribution:

Good afternoon,

This month our total sales are as follows: Cash sales: 1142.00 H +I Sales: 261.00 Total sales : 11403.00
Our ending inventory balance is 3148.36.

We have purchased the laptop for the committee. We installed software to keep track of inventory and have registered the laptop for extended warranty with Walmart under SEMA NA.

We created a new email address for the sole purpose of literature sales and the email address is semalitsales@gmail.com

Group and Subcommittee Concerns

How can changes be made to the New England Regional meeting list? Tommy P. can make changes on the website. If you have any changes that need to be made, please see Tommy. Addicts Unite that meets on 360 Coggeshall St. in New Bedford from 7:00-8:30 has only 3 active members. The group is in need of support. Please spread the word.

How can we get copies of the CAR Report? Tommy P. will be making copies of the CAR Report. When GSU format meetings are held, reports are not given. Therefore, some chairs have two separate reports the following month. Please try to combine the two reports into one.

Is Area going to be doing GSR orientation again? We currently do not have anyone doing this. This is not a position. The last person just volunteered to do it.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

There will be a New Year's Eve Party located at the Better Living Community Building. Children are welcome. This is a free event. Drinks are available for \$1.

If anyone is interested in doing a commitment on Christmas or New Year's please see Zane F. The Taunton Area is planning to hold a Unity Day. It will be held on March 24th at the St. John's Episcopal Church on 370 Bay St. in Taunton.

The Room To Grow meeting located at BCC will not be held on Christmas Day or New Year's Day (Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st) due to the fact that the school building will be closed.

The Women Uniting meeting held on Sundays at 176 Somerset Ave in Taunton will not be held on Christmas Day.

The Bringing Minds Alive group that meets at 12noon will be holding a holiday celebration on December 23rd.

Elections:

Chair: Armand

Vice Chair: Ryan H.

Literature Chair: Debbie P.

Public Information: Open Position

Outreach Chair: Open Position

Adhoc Chair for Area Anniversary: Joyce C. and Activities Committee will volunteer to incorporate this into their committee

Adhoc Chair to host Region: Greg F.

Sisters In Spirit Chair: Brenda

Alternate RCM: Greg F.

Old Business:

In October a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to NAWS/World was submitted by Jay and seconded by Jesse P. This was voted on this month. There was 8 in favor, 6 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Motion Passed

New Business:

Motion for \$37.10 to purchase 350 regional meeting lists for next month as well as for H&I submitted by Armand and seconded by Debbie P.

Motion Voided due to the fact that the money is already allotted for that.

Motion for a starter kit for the Women Uniting Group in Taunton submitted by Charleen H. and seconded by Ryan H.

Motion Voided due to the maker of the motion not being present.

Motion for \$500.00 for the Campout Committee towards their working balance submitted by Tim P. and seconded by Mary D.

Motion tabled until February

Motion for \$150.00 seed money for Taunton Unity Day submitted by Steve A. and seconded by Chico B.

Motion tabled until February

Motion to give \$60.00 donation to the Hi Hopes Group of Bristol for letting the Activities Committee use their meeting hall for the Halloween Party and New Year's Eve Party in order to replace their 7th tradition. (\$30 for each event)

Motion tabled until February

Next Meeting:

Sunday, January 15, 2011 at UMASS Dartmouth

And in January we did the gsu-lsu format:

Location: UMASS Dartmouth

Date: Sunday, January 15, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m. A.S.C. Administrative Meeting

11:00 a.m. H&I Meeting

12:15 Area Service Meeting

Public Information:

Open position

RCM Report:

Open Position -Dan O. has been impeached due to three consecutive absences

Outreach Committee Chair:

Open position

Activities Committee Report:

Open Position – Joyce C. has resigned

NO OTHER REPORTS DUE TO GSU FORMAT

Group and Subcommittee Concerns:

Concern #1

We are worried about what appears to be a level of apathy in service work. For example, 24 groups were in attendance at last month's ASC yet only 14 voted! Leading us to believe the other groups had already left the meeting. We are wondering how with all the service structure changes, these things could possibly take place without a level of commitment on everyone's part.

-Jesse P.

Boys To Men

Suggestions:

Has anyone asked the GSRs why they left?

GSRs sometimes leave for different reasons. We cannot enforce our level of commitment on someone else.

We need to improve the passion of serving.

We need to teach newcomers about service and commitment and how to be a GSR. People with time should step up.

We should have an Area Learning Day. Someone should put in a motion for that next month. Instead of focusing on others, look at ourselves. It starts with self.

We need to address our current GSRs about staying for the entire ASC.

Lead by example. Stay until the end.

Hold our GSRs accountable. Ask the GSRs if they stayed. Vote someone else in if they don't fulfill their commitment.

Concern #2:

Our group needs help reaching out to the new comer, fellowshiping and unity.

-Marty M.

There is Hope

Suggestions:

The group has decided to meet one week a month after the meeting for fellowship, reaching out to the newcomer or anyone willing o stay behind and hang out and fellowship.

Sponsorship and helping the newcomer is the responsibility of the group. Address sponsorship with newcomers at the end of the meeting.

Take a look at ourselves if we are helping the newcomer. When you give your number to a newcomer, tell the person to dial it now.

Ask a newcomer for their number and call them.

Create a newcomer greeter position.

Try changing the meeting format, date or time.

Concern #3

Our group is struggling for group members and there are only four people trying to keep the doors open for this meeting.

-Addicts Unite

Suggestions:

A successful meeting isn't necessarily a big meeting with a lot of money. It's successful if you help even one addict.

Take a look at ourselves and support meetings that are struggling.

If there's a few meetings at one time, you might want to combine.

Maybe the group that's struggling is not meant to continue.

Change the meeting location, date or time to better meet the needs of the community.

Have the meeting earlier or get rid of the break so people don't leave at the break to go to another meeting.

Concern #4:

We need to work on our unity in this area. We've seen in the last few months, members discouraging support of certain meetings and events just because they are not in their area or not activities that they agree with. Be vigilant on what your motives are when discussing events.

-Debbie P.

Back To Basics

Suggestions:

We should support who we voted in. We are the ones that voted for them.

It starts with the individual. We need to model the appropriate behavior for the newcomer.

Let's not hurt addicts.

Maybe we should do more events in different spots. Like a unity day every 4 months in a different city/town in the SEMA area.

If you don't like the way a committee or event is being run, get involved in the committee.

We are a diverse population of people. We may need a variety of events, even on the same night. Stop the resentment towards each other/other events. It's not a battle. Work together.

Check your motives.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

There is Hope 2nd Annual Anniversary Speaker Jam

Date: March 10th 2012 Time: Doors open at 12-8.

Where: Blessed Trinity Church 1340 Plymouth Ave Fall River, Ma

\$5.00 Spaghetti Dinner. Food Fun and Fellowship.

NERC XV Fundraising & Entertainment Committee Presents: Winter Wonderland

Saturday, February 4th

Our Lady of Grace 190 Nichols St. Everett, MA

6pm-11pm (Speaker meeting at 6 and DJ/Dance at 7:30)

\$10 Admission

Sleigh Rides Available

Elections:

Public Information Chair: Dlanor H.

Outreach Committee: Ray S.

Sisters In Spirit Treasurer: Carol D.

Next month, RCM, Literature Chair, and Activities Committee Chair

Next Meeting:

Sunday, February 19, 2012 at UMASS Dartmouth

South Shore:South Shore Area RCM report
18, 2012

February

First I want to apologize for not being able to meet in the SSA and any inconvenience that may have caused. I have returned to the Region \$ 300 in cash on Saturday 18th and have a receipt for \$86 for purchase of chicken, haddock and flour tortilla that were for lunch. I have an additional \$114 to return to the region today for a total with receipt for food purchased of \$500. I was informed by a SSA group member that they may be interested to purchase the chicken, haddock and tortillas for an group event that they are having on March 31, 2012 if that is ok by this body and that money could be returned to the region at our next meeting. I

would need some direction from this body regarding what to do with the purchased food that was for lunch at the regional meeting.

The SSA has met twice since the last RSC and all positions are filled with exception of the Activities Chair position. We have area donations of \$165.73 for month of January and \$222.40 for month of February and are operating with a prudent reserve. The Area Policy Chairperson has updated and revised our Area policy and has made it available to all GSR's in the Area. H&I, PR, Literature, Web Page Contact person and Outreach committees are all doing well.

There was discussion brought up by a GSR during Open Forum in February about SSA members emailing back and forth replying to all members on the SSA contact list making suggestions for information about how to download and or view N.A. literature online. GSR's were informed about the new pamphlet on Social Media and it was passed around. It was suggested by the Area Secretary that maybe we should create a separate email address for the executive committee members to deal with any questions or concerns that come up within the month for Area members.

ILS

Brian R

SSA RCM

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM:

- SEMA expressed a desire to host June's RSC, but at this time they don't have a flier.
- The idea of a central location for the RSC to be held was briefly discussed.
- The unaccounted for items belonging to the region are in the process of being located, a PI member (SarahO.) believes she has the majority of them and is compiling a list of items in her possession.
- There has been a decrease in donations and an increase of expenses, in other terms we are paying out more money then we have been taking in. The issue was brought to the body to decide where the money will come from to pay these bills (ie insurance and storage space this month). Should the money come out of set aside funds (subcommittees allotted budgets) or prudent reserve? Should we consider not sending everything above prudent reserve as a donation to world at the end of business every RSC? Should we raise prudent reserve again?

Quorum: Voting Members: 11 Simple Majority: 7 2/3: 8

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections:

1. Activities chairperson - no nominations
2. Finance Member at Large - Sal S. accepted unanimously
3. PI Chairperson - John N. accepted unanimously
4. Fellowship Development Chairperson - Joe V. nomination

Submitted by the Metro West Area, motion reads “to reimburse administrative committee members for their travel costs related to attending the Sunday RSC meeting in the amount of a tank of gas with receipt”. Intent is “to allow for members who are unable to afford travel to serve the body”.

Motion is withdrawn as a motion and resubmitted as a proposal with the intention that the issue is brought back to areas to be discussed and suggestions as to how this issue should be addressed. ----- See money motion 5

1. Motion submitted by Jaime V., seconded by Andrew L.: To appoint a subcommittee who would coordinate with RD/RDA team to gain knowledge of “fellowship development” tools, then work with the RSC Chair and Policy Chair to create a New England Regional Fellowship Development Committee who’s purpose would be to stay updated on and disseminate new service delivery tools and processes to our member areas and RCMs as well the NERSC body itself. Intent: To help the NERSC and its member ASCs to learn and perhaps to adopt (when so desired by the body in question) the aforementioned tools and processes by creating and adopting such a committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Money Motions

If all money motions pass we would go \$419.02 under prudent reserve.

1. Motion presented by Regional Delegate. Motion reads “ to make check payable to the RD in the amount of \$65.00 for travel expenses to facilitate a CAR workshop in Beverly Mass.

In Favor:9 Opposed:1 Abstentions:1 Motion passes

2. Motion presented by PI Subcommittee. Motion reads “ \$50.00 for RMD for Harvard Med School events”. The intent is “to further our primary purpose”.

In Favor:11 Opposed:0 Abstentions:0 Motion passes

3. Motion presented by PI Subcommittee. Motion reads “ \$234.20 for NAWs literature order for Harvard Med School event”. Intent is “to further out primary purpose”.

In Favor:3 Opposed:4 Abstentions:4 the motion was revoted on, per policy when abstentions prevail

In favor: 10 Opposed:1 Abstentions;0 motion passes

4. Motion made presented by the regional delegate. Motion reads “ to make check payable to the RD for costs associated with travel costs of the RDA to the WSC. Check amount \$2425.50”.

In Favor: 9 opposed:0 Abstentions:2 motion passes

5. Motion was presented by NEMA to create a hardship fund, amount undisclosed, for unfunded trusted servants.

Decision was made to send motion back to areas by the chair person. The ruling of the chair was challenged and voted down. An ad hoc will be meeting at 11am on the next regional subcommittee Saturday in Boston.

Non Money Motions

1. Motion presented by the website subcommittee. Motion reads “to move the NERNA website hosting from our current solution with Linde to a shared hosting account with Sainly Solutions”. Intent is “continue to carry the message to the addict who still suffers while maintaining fiscal prudence”.

In Favor: 11 Opposed:0 Abstentions: 0 Motion passes

2. Motion presented by Andrew L, seconded by Bob. Motion reads “ that the NERSC move toward a consensus based decision making process and away from a motion based or Robert’s Rules based process”. Intent “to improve our service atmosphere and culture”.

Chairperson appoints Joe V. to look into this further and gather more information.

3. Motion presented by Jaime V, seconded by Andrew L. Motion reads “ to hold a planning assembly in place of our usual agenda at the August RSC 2012”. Intent is “to put into practice a planning cycle for our service deliveries 2012-2013”.

In Favor:11 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0 motion passes

1138.48 in prudent reserve

NAWS donation of \$0.00

Meeting closed at 5:45pm