

# Regional Minutes June 2016

August regional weekend will be hosted by Pioneer Valley  
Belchertown United Church of Christ (BUCC)  
18 Park Street  
Belchertown, MA 01007

Subcommittees meet Saturday August 13 at 12pm  
RSC meets Sunday August 14 at 11 am

October Regional weekend will be hosted by Boston Area

**RCMs: PLEASE LET GROUPS KNOW THAT THEY NEED A RIDER BINDER  
FOR SPECIAL EVENTS COVERAGE!!!**

## REPORTS

CHAIR- No report.

VICE CHAIR- No report.

SECRETARY- No report.

TREASURER/FINANCE-

Finance Committee Minutes  
June 11, 2016

The meeting started at 12 pm. Thank you NEMA for hosting. Present were:

- Michelle M. – Finance Chair
- Dave P. – Treasurer

The starting balance is \$0.

Reconciliation of the bank account was done. We received 2 service charges totaling \$6 for the months of April and May.

Group and Area donations totaling \$5,116.04 were received. RMD Sales were received totaling \$750.37. Insurance Payments (for 2015) were received totaling \$1104.48. Total Deposits = \$6,970.89.

The first of four insurance payments was made in April in the amount of \$1,141.75.

The second and third insurance payments were made yesterday totaling \$2,283.50.

**\*\*Please note, the insurance payments were funded from the insurance set aside account\*\***

Our Insurance Set Aside Transfer amount was increased to \$761 per Region Meeting (\$693 prior).

Per Discussion during the Regional Meeting on Sunday, it was decided as a body from the recommendation of the finance committee to decrease the RD/RDA Set Aside Transfer amount to \$792.50 (1427.50 prior). This was calculated based on the remaining money left in the set aside account after the last 2 year cycle (\$4,835.24) and the next 2 year cycle proposed budget.

Set Aside transfers were processed. Customary Expenses in the amount of \$333.18 for RMD Postage

(\$23.40), and Reimbursement of Dave P. for checks, deposit slips, PO Box fee, and receipt book (\$309.78). A check for \$600 was cut to Pioneer Valley to host Region in August. \$35.31 was paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for Q1 Sales Tax.

We created insurance bills for each individual area, and have handed them out to all present RCM's. A copy will also be emailed to your area.

The check for \$210 that was written to the church that hosted the February RSC in Western Mass was destroyed by the payee as the remaining funds were paid by the Western Mass RCM.

Prudent Reserve was restored to \$2,972 with a transfer of \$93.75 from the General Fund.

Our opening balance: \$4,349.15

ILS,

Michelle M. & Dave P.

Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Money Motions:

- Money Motion #1: To Replace books for presentations and events :\$199.75 for
  - o 2 It Works How & Why
  - o 2 JFT's
  - o 2 Miracles Happen
  - o 2 NA Step Working Guides
  - o 1 Sponsorship
  - o 2 Living Clean – The Journey ContinuesIntent – To replenish our books which have become tattered and also be able to cover more events simultaneously – **PASSED**
- Money Motion #2: To Reimburse PR Training Coordinator for photocopies, binders, tape, and index cards - \$43.24. Intent – To train PR members to conduct NA presentations to further the message of NA. – **PASSED**
- Money Motion #3: To Reimburse PR Training Coordinator for inventory supplies – to replace old, battered containers which were not keeping our supplies in tact - \$210.33. Intent – To keep literature for PR Events in good condition and easy to transport – **PASSED**

**TOTAL MOTIONS = \$453.32**

An additional customary expense was paid to the Secretary for printing reimbursement for \$15.40.

Prudent Reserve is full at \$2,972.

A donation to Worlds will be made in the amount of \$3,880.43.

Ending Balance: \$0

ILS,

Michelle M. & Dave P.

## CONVENTION-

Good Afternoon and thank you NEMA for hosting,

We have had 2 meetings since the last regional meeting. The first was on May 14th at the Sturbridge host hotel and we met yesterday with 7 voting members in attendance. We are still in need of an assistant secretary and an Arts and Graphics Chairperson.

We have extended the Early Bird registration to July 31st and this has been updated and changed on the NERNA.ORG website. We have several fundraisers planned with the next 2 being in Cranston RI on June 25 and in August 27 in Brocton, MA. There are also future fundraisers planned in Worcester, Springfield, and Cape Cod Area. .... More will be revealed

Flyers for the next 2 fundraisers are available and are posted on the Website.

We also developed a convention committee awareness flyer with subcommittee descriptions and chair persons' phone #'s. These are also available today.

A package was handed to each RCM. This package includes the flyers that I just described along with a letter from the programming committee to each RCM. The Programming committee is asking each RCM to fill out the form with 1 male, 1 female, and 1 wildcard speaker for NERC XVII that has a clear NA message and has at least 3 years clean time to be recommended as speakers for the convention. The programming Committee has decided to only have speakers from the areas contained in the New England region at our convention. A self-addressed stamped envelope has been provided for the form to be mailed back to NERC XVII.

Our account balance is \$5726.10 and part of this is \$289.72 in New Comer Donation. This results in a working balance of \$5436.38.

Our next meeting is going to be held on July 9, 2016 at 1:30 PM at 140 Ace St, Fall River, MA.

In loving service,  
Debbie L

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT- No report submitted.

## H & I-

Region meet On Saturday at 12.00 PM. We Had 6 Areas in Attendance.

South Shore Is having a Issue with Panel Leaders Doing Commitments At State Jails For A Long Period Of time, Getting Burnt Out.

They Having A Learning Day Next weekend.

Nema is planning A Learning Day in August. They Don't Have a Place yet. More Will Revealed About that.

We had Voting,

The Body Brought a Nomination Is Mike C ,

Vice Chair Billy V ,

Sec Tom S

DOC Billy V is going to Fill it , As Vice Chair MIKE

WSR Is open

Open form

Had Discussion On A Request from 2 In mates from 2 Different Facilities asking for 2 Living Clean Books For their Personal Use, Inside The Facility

## INSURANCE-

Good afternoon, I would like to continue as the insurance chairperson and hope to be voted back in as insurance chair. This would be my second year as insurance chair. Our next bill is due 6/21/2016 in the amount of \$2,283.50. We had request for Five binders. The first one was for an event on August 6th, 2016 Salvation Army 619 Purchase St. New Bedford, Ma 02740 Second one was for a Watertown Men's Group Retreat Sept. 8-11 2016 UCCR (United Camps, Conferences & Retreats) 39 Prospect Ave Centerville, Ma 02632 Third one is for a meeting Saturdays from 7:00pm to 8:15pm Smith Mills Christian Congregational Church United of Christ 11 Anderson Way Dartmouth, Ma 02747 Four one is for a meeting I Can't We Can

Group of NA from 12:00pm to 1:00pm 40 Kenwood Circle Franklin, Ma 02038 The Fifth one is for a meeting starting at 7:00pm Northeastern University 360 Huntington Ave Boston, Ma 02115 Also I was asked about insurance for a bounce house and groups or events can be insured, But it cost 500.00 to 1,000.00 dollars a day to have this equipment insured.

In Loving Service  
John F

## LITERATURE-

The only thing to fear is fear itself. Hold your pattern SEMA. Wait for the signal. The traditions book should be ready in August and out in October. This is my last region as literature chair. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. IT WAS a Pleasure to Serve. Love Kevin H.

POLICY- No report submitted.

## PR/PHONELINE-

Greetings New England Region! PR Subcommittee met yesterday with 16 addicts present.

Tony (NEMA Chair), Bridget (Cape Cod Chair, Events Coordinator), Mary C (Boston ASC Secretary), Chris B (Metro West Chair), Tomi (NERSC PR Secretary), David D (SSA Web Contact, Phone Line Ad Hoc Chair), Gary B (Phone Line Coordinator), Ed A, Dianne M, Christopher M (RMD Coordinator), James P (NERSC PR Chair), Sarah O (NERSC PR Training Coordinator), Teri T (Central MA PR Chair), and (4 interested members who did not sign in).

### **We have one open position: Vice Chair**

**RMD Report:** Christopher reported that 1950 RMDs remaining from printing and available to sell will print within next couple weeks. Diane Reported that 4 RMDs were sent from phone/email requests

### **Phone Line Coordinator Report:**

Non-Urgent Call Back: 27 calls, 16 from patient at Shattuck hospital, 8 from addicts looking for meetings, 3 from addicts seeking help directed to mass helpline. Gary has not received a call from the patient at Shattuck in the last 10 days.

Urgent Call Back: NEMA: 6 calls (4 from mental patient 2 needing to talk); Central Mass: 1 call; Nantucket: 0 calls; SEMA: 1 call; South Shore: 6 calls; No reports from the four remaining areas

**Phone Line Professional Contact:** Rob reported that three calls were received since the last Region in April: one from a DRT facility to see if our members would be interested in their services, another from a guy looking for a presentation but was not notified by Diamond Voice that a message was waiting and missed the date, the other from a woman with a question regarding attending a meeting as a non-addict in Westfield, Ma. Rob spoke to Diamond Voice in regards to notification texts not being sent to me. They said they are behind in the texting technology and rely on Verizon to send the message after their service sends the request to a Verizon app. and that Rob should call them. Frustrated that we hired diamond voice and not Verizon for this service Rob asked what technology are they up to date on that may work. Rob now receives emails and telephone calls whenever a message is left in a box.

**Training Coordinator's Report:** Sarah thanked all 25 participants that attended May's Regional PR Training #1. They provided valuable feedback, which she has been able to implement.

The CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, event was rescheduled from May 21 to June 21 at 6pm. Again, we will be looking for addict parents to observe the event who have worked in the past with DCF. It is not relevant whether you were awarded or lost your children, only that you no longer have an open case.

If you are interested in observing a presentation or know of someone who might be interested, please let me know.

We had a Training event for Pioneer Valley and Western Mass, which needed to be rescheduled. Sarah is hoping to add these two areas and Cape Cod onto the training calendar. Martha's Vineyard will be holding their Training #2 on June 18th.

### **Website Coordinator – Submitting Separate Report**

**Events Coordinator:** Over the past two months, Bridget has been familiarizing herself with the new position. She is in the process of setting up an e-mail account for the position on the NERNA website. For any regional PR events, Bridget will arrange for enough participants and be in contact with the hosting facility or organization. In addition to this, the event coordinator is an important tool in making sure each event has the inventory that it will need. There are also follow-up event surveys suggested to give to the audience after a presentation.

### **PR Area Reports:**

**Boston-** No PR Body, No report;

**Cape Cod Area** – Bridget V reported that they held a presentation on May 5 at IOP in Orleans, MA. Four addicts attended and we have been asked to come back to the facility on a monthly basis. Cape Cod is scheduling preliminary meetings with local high schools including Falmouth, and Dennis-Yarmouth. They held a **flyer hanging day on Wednesday May 18th** was successful. They are working to delegate members for particular facilities to increase our efficiency as a service body. Cape Cod is also securing ad-space in the Cape Cod Times both in print and online. There will be a **learning day on July 30 from 2-3 at the Wednesday Night Young Peoples Group located on 485 Brick Kiln Rd in Falmouth, MA.** They are also planning a CCANA PR Potluck dinner, more will be revealed.

**Free Spirit Area** – No Report; **SEMA** – no report; **Greater Providence** – No Report; **Nantucket Area** - No Report

**Metro West Area** Chris B reported 4 events since the last region: **UMass Boston Presentation:** 7 addicts attended to help run the event, and there were approximately 60 students and the professor present. We had both positive and constructive feedback from the audience, and were asked back next semester. **Waltham Overcoming Addiction Booth:** 2 addicts hosted and there were between 150-200 people in attendance. We made good contacts for future presentation and outreach. **“If Only Screening”, Dedham Coalition:** 2 addicts attended, there were roughly 60 people in attendance, mostly those working in the recovery field hosting resource tables of their own. We made good contacts, and have set up a presentation as a result of these contacts scheduled for later this month. **“If Only Screening”, Waltham Overcoming Addiction:** 2 addicts attended and it was similar to the Dedham event. Metro West PR is working on filling service positions, and delegating tasks to various leads for the programs we now have running. Metro West is holding a flyer hanging day the day of region, today and will provide a report at next area. Future Presentations / Events: **Learn2Cope Presentation:** June 22nd, 7-8:30 pm. This will be a presentation for a support organization for those affected by addiction. **St. Elizabeth's Psychiatry Staff Presentation:** TBD; **Literature Rack Donation Program:** 8 racks will be distributed at our next ASC Meeting. Robin V. was elected as Program Lead.

**NEMA-** (Tony): new vice chair Jackie, around 10-12 addicts regularly in attendance. Used money from recent fundraiser to use as a set aside. Starting to supply literature to new facilities with basic text, pamphlets etc. Doing 3 facilities a month. We have postponed our forum until June 1st in order to help best serve our contacts and make sure the word gets out. We have secured Salem State as the location for the event. We also voted on additional fundraiser sometime in April. More will be revealed at the next ASC.

**Pioneer Valley Area and Western Mass Area** - Rob L reported that the Pioneer Valley and Western Mass PR Subcommittees now jointly own a professional table cover with The New England Region Information printed on it as well as books, literature rack, and IP's for presentation requests. The PR Subcommittees have taken on presentation/speaking commitments at local high schools per their requests and have developed a "Public Relations Commitment Holder Orientation Package". The Pioneer Valley PR Chair will be an open position as of Monday June 13, 2016. Nominations were last month and no nominations were accepted for PR Chair.

**Central Mass** – Teri reported that PR met this month thru conference calling with 5 addicts participating. They are developing better ways to inform the public that NA works and discussed more ideas to look more attractive to the public. CMA is planning to purchase a Central Mass tablecloth and members gave input on how they wanted it to look. Teri is requesting the next training session, when possible. There are only 5 trained presenters and they would like to get more involved. All open commitments were filled the last two months. All emergency rooms were given literature and RMDs. They are currently planning to deliver literature and meeting lists to probation officers, major courthouses and the Pepperell police station this month.

**South Shore Area** – David reported that the South Shore has held 4 events that were all tables/booths. They have 27 display racks out in the area and pointed out to other areas that it is easy to lose track of the racks so it is something to be closely paid attention.

**Martha's Vineyard** – Greetings from the Martha's Vineyard area! Our area's P.R. committee has been meeting regularly (weekly) since mid-December and has held/been a part of, two presentations since early April. Our local community services, on April 11th hosted a "professional day" on their campus in order to help us target professionals in our area and anyone who might come in contact with active addicts on a regular basis, such as: clergy, high school faculty, emergency room physicians and counselors at community services. There were 6-8 addicts in attendance and we successfully carried the message. More recently we were invited to share our experience strength and hope at a local public forum titled "Opiates Addiction and Our Community" on June 6th. Four of us sat on a panel of 10 people. We successfully carried the message to a crowd of over two hundred people that included: local police, cape and islands districts attorney's office, members of the S.A.F.E. Coalition of Franklin mass, Dukes county sheriff's department, emergency room physicians, community services, scientists, along with concerned parents family and concerned people of the community. We plan to continue putting on presentations when requested and we will continue to meet regularly. Also, we are the best Na-Na-nuh-boo-boo stick your head in Doo Doo! In loving service-Emmett

#### Useful Websites:

1. To update your groups information on the regional website please visit this link;  
<http://www.nerna.org/user/login>
  2. To Update NA World Services website please visit this link;  
<http://www.na.org/?ID=updateforms-gud-form>
- PR Basics- (12 Pages) [http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR\\_Basics.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_Basics.pdf)
  - Public Relations Handbook-(125 pages)  
[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/handbooks/PRHB\\_Final\\_24Oct06.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/handbooks/PRHB_Final_24Oct06.pdf)
  - Naws News: <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-nawsnews-nawsmain>
  - NA WAY - <http://www.na.org/?ID=subscribe>
  - Also check out <http://na-pr.org/> for more PR related information.

#### **PR Old Business:**

**Planning Basics** – Chris noted that members have been meeting in the off months to work on Planning Basics. The 3rd meeting was held and members have been working on brainstorming for effective communication and outreach. At the next meeting, members will brainstorm goals for training and participation as well as set an action plan for effective communication and outreach. People should log on

15-minutes prior to the meeting and make sure their connections and software are working. - Google hangouts was also suggested.

**Ad Hoc Policy Committee** – Sarah is working with Cara and will have more information at next region on what is going on with creating a new PR policy

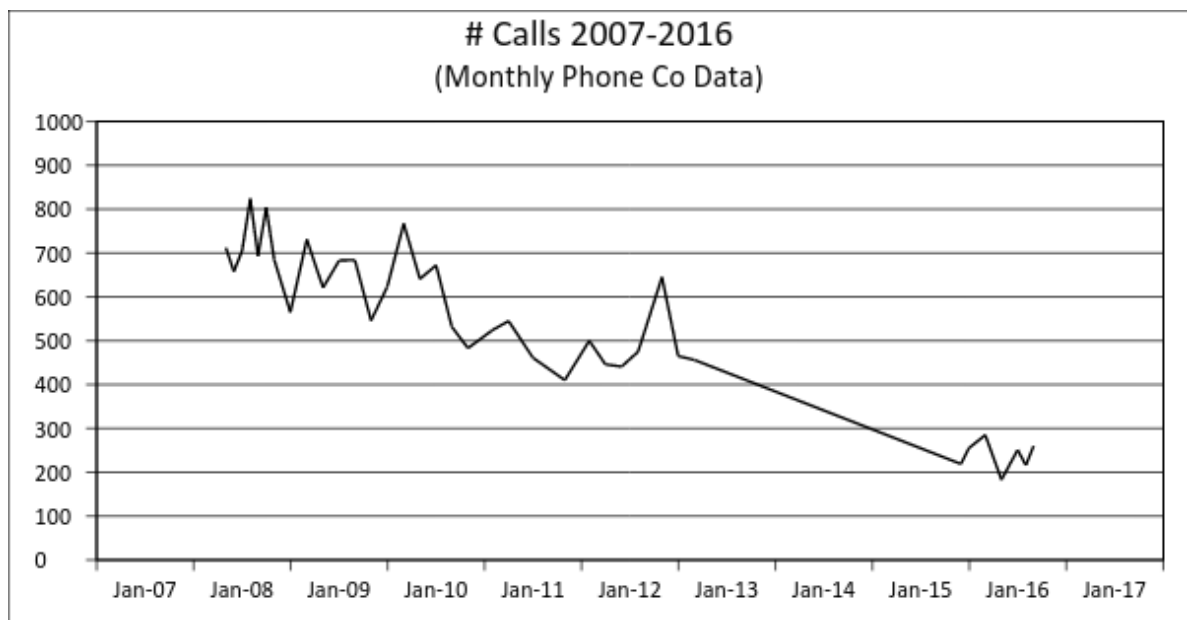
**Phone Line Ad Hoc Committee** -David reported that the committee has met 3 times starting on 5/30. 6/3, and 6/9. Currently 6 participating members. It has been acknowledged that this is not a fast-moving process – at least not yet. **Purpose of committee:** To find and propose a phone line system to replace the existing that is 1) Easier for NA to maintain, 2) More caller friendly, 3) Less expensive.

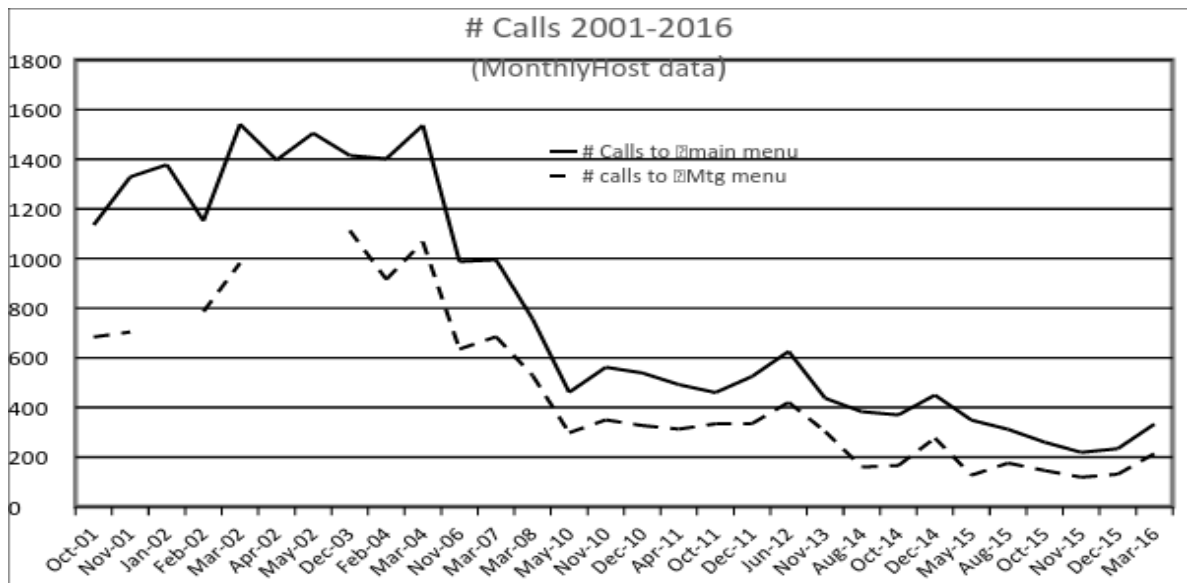
15-year call stats were charted and distributed showing **an 80% drop** in call volume from the initial few years of operation. **Total Avg calls per month for the last year are 283 according to phone service data, and 238 with data from the toll-free call data.** The latter is likely more accurate. Also noticed are many repeat calls. That is people calling back multiple times within a few minutes. **If the repeats are removed, the calls drop even lower. Avg meeting info calls per month (to the meeting menu) = 150.** Current operations were provided by Gary: (9) urgent call-back volunteers currently; 1/3 of all non-urgent are referred to website; Recorded meeting listings have not been updated in more than 1 year. Spanish availability is low. Sporadic problems with urgent call box accessibility.

**New System discussed:** A new system with a short, simple menu that connects the callers directly with an NA Volunteer is desirable although there was doubts expressed on our ability to round up enough volunteers to accomplish this. However, the compiled call data showing a daily call volume of between 5 and 10 made it appear viable if not easy to handle. Recorded meeting listing boxes will be gone. David has requests out to Intermedia and DiamondVoice for basic hosted PBX new system proposals and prices. Bob had started research into the VoIP or Cloud PBX latest technology companies, features, and basic pricing. We have a lot more to learn about this and whether it's right for us. Vonage and RingCentral RFP's out.

**Volunteer geographics:** Although it is optimal for a caller to be connected to someone in their locale, with easily accessible most up-to-date website meeting info as well as printed lists, a volunteer could provide meeting info for any Area, and of course engage in discussion with caller when needed **PR**

**Functionality:** Should be maintained in a new system - a “Professional” caller would still be directed to a PR “hunt group”. It would likely be improved due to the calls being answered directly rather than via a VM message.





Christopher suggested that rather than wait a year for the ad hoc committee to make their findings, that PR get diamond voice to make a quick one-time update because the phone line is over a year old.

**Shattuck Addict Issue**– Update & new action

Several PR members suggested that the phone number at the locked facility be blocked. Jaime believes that trying to deal with the individual in any way is a violation of our 3rd tradition and we should refer to the violent and disturbing behavior pamphlet. David made a motion to block the phone line for 6th months. The motion failed, 5 for, 3 against, 3 abstain (11 voting members). James suggested that we wait until next region to see if the individual is still calling because after a long period of frequent calls, we have not received a call from the individual in over ten days now.

**PR Tradition 11 Statement:**

Due to an increase of requests by the press for interviews, we would like to repeat our Eleventh Tradition, which says, “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.” The primary purpose of our public relations effort is to tell the story of Narcotics Anonymous and what our program offers so that we may better reach the still-suffering addict. We do not give our last names nor allow our image to appear in the media as a member of Narcotics Anonymous. Please direct all media inquires to email:pr@newenglandna.org or 1-866-NA-HELP-U (1-866-624-3578).

**PR New Business:** Shorten reports (last Region 4 pgs.)

Upcoming events – and requests

Please register any event with Bridget, the new events coordinator. Until she has a NERNA email address, please contact her at [capecodareapr@gmail.com](mailto:capecodareapr@gmail.com)

Elections:

PR Chair: no volunteers

PR Vice-Chair: no volunteers

PR Secretary: Tomi was voted in

Money Matters: motions & Literature Order & Budget increase: Sarah provided inventory storage including suitcases and carrying cases. Tomi requested a new rack and Bridget volunteered an extra display rack from the Cape Cod area. Sarah requested an additional folding display but we do not have the pricing on this so Jaime will get in touch with Bob about the cost and we will request for August. Sarah noted any books that need to be ordered with James.



Tomi suggested that we donate the literature that has become beat up from presentations to an area that is in need. Bridget requested this literature for the Cape Cod area.

**STRAW VOTE:** Jaime noted that PR needs to check with region to make sure they are okay with donating the literature.

3 money motions: 2 reimbursements to PR Training coordinator totaling \$253.57 and a literature order of \$199.75

**PR Training Dates:** Please contact Sarah O about upcoming training dates and locations

**Open Forum:** Mary asked whether the training coordinator is the person who does the training for the phone line call back positions for each area. Gary said there is no current position or person designated to do this training but there is a packet that can be provided to inform the position.

David wants James to request at region to: **ASK RCMs** can ask their ASC if they can take a straw poll of volunteers willing to cover a helpline shift at either: 1) noon-midnight or 2) midnight-noon. Calls would come directly to the volunteers' cell phone and call volume would be low (likely <5 per shift and often zero). Each shift would be covered by (2)+ volunteers.

**Elections:** Vice Chair – No Nominations; Chair– No Nominations; Secretary: Tomi U. unanimous

We closed at 3:50 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> step prayer.

In Loving Service, James P.

RMD- No report submitted.

Website- No report submitted.

## AREA REPORTS

BOSTON- No report.

CAPE COD- No report submitted.

CENTRAL MASS- No report.

FREE SPIRIT- No report submitted.

GREATER PROVIDENCE-

The Greater Providence Area has met once since our last regional meeting with 14 GSRs present. We are still without an area vice chair, policy chair, PI chair, alt secretary and alt H&I chair. The convention committee turned over \$9,763.00 to the area retaining \$7,500.00 for seed money. The area voted to buy 75 soft cover basic texts at a cost of \$950.00 to be placed in all the libraries at the Adult Correctional Institution. The area donated \$1,500.00 to the New England region and \$1,500.00 to NAWS. There was a lively discussion about how the area could best spend this money locally to carry the message.

Our activities chair had to step down but reported that the spaghetti dinner held on April 19<sup>th</sup> was “met with great success” They held a “Bring a Newcomer Bowling” event on May 7<sup>th</sup> which had 5 participants. The

committee surveyed 200 addicts and found that their top choice of activities were: 1-Bowling 2-Beach Day 3-Camping 4-Game night/Dance 5-Karaoke

The H&I committee reported that 21 out of 38 commitments were taken by groups, this does not include the department of corrections. They have increased the speaker pool for the DOC with 5 men and 1 woman.

We are operating above prudent reserve.

Our next area meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at 3:30  
249 Main Street Pawtucket, RI

In grateful service,  
Jim D. and Melissa G. GPA RCM team

GREATER WORCESTER- No report submitted.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD- No report submitted.

METRO WEST-

Hello from Metro West! We have met twice since region in April. We are having elections on June 26, all positions will be open! The Activities Committee is working on a cookout and have a question for the Insurance Committee and whether it would be a bad idea to have a water balloon fight after the cookout.

The ASC is also discussing moving the monthly meeting to a weeknight to encourage attendance.

The Metro West Area Service Committee meets at 3 pm on the last Sunday of each month at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 9 Russell Ave in Watertown, MA.

Lastly, I will not be returning to region as an RCM, but will be here in other capacities. Thank you so much for welcoming me last April- service at the regional level has renewed my passion for NA and service!

Thanks a million, Tiffany L.

NANTUCKET- No report.

NEMA- No report submitted.

PIONEER VALLEY-

Greetings from the Pioneer Valley,

Thank you Northeastern Mass Area for hosting us this weekend. The Pioneer Valley Area Service Committee has met twice since we last met. 7 groups out an an active 13 we for quorum were present in April and in May there were 10 groups present. Our next meeting is this tomorrow June 13 7 pm at 191 Montcalm St. Chicopee.

Our PR Committee is looking for a new Chairperson. Our Spring Flyer Hanging Day had good support by members of the Sub-Committee itself but not from the fellowship at large. Our Summer Flyer Hanging Day will be in July and we hope for a larger turn out. Our Weekly Speaking Commitment is happening at Liberty Preparatory Academy in Springfield a.k.a. The Recovery High School.

H & I has a few open commitments, primarily at Cole's Place and is working on filling these. The Western Mass H & I Committee has asked for assistance in filling their commitments. Due to differences in clean time requirements and the need to fill our own commitments, this is currently on hold. A New Chair for the Committee was recommended and nominated. We await the conscious of the groups in this matter.

The Activities Committee folded after a successful first event when their idea for a second event was unable to get off the ground. The Reunification Ad-Hoc Committee has ended and our Area remains as it has been.

The Ad-Hoc Committee for Hosting Region in August met several times and secured a suitable location in Belchertown, at the Belchertown United Church of Christ. The BUCC is located at 18 Park Street, right on the Green in the center of the small town. A flyer has been sent to the Secretary and the Website Chair.

We are current on all our bills and are slowly and steadily replenishing our Prudent Reserve. We await elections tomorrow night and more nominations for open positions of service, included in this is the RCM.

In Loving Service,  
Ada C.

## SEMA-

Good morning,

My name is Bill I am an addict. I am the new alternate RCM for the SEMA area. Our RCM could not make it due to she just had her baby. We currently have an average of 25 groups attending area and working above prudent reserve. Currently we do have some struggling committees whom have all voiced for help at the Administrative and GSU format. H&I currently serves 11 facilities in our area and still looking for panel leaders especially during this time of high demand of H&I lately. A ADHOC for SEMA H&I Learning Day has been started. They have a new facility, Plymouth forestry camp (correctional facility), which requires panel leaders going into this facility to attend a orientation. 4 Panel Leaders have signed up for this. PI is currently working on talking to families of addicts in certain facilities and working on meeting with school committees. PI is also working on a letter that explains the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition along with explaining PI to prevent receiving donations from outside entities. Outreach is one of the committees lacking human resources to continue their endeavor, especially in regards to visiting groups that do not meet at area for long periods of time. Also they will now have to temporarily spend working on the Areas Website They are asking for help and will continue to meet on their phone call every first Monday of every month at 8pm. The contact info for that is 712-775-7035 access number 208121. Policy meet and discussed a more prudent solution for the need of a laptop, to be more practical they brought up the use of a tablet with MS 2-year protection plan the total being 143.23. The committee is also currently working on LSU/GSU Format and plan to hold a workshop regarding these formats at the following area. Their next subcommittee meeting will be held June 19<sup>th</sup> at 845AM. SIS reports that they have made their limit in registrations set by the retreat and can no longer accept any more registrations. All women that have registered have received their confirmations. New merchandise for event will be purchased for their upcoming event. Literature Development reports they are at a standstill and would love to get direction from the area. They also need support and currently working with only 3 committee members. Campout reports all is well and already held their next event June 4<sup>th</sup>, their next meeting will be held July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5PM Somerset Town Hall. The Convention Committee reports ALL positions are now full and has a theme of Courage to Change with lion logo. They advise all subcommittee chairs to put ant revisions of policy to submit. F&E Committee is also working on 90s event in July. H&H reports that the dates are locked in for the Hotel which will be November 3,4 and 5<sup>th</sup> 2017, more details to come. All subcommittees are currently asking for help. Activities all is well and hopes to see everyone at our SEMA Anniversary on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 228 North Main St Fall River, Ma. Thank you in loving service Dyan B.

## SOUTH SHORE-

SSA met as recently as June 8th. GSR orientation was led before the start of the area meeting, there were 8 new GSRs in attendance. The PR committee is having a learning day June 18th at 639 high street at the First Congregational Church in Hanson MA from 12 -4 pm. H & I will also be holding a learning day at the same place at the same time.

The SSA public relations packets continue to be well stocked and maintained by the various groups of the south shore.

All positions are filled at the South Shore Area.

H & I has 5 locations open, 4 of those being correctional facilities.

In loving service,  
Brian C SSA RCM

WESTERN MASS- No report submitted.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

MINUTES- Approved. Note: April treasurer's report was emailed separately.

#### MONEY MOTION # 4 from February 2016 RSC

Presented by: Ada C., Pioneer Valley

Seconded by: Cape Cod Area

Motion: Cut a check for Regional "Hot Spot" web access.

Intent: To allow RD/RDA team to be in contact with Region and allow web access to all Regional meetings.

Allow use by Committee (PR) on an "as-needed" basis.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

Voting members: 11

Simple majority: 5

2/3: 8

#### MONEY MOTION # 1

Presented by: James P. – PR Chair

Motion: To replace books for presentations and events: \$199.75

2 x It Works How & Why

2 x Just For Today

2 x Miracles Happen: The Birth of NA in Words and Pictures

2 x NA Step Working Guide

1 x Sponsorship

2 x Living Clean: The Journey Continues

Intent: To replenish our books which have become tattered and also be able to cover more events simultaneously.

Make check payable to: NAWS

IN FAVOR: 11

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

#### MONEY MOTION # 2

Presented by: James P. – PR Chair

Motion: Reimburse PR Training Coordinator for photocopies, binders, tape index cards.

Staples \$11.46 + \$9.47 + \$22.31 = \$43.24 (receipts attached)

Intent: To train PR members to conduct NA presentations to further the message of NA.

Make check payable to: Sarah O.

IN FAVOR: 11

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

### MONEY MOTION # 3

Presented by: James P. – PR Chair

Motion: Reimburse PR Training Coordinator for inventory supplies- to replace old battered containers which were not keeping our supplies intact.

Luggage LG- \$99.99, Carry-on luggage- \$69.99, portable containers \$12.99, \$14.99 = \$210.33 (receipt attached)

Intent: To keep literature for PR events in good condition and easy to transport.

Make check payable to: Sarah O.

IN FAVOR: 11      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAINED: 0

### ELECTIONS

CHAIRPERSON Bill H.

VICE CHAIRPERSON Rachel M.

SECRETARY Tiffany L.

ASST. SECRETARY Trish L.

TREASURER Michelle M.

ASST. TREASURER Jay P.

FINANCE Dave P.

ACTIVITIES **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT Will discuss whether subcommittee is part of RDA position.

H&I Michael C.

INSURANCE John F.

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

POLICY CHAIR Duncan M.

PR/PHONELINE **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

RMD Kevin H.

WEBSITE Ray L.

RD Noel D.

RDA Brenda V.

FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE Abby E.

FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE James P.

FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE Bernie N.