

NWA AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

November 14, 2020

**** NOMINATIONS NEED FOR ALL POSITIONS LISTED BELOW (CLEAN TIME REQUIRED) ****

ASC Treasurer (3 years)
ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years)

ASC Activities Chair (2 years)
ASC Web Chair (2 years)

General Business began at 1:33 PM (Hosted by Peace Out West)

Open with Serenity Prayer

Reading of 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Purpose of the ASC waived without opposition

<p>Administrative Officers Roll Call:</p> <p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair - Marc S.• Vice Chair - Alicia A.• RCM - Chuck B.• Secretary - Doralene D. <p>Absent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2021 Convention Chair - Dyanne <p>Vacant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer• Treasurer in Training• RCM Alt.• HIPPR• Activities - Marc (appointed)• Web	<p>Group Roll Call: <i>Quorum not met* (3 out of 8)</i></p> <p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee Pot NA Meeting (Doralene D./Abby)• Final Frontier (Marshall C./Nathan B.) Chuck• Peaceful Dozen (Shelly/ Matt)• Peace Out West (Chris/Bri)• Livin Clean (Jack H./Todd M.)• New Life (Jennifer G.)• Second Chance Ken <p>Absent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Beginnings• Therapeutic Value (MaryLyn T./Karen S.) <p>*Quorum met</p>
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Secretary Report: Doralene read minutes and they were accepted without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance given by Alicia. \$1629.72

GSR Reports: Report submitted and attached

RCM: Report submitted and attached

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Activities: Mark** Report submitted and attached
- **HIPPR:** Vacant
- **Web: Alicia** Report submitted and attached.
- **2021 Arkansas Regional Convention Committee:** Next meeting Nov 28th at 10am via zoom.
- **Guidance Committee Ad Hoc: Alicia** -Have met, discussion and review taking place. More will be revealed. Reminder, this sub-committee was formed to alleviate time spent with groups discussing policy and procedure changes.

Old Business: No old business

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Open Share:

HIPPR

- **Marc** - We need a HIPPR sub-committee to carry the message to outside facilities. We need to announce at Groups we need a working group of volunteers that are H&I trained to carry the message to these facilities and not harm NA image and not fall apart. Questions surrounding H&I; hospitals and institution meetings are for those that can not make indoor meetings. NA can be there for those that are unable to get out and attend meetings. Members have expressed concern over a group in the area that was announcing a facility was hosting an NA panel. Should not be announced at an NA meeting if it's not an NA meeting. It was getting mixed up. H&I mixed up with NA, mixed up with the treatment facility. Without having a working HIPPR sub-committee we're going to see more problems like this. The NA message is being run over by treatment facility patients that are going to start trying to govern us and running us due to not being educated.
- **Shaun**- I have someone come to me with the same issue. The issue was a treatment facility employee is also a member of NA and was announcing facility business at an NA meeting group. This is an outside issue. They are members of NA but are not HIPPR. What happens in the treatment center is an outside issue outside of NA. Even though a person is a member of NA, they are not a part of HIPPR. What happens at facilities is up to the facility as we do not govern. As far as treatment centers trying to govern the area, there are other groups that are not affected. My concern is that when we do get a HIPPR chair and committee together hopefully soon, we do not need to take meetings into facilities that bring their people to the meetings. That is not the purpose of HIPPR or public relations. We are supposed to be there for jails and institutions for people that physically can't go to meetings. I know in KC, there were treatment facilities that were trying to get panels to go into facilities. We didn't do that because they could bring their people to meetings. We are there to show continuity to give them an idea of what NA does and does not do while they are in the treatment facility so when they get out they can go to a meeting and have some working knowledge of the lingo, sit down, find a sponsor and work the steps. Regarding HIPPR, we need to carry the message to those that can't physically come to a meeting. If the treatment facility is asking for us to bring a meeting to them when they bring their people to meetings, this defeats having the resources for HIPPR. Resources are limited.
- **Chris**- This has been brought up several times in the last year. The people who have access to outside meetings are HIPPR related. What they say in a facility....NA does not have a facility nor do we govern what they do. I feel like taking a meeting into a facility that can come to a meeting; I don't see a reason for it. ON that same note, if 2 groups in local vicinity that they can go to and if they don't have access to it, maybe the group could bring it up give rides if they want to have an NA meeting at the facility maybe the people that are local and are willing to do it could have an meeting there. Bringing these issues up during meetings is the group's responsibility to handle. Home groups need to handle individual group issues internally. I don't know if this is an area issue.
- **Chuck** - We need to keep in mind it's attraction rather than promotion. Which means we need to make this program attractive. Not telling people what they cannot do. Current literature no longer says H&I is only available for those that cannot get to outside meetings. Current literature says H&I meetings can carry the message to addicts who do not have full access to regular narcotics anonymous meetings. I hear a meeting a day for 90 days, if someone can't get to a meeting then there is no full access however, if you can get out of a facility everyday, then you do have full access. There's been a little bit of a change here, it used to be if you are hard core locked up

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we're going to bring the message to you, now we have half-way houses and residential homes. The main thing to remember H&I meetings and presentations except for those long term facilities are intended to introduce those attending to some of the basics of the NA program. We have people here who have not been introduced to the basics of the NA program. That's not their fault. We act like it's their fault for not adhering. We have failed as an area to reach out and educate them on who we are and what we do. I attend a meeting pretty regularly where there are a bunch of people from a recovery center. I have heard people complain and complain. All I can do is express my gratitude for the enormous number of people exposed to our program who are passionate about recovery and are new at this. Without all the newcomers and "long" comers (old timers) we don't have the reciprocal thing of keeping what we have by giving it away. Let's now throw traditions to judge people. Let's see what we can do to try and find a solution to help people.

- **Jennifer-** I've had experience with this facility personally. I've been on HIPPR long enough to know I couldn't call it a meeting and couldn't call it a panel. I told the clients what NA has done for me. I myself was in a half-way house and rehab and got introduced to NA. I happened to have listened to the suggestions, grabbed a sponsor and learned the NA language. There were items that were talked about at an outside meeting and the language wasn't right and they got jumped on and didn't want to go back to that meeting which is an outside issue. This is why we suggest getting with a sponsor, talk with your sponsor, that's between your sponsor and your understanding of a higher power which you will get to know after establishing in NA. The facility wants a meeting brought in due to the center doing other activities outside during the week. We need to carry a clear message to them, introduce them to the lingo. Not let them go in blind. We definitely need a HIPPR and need to take a meeting in to help get their feet in the water.
- **Ken-** I was approached by the work release center about bringing a meeting at 6pm Tuesday night. I had to talk to the person running the place due to Covid, etc. We don't have enough people to come in every week but will try and get literature to you. Also been asked about getting literature into jail. We need to get the message out to those coming to meetings now that we need to carry the message. The need is really there. We need help with people carrying the message.
- **Alicia-** To real it back in. The first step that needs to happen is have members that are experienced in PR and H&I need to go in and do a PR presentation to the facility. One group shared earlier that someone working at the facility will stop work to run the meeting. When someone is at the facility, work is there and they are a member of NA, it's easy for someone that is new to not understand how those things are separate. WE understand it because we are there and have an understanding. People that are new, don't understand the lady that helps me get a job at this facility is also running the meeting. If I work at a facility, I don't run an NA meeting due to conflict of interest. If we explain what NA is, what we do, what we don't do...we can find out what they actually need. Conversation can develop into a relationship that could be just bringing in literature, maybe hooking people up as they leave the facilities. There's all kinds of different avenues to carry the message. If we as individual members just go in, we become the only connection that facility has to NA. What happens when something happens to that person. Then they have lost the connection. We have to make sure they have a committee to reach out to. If we don't make it centralized then it becomes personalized then we become the savior of the facility. H&I is my biggest passion. If it hadn't come into the jail I wouldn't have known about it. I think having a meeting with the facility is essential. Explaining to them that whatever the events are ...those happening to the facility vs those at the meetings are separate. Running up to people and jumping on them because they say the wrong thing is not the program of recovery. There

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are ways for us to help one another. Maybe our chair can nominate a couple of people to go in and make the interaction with the facility happen and go from there. Until we talk to the facility we don't really know what they want.

- **Shaun-** I've talked to the owner /operator of the facility who asked if we could take a meeting in and my response was no. I feel like they keep asking all of these members until they get a yes. Maybe if a panel could sit down with the facility and answer questions. I feel it's the facility trying to manipulate us as a whole to get us to do what they want us to do.
- **Marc-** Sometimes when we set boundaries with people they don't like it in a kind loving compassionate way. Each of our groups need a group conscious of how we are going to address these issues. IF anything this has shown there is a need for a HIPPR sub-committee in this area. I want to see the groups step up who are willing to serve and volunteer so we can build something strong that will last for years giving a good NA message showing NA is a viable place to recover and live.
- **Chuck-** That sounds great and I would love to have a committee that does that however, it takes our immediate problem in front of us and does nothing for us. Marc is right, we do need to find a HIPPR chair but I think we could also put these together and put the word out for the HIPPR chair which we so sorely need. At the same time for this particular facility, offer to put a PR panel together that will go in and educate them and their participants to educate who we are and what we do once a month perhaps due to having new people. I don't think a regular meeting is the place to address that. Let's push forward with solution A and Solution B.
- **Doralene -** How does a person volunteering for HIPPR chair know what to do?
- **Marc/Chuck/Alicia-** There's a guidebook, training, PDFs from website (na.org)
- **Marc-** Is anyone willing to step up today and help approach this facility for PR presentation? Jennifer and Shaun, can you work together? Alicia and I can help, we have done PR presentations in this area.
- **Shaun-** Jennifer and I will get together to see how we can spearhead the treatment facility. It will spread out to the groups to help stop the issues.

MEETING LISTS

- **Chuck-** We have no information in the guidelines about seating a group at area, unseating a group at area or how anyone gets on our off our meeting list. Per our conversation we had at the last area meeting; why are we keeping groups off our area meeting list that are requesting to be put on our meeting list? Example: New Attitudes in Rogers is having a fundraiser to get some literature. I don't know if they have used the normal avenues to get a start up pack... as RCM I would like for the region to reach out to them about that. They are registered with NAS. They have been meeting regularly for over 60 days. They are having an event on Tuesday 12/1 - Chili Cookoff at 5pm and having a speaker night. (Marshall C) (220 14th Place Rogers, AR) inside. Meet Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Alicia-** Is it possible to encourage someone to contact us to get on our email list so they can get the information?
- **Chuck -** This is the problem I am bringing up with Meeting Lists. We don't have a contact for meeting lists. It's not listed as web servant duties, it was part of the secretaries duties once upon a time and it's no longer listed under secretary duties. One of the vital resources we have letting people know we are here both members and new people are meeting lists. We used to tack them up in laundry mats, bulletin boards and coffee shops all over the place.

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- **Alicia**- When I moved to the area, I got involved in web servant because there was no meeting list. I went to every single group and no meeting lists.
- **Chuck** - We have some things sorely missing from our guidelines. We do have an ad hoc sub-committee in that direction but I would like to see /know who is responsible to update and maintain? I would think it might fall under the administrative duties of a secretary to update and maintain and get to web servant / collaboration. I don't see any reason why New Attitudes shouldn't be on the meeting list right now and I also wanted to see if the groups could ask if there is anyone willing to chair a Tuesday night meeting at home second chance group they are wanting to start at 715pm. Please take back to groups and come back and let us know.
- **Alicia**- Is New Attitudes going on our meeting list?
- **Chuck** - Maybe the chair could put that up to see if there is any opposition to it?
- **Marc**- Short of guidelines, it goes back to the 3rd tradition, You're a member when you say you are you're a group when you say you are. Some area's put everyone on a meeting list; they list them differently if they are part of area or not part of area. Regardless, they get on the meeting list. Having a meeting list is more important, a group developing their structure happens over time like our recovery. For groups just starting it's hard for them to focus on how can I help the area when they are trying to get off the ground. Let's put them on and look at guidelines and policies on how groups get on there and become part of area as part of the ad hoc committee. Other items on Open Share?

ARVEST BANK ACCOUNT

- **Alicia**- Arvest bank account has not been changed over due to unforeseen circumstances however, I will be meeting with Janis this week at Arvest to get things changed over. I spoke with an Arvest representative, as long as no one is disputing a check with my signature it would be ok until they get the change completed. If anyone has an issue with a check, let me know and we'll fix it.

POST OFFICE BOX

- **Alicia**- Getting documentation together that states I will have the same ownership control as Ruth currently has; what this means is I can say Ken come with me with your ID or Jennifer come with me....you have to come with the person and both people have to be there to get put on the box. What this means is that person can get the mail, change names on the box, get keys on the box can get whatever needs to be done for the box. It is my suggestion that it should not just be the treasurer but it should never be one person. If there are members in the area that have access in the event people move away, etc. The box can be checked and we don't have this issue in the future.
- **Marc**-I think 3 out of 6 members of the guidance committee should be on there. Short of not having any procedure or policy for it, we should go with members of the guidance committee for now..
- **Jack** - When I was GSR and Frank was chair, we changed some things in the guidelines where I think the chair and the secretary were to be on the post office box. That was something Frank brought up. According to our policy - In order to be on our meeting list for the area, you have to attend 2 consecutive area meetings.
- **Chuck/Jennifer/Marc/Jack**- Page 5 in policy, article 2 - Groups
- **Alicia/Chris** - I think this is in regard to being here for Qorum
- **Marc** - we can't really break our guidelines.
- **Alicia** - Does anyone have any more feedback about the post office box?
- **Ken** - We need at least 2 people

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- Marc - I am suggesting 3 of the 7 people on the Guidance Committee for the Post Office box..

Money Motions/Treasurer Requests: Report given, see treasurer report attached.

New Business:

Maker of Motion: Chuck B	Seconded by: Shaun	
Motion: Change 3; The Groups b. to read: New Groups may be included on the Area Meeting List upon registration with NAWS and by request to the area.		
Intent: To make NA meeting information readily available to members and the public		
For _____	Against _____	Abstain _____

Nominations/Elections:

RCM Alt: Shaun N. nominated without opposition.

ASC HIPPR: Jennifer G. nominated without opposition.

- ASC Treasurer (3 years) - **NO NOMINATIONS**
- ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years) - **NO NOMINATIONS**
- ASC Activities Chair (2 years) - **NO NOMINATIONS**
- ASC Web Chair (2 years) - **NO NOMINATIONS**

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Review Business of the Day - 4 items to take back to groups; 3 RCM and 1 ASC

Chuck - Please remember if your group is opposed to a motion, please seek out what would be workable or a compromise to present to the next area meeting.

➤ **RSC Motion 1** - RSC report attached in minutes

M110219-1:

Election of Trusted Servants, Part 2, ii

- a. Nominees to RSC office must be present at the time of nomination and at the time of election and attend at least two consecutive meetings of the ARSCNA before being elected unless one meeting is missed with one of the following reasons that is deemed acceptable:
- i. Death of a family member or close friend
 - ii. Accident/Car trouble on the way to RSC
 - iii. Sickness with documentation (such as hospitalization, ect)

(This motion was already passed by the RSC after referral to groups it was then referred to the P&P committee for wording; we need to vote on the wording)

For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____

➤ **RSC Motion 2** - RSC report attached in minutes

M020220-1:

Financial, Part 2,

- b. All funds received by the Arkansas Region above prudent reserve and pending motions are to be forwarded as follows: 50% to Narcotics Anonymous World Services (NAWS), and 40% to Southern Zonal Forum (SZF), and 10% into a general travel fund for ARSC trusted servants and subcommittee chair members. Travel fund shall not exceed \$2000. Once this cap is reached the donation percentages change to 50% NAWS and 50% SZF.

(This motion was referred directly to the P&P committee for wording; we need to vote on the intent and wording)

For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____

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➤ **RSC Motion 4-** RSC report attached in minutes

M020220-6:

To increase the clean time for Treasurer from 3 years to 5 years.

a. Treasurer - Administrative Committee, Part B. Specific Qualifications, #2

i. Suggested minimum of (5) years clean

(This motion was referred directly to the P&P committee for wording; we need to vote on the intent and wording)

For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____

➤ **ASC Motion -**

Maker of Motion: Chuck B

Seconded by: Shaun N

Motion: Change 3; The Groups b. to read: New Groups may be included on the Area Meeting L1st upon registration with NAWS and by request to the area.

Intent: To make NA meeting information readily available to members and the public

For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____

Announcements:

Peace Out West - New meeting in Sulphur Springs, AR HWY 59 and Spring St (green building in park) 7PM Wednesday nights, open meeting.

New Life- Thanksgiving get together @ Alano Club from 2pm - 8pm.

Living Clean - Thanksgiving get together dinner, meeting and hangout, Christmas flyer coming soon.

Second Chance - just returned to open meetings, the center was previously closed due to the virus.

Jack - Cabin Fever is coming up in February. It is out of our area but is a great time with good fellowship.

Account Balance: Detailed report with bank statement attached

\$ 1629.72 Starting balance
+\$ 150.00 Donations
\$ 1779.72 (new balance)
\$ 1122.14 Prudent Reserve
- \$ 277.75 (expenses deducted from Prudent reserve)
\$ 844.39 Prudent
- \$ 98.64 (15% RSC Donation)
\$ 1403.33 Ending balance

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Meeting adjourned at 3:52-PM and closed with the Third Step Prayer.

- **Next Area Business Meeting:** December 12th at **1:00 PM** at Coffee Pot Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous, 103 Stadium Rd Eureka Springs, AR 72632

ATTACHMENTS:

GSR Reports

RCM report

Treasurer Report

Activities Report