

Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

October 1, 2006

- 2:20pm Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer.
- 12 Traditions read by: John P.
- 12 Concepts read by: Jeff R.
- Last month's minutes read and accepted.
- Roll Call:

RSC Chair	Michelle M
RSC Co-Chair	<i>Position Open</i>
Secretary	Lin M.
Co-Secretary	<i>Position Open.</i>
Treasurer	Tim R.
Co-Treasurer	<i>Position Open</i>
Literature Review	<i>Position Open</i>
H & I	Jamie B co-chair
PI/Helpline	Not Present.
Activities	<i>Position Open</i>
Policy	<i>Position Open</i>
Meeting List	Chris L
Regional Delegate	Henry D.
RD Alt.	Merle H.
RCM Beehive	Jeff R
RCM Bucks Co.	Barry H
RCM Mont. Co.	Todd S
RCM Pure & Simple	Debbie M.

- Quorum met.

Regional Delegate Report:

To the RCS:

The past two months have been relatively quiet ones. We (mostly Henry) have been to Bucks Area Service, Montco Area Service and Beehive Area Service to offer support. We plan on being at Pure & Simple for their October Area service meeting.

Attached to this report is the position paper that the RCMs requested at the last regional meeting in August 2006. It explains the responsibilities of the RD and RDA position. Hopefully this is self explanatory enough to the point that even GSRs with 6 months clean will have a basic understanding of our positions.

ILS Henry D & Merle H

Area Reports

Beehive: In our duty & responsibility as Beehive RCM we were presented with a seven page motion at our area level to change regions to the Mid-Atlantic Region. This motion came from our Area Policy Committee. At this time we don't have copies of this motion to distribute to this regional body today, however, we will do our best to have the motion e-mailed to the Regional Secretary for your review (**Motion & Intent: Motion: To change the Beehive Area's regional membership from EPARNA to the MARNA) Intent: To be inline with the 1st Tradition & 8th Concept. To support our surrounding areas rather than the areas that are far removed from ours & to be represented by a seated region rather than a region that is unlikely to be seated due to international issues on the World Service level.)**

What we as RCMs representing Beehive today would like to do is discuss the input of this regional body on this topic, so we may have effective information to include in our presentation of our RCM report at our ASC meeting on Oct. 15, 2006. We are asking for some experience to be shared with us and we are thankful as RCMs for those that have conversed with us to date on this topic. Regional Donation \$484.26

In Loving Service, John P. & Jeff R

Bucks County: The Area is doing well. We have a new group called The Recovering Men's Group meeting on Tuesday nights in Feasterville. We have an open commitment for Policy Chair. We have a new Alt-RCM Alison S. who will be attending next Region. We are submitting a motion to the Region to establish a prudent reserve and a policy for bi-annual donations to World Services. Regional donation \$720.00

In loving service, Barry H.

Montgomery County: Attendance was a bit light at the July Area Meeting with only 12 groups, but back to normal in August. We have 3 vacancies in the ASC; Meeting List Chair, Literature Co-Chair and RCM. We have no new meetings.

The Unity function Sept. 9th was a success. We did not show a profit but we had good attendance.

Since we are still building funds to inventory our own literature, we have no donation for the EPARSC. Hopefully monies will be freed up by the next RSC.

Every month someone asks will we be in the Philly meeting book again.

In loving service, Todd S. Alt RCM

Pure and Simple: Hello All: Changes at P&S are minimal. Things remain the same & key commitments need to be filled. However business is getting done.

We will be planning our Area Service Day—yea! An ADHOC committee was created to get-r-done since our Activities Committee has never acquired a Chair.

Our Treasurer needs to make sure a deficit is covered & bills are all paid prior to a Regional donation, so if I don't have a check today—maybe next month.

We did put an H&I Chair into position. Sue S stepped up as a volunteer & she was voted in! It was reported that the Regional Learning day rocked! Well attended & lots of valuable info was shared. Great job by the Regional H&I!

In loving service, Debbie M

Subcommittee Reports

H&I: Our first Regional H&I Learning Day was a big success. 35 addicts from all over the region showed up to support and learn about H&I. There were representatives from each Area's H&I-either Chair or Co-Chair. Unfortunately, there wasn't much participation from Regional members. Two Regional members showed up and spoke on different topics relating to H&I. Hopefully we can garner more support from Regional committee members and from members of a functioning Unity & PI committee next time.

Our agenda included opening remarks from the H&I Chair, a speaker on what H&I is, a speaker on experience strength and hope with H&I, a lunch break, a speaker on the do's and don'ts of H&I, a round table discussion and a speaker on how to attract people to get involved. At the end

we had a small question and answer portion followed by an informal survey on what attendees liked and didn't like. Some suggestions included more round table discussions, more of a question and answer period and more Regional support for Learning Days on Area levels. Attendees stated they were happy to have the chance to socialize with and network with other people about H&I.

In total we spent \$249.35. Expenses included pizza, soda and other refreshments, copies of flyers and the Learning Day work book (a copy will be provided for Regional Committee Members), easel pads, markers, pens and rent (\$35.00) The church provided coffee for us free of charge. In return we donated all remaining snacks, soda and water back to the church. We have already received \$100.00 from Region to help cover the costs of the Learning day. Today we are receiving \$70.00 in H&I budget money which leaves us with a balance of \$79.35 which we will be submitting a motion for today.

Some of the things that we learned are that a lot of H&I resources are under utilized. In fact, when asked, 5 out of 35 people in attendance had ever seen an H&I handbook or knew that they existed. Almost nobody there had ever seen or heard of *Reaching Out* magazine. What we are finding is that many people who are going to do H&I commitments get discouraged due to lack of information or education about H&I in part because they don't have all the resources at their disposal. We feel that Region can do a bigger part helping Areas educated and inform their subcommittee members. The people that get hurt most by not using the resources available to us are the addicts who still suffer. We would also like to submit a motion for \$62.00 for two yearly subscriptions, mailed out quarterly, totaling 20 copies per subscription of *Reaching Out* newsletter.

In closing, we would like to thank EPARNA for the opportunity to reach out and help those who serve the addict who still suffers.

In loving service, Tom F.

Meeting List: Sub-committee is in the beginning stages of organization. Contact info was collected and better communication will begin. An updated list was printed and distributed Sept 1st. 2000 lists cost \$288.84. An updated list was printed and distributed Oct 1st. 3000 lists cost \$302.10. Total budget for the month \$590.94.

In Loving Service, Chris L.

PI: Acting Chair Mark R P&S Chair

Attendance: Greg E Bucks Vice Chair, Jim C Bucks visitor, Michael J P&S webmaster, Mark R P&S PI Chair.

Our main discussion was on what each area present was doing in PI. We all want to update the phoneline lists and resubmit to the phone line service. Area chairs will contact Tim R.

Bucks Area will have PI members attending the Pumpkin Fest Oct 21st & 22nd. Other Areas nearby (P&S) are encouraged to attend as well.

Website: Michael is working to complete the website meeting list scheme. We discussed how updates & additions should be submitted to the webmaster. There will be a standardized form available on the site that will be used by only one person in each area to submit changes.

In Loving Service, Mark R

Old Business

Henry will write something explaining what being seated at World means.
Making website/master its own committee (tabled until Dec—after elections).

Treasurer Report: See Attachment

New Business

Beehive Area Discussing changing Region.

PI Chair attendance or lack of; vote to remove Chair (Maureen P) from position; Passed.

• **Motion by RD/RD Alt.:** The Eastern Pennsylvania Region of Narcotics Anonymous (EPARNA) in a combined effort with the Greater Philadelphia Region of Narcotics Anonymous (GPRNA) , will agree to create a multi-regional meeting list according to the following terms:

GPRNA will not hold EPARNA financially responsible for publication of the meeting list.

EPARNA will not print or distribute a separate meeting list.

GPRNA will facilitate publication of the meeting list booklet.

Intent: To better serve the addicts, homegroups, Public Information Committees, and H&I committees of EPARNA and GPRNA.

Impact: EPARNA will reduce its bi-monthly expenses by approx. \$250.00 and see a similar decrease in total donation from the areas.

Passed Unanimously (RCM vote only)

• **Motion Bucks County Area Barry H:** That EPARNA establish a prudent reserve of \$1,500.00 and make bi-annual donations to World Services. The amount of the donation to World Service will be all monies above the prudent reserve after all debts are paid in full for that month.

Intent: To adhere to the principle of fund flow in Narcotics Anonymous.

Sent back to groups for two months

• **Motion by H&I:** To receive \$62.00 for two yearly subscriptions to the Reaching Out newsletter.

Each subscription is for 20 (Twenty) newsletters mailed quarterly. To be given to each of the four areas.

Intent: So that H&I subcommittees can get info from the stories in the newsletter and to give these publications to incarcerated addicts in the system.

Passed Unanimously (RCM vote only)

• **Motion by EPARNA H&I:** To be reimbursed \$44.35 above our monthly budget for extra food and refreshments used at the learning day. The check will then total \$114.35.

Intent: Financial Responsibility for the cost of the Sept. 9th, 2006 H&I Learning day.

Passed Unanimously

• **Nominations** (For Feb. 7)

Position	Nomination	Accept	Qualify
Chair	Michelle M.	Yes	Yes
Co-Chair	Open		
Secretary	Open		
Co-Secretary	<i>No nominations</i>		
Treasurer	Tim R.	Yes	Yes
Co-Treasurer	<i>No nominations</i>		
Activities Chair	<i>No nominations</i>		
H&I Chair	Jamie B	Yes	Yes
Lit. Review Chair	<i>No nominations 4</i>		
Meeting List Chair	Chris L	Yes	Yes
Policy Chair	<i>No nominations</i>		
PI Chair	Greg A	Yes	Yes

Open Forum

Please send webmaster all area minutes and policy to be put on website.

Meeting List Chair is asking for ONE (1) person per Area to be responsible for getting chnges to him instead of just anyone submitting changes or corrections.

Beehive Area is asking for input into decision to leave EPARNA for Mid-Atlantic. RD felt there were a lot of inaccuracies in motion: Points were brought up as far as geographical change (distance to travel compared to Bucks distance and support from other regions. RD & RDA will be attending Beehive Area to help with the decision to break away from EPARNA.

• **5:10pm Meeting closes with the Serenity Prayer.**

Regional Services	Subcommittees
February 5 th at 2pm	February 5 th and March 5 th at 1pm
April 2 nd at 2pm	April 2 nd and May 7 th at 1pm
June 4 th at 2pm	June 4 th and July 2 nd at 1pm
August 6 th at 2pm	August 6 th and September 3 rd at 1pm
October 1 st at 2pm	October 1 st and November 5 th at 1pm
December 3 rd at 2pm	December 3 rd and January 7 th at 1pm

**Dates and times are subject to change.*

Position Open at Region:

Co-Chair • Co-Treasurer • Lit. Review • Activities • Policy • Co-Secretary • Secretary

Announcements:

Bucks County Area: Halloween Dance Oct. 28, 2006 9pm till 1am. First Baptist Church 6131 Emile Rd Levittown (Flyer Attached)

Terror Behind the Walls (Eastern State Penitentiary) Oct. 19, 2006 (Flyer Attached)

Pure & Simple Area: Recover or Die Meeting celebrating 2yrs. Nov. 11, 2006 3pm 30 W. Hancock St Lansdale (Behind pet groomer)