

Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

Date: October 7, 2007

- **2:10 pm - Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by chairperson**
- **12 Traditions read by: Michael J.**
- **12 Concepts read by: Hanna R.**
- **Roll Call (secretary takes roll call):**

RSC Chair	Michelle M.
RSC Co-Chair	Jim M.
Secretary	Kelly H. filling in for Debbie M.
Co-Secretary	<i>Position Open.</i>
Treasurer	Tim R.
Co-Treasurer	<i>Position Open</i>
Literature Review	<i>Position Open</i>
H & I	Jessica F. co-chair
PI/Helpline	Tom F.
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	Michael J. RCM Alt.
- **Quorum met.**
- **Last month's minutes read by: Kelly H. - motion to accept minutes by Barry H. 2nd by Jeff R. Motion to accept passed.**

Area Reports:

Beehive Area: RCM: Jeff R., RCM Alt: Joshua K. Greetings everyone and thank you all for being of service to this wonderful program of Narcotics Anonymous! All of our area positions turned over in August. The Beehive area has elected me, yet again as the RCM and elected Josh K as our alt RCM. I would like to take this time to thank Josh for stepping up to the plate and excepting the nomination. I have passed out some registration forms for our area convention that is to be held on November 16, 17 and 18th. I hope to see you all there!!! Also on October 27th there will be a Halloween speaker Jam and dance. Please come and support us. We as an area had voted on removing a meeting from our meeting list due to lack of support and involvement with our area. The meeting left our area with many concerns in the past few months but one of the biggest concerns was when a member asked someone from another area to share there and when he arrived there was no one there. This addict opened, setup and held the meeting by themselves. This was in clear violation of our 4th Tradition "That each group be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole". I have been in contact with the RD of the Mid Atlantic Region and because of our ties with S.I.T.M.A.N.A. and steam town area they put a motion on the floor to add the Beehive area meetings to their meeting list on the internet. I believe along with the Beehive area that this is a very helpful tool to help suffering addicts find recovery in the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous. I also believe that the unity of one region helping another is without parallel. I have been doing all I can in my area to get the word out about the regional unity day and if I did not have to work I would be there. No one has asked me for the directions or the address of the event so I do not know if anyone from my area will be there to speak on our topic. The Beehive area has donated a check for \$103.20 to the region. All else is status quo. In loving service, Jeff R. RCM and Joshua K. alt RCM.

Bucks County Area: RCM – Barry H. – Bucks County area met twice since the last region, and is doing quite well. We now have 30 groups as part of the area. Last time our area met, we did not meet quorum, therefore we have no regional donation. We have elected a new alt RCM – Paul D. We are still looking into a new meeting location for the Area Service meeting because the present facility is up for sale. In loving service, Barry H. RCM and Paul D. alt RCM.

Montgomery County Area: RCM – Todd S. We have 17-19 of our 25 homegroups participating in Area on a regular basis. As with Region we are in need of trusted servants and elections are around the corner. We don't have to ask who's missing from our meetings, we need to ask why addicts stay away from committee service. Experienced members move on and fresh minds seem to be

unwilling to commit more time to the process of recovery. Montco needs help with engaging new addicts to serve our area. We had a lengthy discussion concerning two new service IP's available from world. After a time we decided as an area, we will discourage homegroups from using this literature for public distribution (on the table), and we will not use these publications for H&I or PI meetings. Our area GSR's voted to change EPARNA policy concerning the secretaries duties. Concern was expressed that we should have more than 1 person "in the loop" so all contact is not lost should something happen to the secretary. Our donation is \$446.39. Kevin Q. will represent Montco at the EPARNA UNITY DAY on October 13th. In loving service, Todd S.

Pure and Simple Area: RCM – Kevin P, Alt RCM – Michael J. Almost all H&I commitments are full. Only the Women's Rehab is not fulfilled at this time. November 10th Pure & Simple PI will be hosting a Poster Rally, PI will need 25 volunteers, all are welcome – 11:00 am. We are having a Halloween Dance November 3rd at 8:00 pm. The location is Reese Park in Silverdale....see flyer for all the details. The 11th hour group needs trusted servants to chair the meeting and committed home group members. The Early Steps Group is looking for support. The Pure & Simple area has welcomed two new groups this month. Early Steps Group meets Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:00 am at the Christ Community Bible Church at 1830 N. Ridge Rd in Perkasié. It is a 1-2-3 Step Meeting and is an open meeting. The other group is Conscious Contact Group and they meet from 8-9 PM on Wednesday at the Bux-Mont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. The address is 2040 Street Road in Warrington. This is a closed meeting and the format is Meditation/11th Step. Meeting List needs are \$175 and our Regional Donation is \$968.85.....however, region would not accept because checks were not physically present...Kevin P has them. In loving service, Michael J. Alt RCM.

Regional Delegate Report: Greetings from Henry and Merle, The past two months have been busy. We have been planning the Regional Assembly, which we changed the name to "Regional Unity Day" since it seemed to be more of the latter. This will be held on Saturday, October 13, from 12-7pm (flyers attached). You can even invite friends from outside the region since the more experience the merrier! The day is set up to discuss the topics in an open forum to see if people want to know of EPARNA history, past and present....in order to build our future! Each area will be given 30 minutes on a topic that are present discussions around NA today. We are also having the day end with an out of town speaker with a dinner. This will be funded by the funds left over in our budget from MARLCNA '07. This will be the only forum to really understand and offer input to this process before we stand representing you all at the WSC (World Service Conference) in April 2008. Did we mention YOU should ATTEND the Regional Day! We still need info from the subcommittee chairs (and Treasurer) about the history of your regional subcommittee. Once this info is compiled, we will present this to the RSC that will be seen by ALL Conference participants before the WSC commences. This is where we will make our "position" known and will be the foundation of our motion to be seated as a new region. On a wider scale of note, the "*Sixth Edition Basic Text*" is out for approval along with the "*Revised: Youth & Recovery*" IP. Both are available through the NAWS website and will be in the Conference Agenda Report in November. The World Board has also published several new pieces of service literature. These are, *An Intro To NA Meetings*, *Disruptive/Violent Behavior In Meetings*, *Group Business Meetings*, *Group Trusted Servants* and *NA Groups and Medication*. Also on the NAWS website and possibly already at your ASC Literature tables. If you missed the World Convention, you can download speaker meetings and buy merchandise on line. Throughout the next six months, we will be attempting to visit, as always, the various areas and groups to make sure we are doing as much as possible to support your needs. We also suggest ALL our RSC trusted servants to do the same in order to keep this committee fresh. If you cannot come to the Regional Unity Day, please let people know from your areas what is happening! Still in Loving Service, Henry D. & Merle H. October 7, 2007

After report discussion: if calling a Unity Day we should involve the region....an assembly is different.

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: Jessica F. – co-chair. Jamie could not be here. H&I is planning an H&I/PI Learning Day with a phone-line orientation. The date is set for Sunday, January 6th at 2:00 pm. We will send flyers out to Area's and have them at next Region in December. We badly need a secretary. All 4 Area's were present today including Beehive's new H&I chair and co-chair. The H&I subcommittee nominated Jessica F. as chairperson for when elections take place. We are asking for no money from our budget this month.

PI: Tom F – chair. Today P&S, Bucks County chairs, phone-line chair were present. We discussed Learning Day, Phone Line, Policy and Web site. Phone line – most problems seemed to have solved themselves. Beehive and Montco don't answer calls. We need updated 12 step lists. We are still waiting for an answer about whether we can buy phone #'s and how much. It would cost to put on a PI presentation from Siguus Phone Compnay. We have not gotten a report from our Web person and she has not shown up for about six months. I will try to get in touch with her. Our PI & H&I Learning Day will be January 6th at 2:00 pm at this church. Beehive did not send a PI rep. Montco's struggling subcommittee was not here again. P&S will hold a poster drive on November 10th at 11:30 am Christ Community Church on Ridge Rd in Perkasié, PA. 11:30-12:00 Do's & Don'ts. 12:00-13:00 teams of 2 go out and hang posters. 3:30-4:30 meeting ending up with a pot luck dinner. In loving service, Tom F.

After report discussion: Find an alternate webmaster if we can't get in touch with Beverly.

Meeting List: No report.

Old Business:

Barry's motion from August Regional Meeting, 2nd by Jeff. Motion went out to the areas for area votes to be returned to October Regional Meeting (policy change):

Motion: That the regional secretary be the liaison between the region and our insurance company. This will be added to the regional policy under the duties of the secretary.

Intent: For a single point of contact.

Vote: Yes = 6, No = 0, Abstentions = 3. MOTION PASSES.

B R E A K

Treasurer Report: see attachment to the minutes.

New Business from Areas:

Beehive: none.

Bucks County: none.

Montco – 1. If the co-chair is going to assume Mtg. List chair as per policy. Jim will take over. Chris L. will help any new. Barry willing to help. Jim will need to know how many meeting lists that will be needed to be purchased for next region and get a check. 2. Does Meeting List chair caught up – yes.

Pure & Simple: none.

New Business from RD: Earmark \$2000 for start up budget for 2008, motion 2nd by Todd. Question: how much was last conference? Barry con for the time of motion – world isn't until 6 months from now – too soon. We have a prudent reserve of \$1500 and will only need \$500. We should keep to policy. Only anything over prudent reserve and anything over bills to donate to world. Submit a budget. Question: when is insurance bill due again – August. Per Henry – world conference is not an emergency and prudent reserve is for emergencies. World conference is a need. Todd willing to change the motion.....THEN MOTION WITHDRAWN.

New Business from Subcommittees:

H&I: none.

PI: none.

Open Forum:

Prudent reserve and insurance cost \$2,617 fixed for 3 years. Next time we could change to quarterly payments. Barry – should we be putting money aside each region? Todd – policy change not necessary. Michael – responsible for fund flow to take a little out each month. World will get some money.

Number of meeting lists needed: 250 for Bucks, 700 for Pure & Simple.

Henry – Regional Assembly Day – please get the info to homegroups.

Positions Open at Region:

ALL NOMINATIONS DUE AT OCTOBER REGIONAL MEETING.

ALL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT DECEMBER REGIONAL MEETING.

RSC Chair	Michele H. current
RSC Co-Chair	Jim M. current.
Secretary	Debbie M. current
Co-Secretary	<i>Position Open.</i>
Treasurer (2 year term)	Tim R. current
Co-Treasurer	<i>Position Open</i>
Literature Review	<i>Position Open</i>
H & I	Jamie B. current – nomination for Jessica F. in October
PI/Helpline	Tom F.
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Positions Open for Nominations: Please bring nominations &/or volunteers to our next regional meeting for election into any open positions.

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Upcoming Dates:

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

**Dates and times are subject to change.*