

Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

Date: June 3, 2007

- **2:09 pm - Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by chairperson: Michelle M.**
- **12 Traditions read by: Eric P.**
- **12 Concepts read by: Kevin P.**

- **Roll Call:**

RSC Chair	Michelle M.
RSC Co-Chair	<i>Position Open</i>
Secretary	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	Jamie B.
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. (absent-6/3/07)
RCM Beehive	Jeff R.
RCM Bucks Co.	Barry H.
RCM Mont. Co.	Todd S. (absent-6/3/07) Eric P. RCM Alt. acting as RCM
RCM Pure & Simple	Kevin P.

- **Quorum met.**
- **Last month's minutes read by: Henry made a motion to read from New Business on only - Debbie M. – motion to accept minutes by Henry, 2nd by Kevin P. Motion passed. No corrections.**

Area Reports:

Beehive Area: RCM open, Alt RCM Jeff R. I am happy to report that all is in its usual state. We have donated \$392.42 to region and all our prudent reserves are full. We are because of many different reasons looking into insurance for our area. Some of the reasons include we lost a meeting and an event had to move a date and location due to lack of insurance. We know an Adhoc committee was formed here at region but some members of the Beehive area feel that maybe region might move too slow and we feel it needs to be done right away. We can and will drop our insurance once region has insurance for us. We have had 2 RCM's nominated and elected in the past 2 months. Both were stripped of their position due to differences of opinion within the area. (I will email you info on upcoming events due to my unmanageability I forgot them).....In loving service.....Alt RCM Jeff R.

Bucks County Area: RCM Barry H., Alt RCM Allison D. Bucks Co. Area ASC met on April 21st and May 26th since the last region. Our regional donation is \$6000.00. Area is doing well. Our upcoming nominations are coming up in June. We have a new meeting called "Empowering Women in Recovery" that meets at 5245 Bensalem Blvd. @ Libertae from 7:30-8:45. H&I committee just got back the men prisons commitment @ Bucks Co. Prison. We will be having a 4th of July picnic @ Tyler State Park. We will not need meeting lists for next region. Our area has expressed concerns over the insurance issue. In loving service.....Allison D., Alt RCM & Barry H. RCM.

Montgomery County Area: RCM Todd S. (not present), RCM Alt. Eric P. Montco is doing well but we still have a few vacancies at the ASC. We do however have a new PI Chair! Thanks to Ken _ for stepping up. We will have to build from the bottom up but we already have a few addicts willing to learn and help out. Our donation is \$260.99. Eric P.

Pure and Simple Area: RCM Kevin P., Alt RCM open. Group News....the Steps in Action group is back in action. Their meeting will now meet at the following location: Thursdays, 7:30 pm, St. John's UCC Church, 4 N. Main Street, Richlandtown, PA 18955. The Just For Today group has been doing road trips to bolster unity in the area. This has been going well with good turnouts. They recently went to a group in Phillipsburg, NJ and had a blast. The Manageable Mondays group is now serving lunch during their meeting. PSA Picnic "Unity on the Hill".....Our ad-hoc committee is holding a picnic on June 30th at Peace Valley Park in Doylestown, PA. Flyers to hand out are attached. The picnic has the full support of the area as funds were voted on and given to the

committee to purchase food & supplies. Come out for a fun day in the sun with food, activities, and 2 out of the REGION speakers. ☺ Meeting Lists.....This is hopefully my last meeting list update for awhile. The meeting list process is getting hammered out on the area level. We'll be ordering more meeting lists, 750 this time, due to increased demands from the group. A motion was put into place at the May ASC that will secure \$200.00 as a reserve to ensure a consistent purchase of meeting lists from the region. We felt this was necessary so that the bi-monthly meeting list purchase was not overlooked and had adequate funding. Returning Motion: Meeting List Policy.....Motion: to create a policy stating meeting additions to regional meeting list will only be accepted from area RCMs and meeting list chairs. Meetings will only be added after meetings are added to their respective area's meeting lists. Intent: To simplify regional meeting list updating process. Result: this motion was carried on the area level 12 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention. A New Motion for Region: Regional Insurance.....Motion: EPARNs should acquire insurance for the member groups of the region. Intent: to adhere to the 12 traditions of NA. The next Pure and Simple Area Service Meeting.....June 10th, 2007. 2:00 PM (Subcommittees meet at 1:00 pm.). St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 25 E. Church St, Sellersville, PA 18960. Our area donation is \$526.17. Above motion to region withdrawn due to overlap with motion from the Adhoc committee created for insurance.

Regional Delegate Report:

Hello everyone! Merle and I have been on the road visiting various ASC meetings and have found this to be very informative as to our role in serving the groups. We believe having gathered some helpful information at these levels gave us some very interesting insight into the needs of the membership. Unfortunately, the first assembly planned for early June did not happen. However, instead of trying to "drag" people to another service meeting we felt we were better serving the addict by a local attendance at your service meeting.

For whatever reason, some GSRs are still wondering if we (RSC trusted servants) really understand about the groups' insurance dilemma. We didn't see this as a negative, but rather a chance to inform and invite more people to participate at this level. We felt the "personal invitation" from someone other than their RCMs, would give some people more of a reason to stop in to see what is going on to support their local home groups. What we focused on was to support the RCMs report and encourage participation in the ASC/RSC subcommittees such as H & I, and PI.

With the summer upon us, we know that most will be traveling on vacation and hopefully attending some local NA Fellowship. Please let Merle or I know if you meet anyone that is involved in service if you travel further than the local Philadelphia and tri-state areas. We are always looking to expand EPARNAs presence.

We are still planning on a Regional Assembly after the World Convention in San Antonio, Texas. [Look to the NAWS website for information on the convention.] The topics will most likely be a focus on our presentation to the World Service Conference (WSC) in 2008. Look for more details at your next area meetings! And you can believe we will be out there promoting this event! We will need input and support if we are to be effective in letting the world of Narcotics Anonymous know what we can offer at that level of service.

If you plan on attending the convention, book your registration ASAP online or by mail. However you do it, make your registration now! It'll be one event you don't want to miss!!!!

And one more note on our world recognition process. We know you have concerns and that's why we attend your local ASC meetings. Let us know what you think, believe and hear about this topic. Negative or positive, we need to know what you guys are thinking about Merle and I representing YOU at the next WSC.

Still in Loving Service, Henry D. & Merle H. June 3, 2007

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: Chair Jamie B. The workshop held last month was a success. We will be returning \$100.00 dollars because we spent under our budget. NA members from all areas attended. Approx. 35 people. We continue to respond to addicts from various different prisons, with a letter, NA white booklet, subscription page from Reaching Out and meeting lists from areas requested. The H&I subcommittee briefly spoke about a Learning Day to be held in November to adhere to our policy, which states EPARNA H&I will hold one Learning Day per year. We also continue to support the region's areas H&U subcommittee's so that we can continue to carry the NA message into facilities. In loving service.....Jamie B.

PI: Chair Tom F. All areas were in attendance today. Montco has a new PI chair and Pure & Simple area had a proxy. We plan on having a joint Learning Day with H&I in November and hope to have helpline orientations at each area in September. No date is set due to helpline problems which we are looking into. Website is being updated with new links and we are working on website policy. In loving service.....Tom F.

Meeting List: Chair Chris L. Communication with Philly is hit and miss. I am not being notified of deadlines for updates and price changes or really anything. I am doing my best to regularly check in with them for information. We purchased 1950 meeting lists for distribution today: 750 for P&S, 1000 for Bucks and 200 for Montco. The cost for these were 25 cents each. In April the meeting list price will be increased to 27 cents. Summer list should be available at the RSO in the next two weeks. Meeting List needs for next region are 750 for P&S, 0 for Bucks, 0 for Montco, and 0 for Beehive. Philly has agreed to have a single point of

contact for Meeting additions/changes to their web & paper list. I will not be here next region...sorry. Will get meeting lists to Pure & Simple, no other areas need any right now. Chris L.

Adhoc Committee for Insurance: Chair Barry H. The adhoc committee has met and started securing quotes for General Liability Insurance. We have one good quote already and two others are in process. We are submitting the attached motion to go back to the groups to give the region the go ahead to purchase insurance on behalf of the areas/groups. We will definitely have 3 quotes by next region and if the attached motion passes at that time, we can quickly obtain a policy based on the lowest quote. If you have any questions after region, please call me at (215) 805-6059. In loving service.....Barry H. (motion attached to minutes)

Old Business:

Vote from last region's motion regarding meeting lists.

Motion: To create a policy stating meeting additions to meeting list will only be accepted from areas RCM and Meeting List Chairs and will only be added after meetings are added to the respective areas meeting list.

Intent: To simplify update process.

RCM Only Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.....***motion passes.***

B R E A K

Treasurer Report: Tim gave a verbal report and will need to leave early. Will email the secretary an updated treasurer's report to be added with the distribution of minutes.

New Business from Areas:

Motion from Pure & Simple Area

Motion: withdrawn by Kevin P. – P&S RCM

Motion withdrawn by Pure & Simple RCM.

New Business from RD:

None

New Business from Subcommittees:

Motion from Adhoc Committee for Insurance

Motion: That the Eastern PA Region of Narcotics Anonymous (EPARNA) pursue and obtain General Liability Insurance for all NA meetings and functions within the EPARNA region. The cost for the insurance will not exceed \$3200.00 annually.

Intent: To meet growing demands for insurance coverage at our host facilities and in an effort to be fully self supporting, the EPARNA region would like to provide the most cost effective means of coverage for all NA related functions, service committees and meetings in our region.

Financial Impact: Based on the historical flow of 7th tradition funds from our areas to EPARNA, we can provide this insurance without asking areas for additional money. EPARNA's final decision for acquiring insurance will be based on the lowest of three independent price quotes.

******MOTION SENT TO AREAS TO BE VOTED ON AT AUGUST REGIONAL MEETING******

Discussion: we may need to come up with a regional policy as to what/how claims will be handled through the insurance company in the event they happen. \$500 deductible. The committee chair's comment was to get the insurance in place and then worry about what happens and what policies we need. Questions included the following and if answers to any unanswered questions will be acquired by Barry H. Will guests be covered at our events since they are not members.....we will need to look into this. What if our membership goes up.....it is on us to inform the insurance company of member increases. What if more than 200 people attend an area event.....we are covered for 1600 members at any function or meeting that happens in our area. What if someone from New Jersey gets hurt at our meeting.....they are covered as an NA member attending our function.....committee will double check. Theft from facilities....the church's property....any provisions in our General Liability Policy that covers theft. Let's remember that our groups must still work

out issues with their facilities prior to filing claims automatically just because we have insurance. We do not want to file frivolous claims that will increase our insurance premiums or abuse the privilege of paying our own way by way of securing an insurance policy to help facilitate our groups. This insurance will basically be secured for major incidences and to secure facilities. Will n insurance policy secured by the region make the region responsible for things that do come up in every meeting? Will an insurance policy actually help keep individual members from being targeted by a liability claim?

Open Forum:

Continued discussion regarding insurance: on the heels of obtaining insurance we need regional policy to be made: What types of issues will we claim? We will need a Theft policy for a potential theft from our treasury. Who pays the \$500 deductible when claims are made, homegroup, region. What about addicts who will make up claims when they find out that we have a policy. We need to be pro-active and think this through now so we can put policy into place in the event that we do acquire insurance. Maybe we should create an adhoc committee responsible for making regional policy surrounding these issues. Our region may not have the opportunity to see claims before they are made....if facilities can acquire their own copy of our certificate.

Created an adhoc committee to look at outlining regional policy regarding insurance so that once the policy is acquired we are already in the process. An outline can be drawn up prior to acquiring it and it can be fine tuned once the policy is acquired. Michelle assigned Henry as the chairperson and asked Eric to be an active member, Rina also offered to be a member.

Suggestion - contact other areas that have had insurance and ask them to share their experience.

Positions Open at Region - Nominations:

Positions Open for Nominations: Please bring nominations &/or volunteers to our next regional meeting.

Co-Chair	<i>No nominations</i>
Co-Secretary	<i>No nominations</i>
Co-Treasurer	<i>No nominations</i>
Activities Chair	<i>No nominations</i>
Lit. Review Chair	<i>No nominations</i>
Policy Chair	<i>No nominations</i>

- 4:00 pm Meeting closes with the Serenity Prayer.

Upcoming Dates:

Regional Services	Subcommittees
August 5 th at 2pm	July 1 st and August 5 th at 1pm
October 7 th at 2pm	September 2 nd and October 7 th at 1pm
December 2 nd at 2pm	November 4 th and December 2 nd at 1pm

**Dates and times are subject to change.*

Upcoming Events:

Pure & Simple Area – Unity Day at Peace Valley Park on June 30, 2007. (flyer attached)

Autonomy Zonal Forum – July 28, 2007 – to be hosted by the Greater Philadelphia Region.....more details to come from Henry via email and he will try to distribute flyers.

Beehive Area, Living Recovery Group is having a campout July 20-22nd at Frances Slocum State Park. It's \$10 per person before June 30th and \$15 after. They ask that you BYO Bug Spray.

Bucks County Area –4th of July Unity Picnic, Labor Day Unity Picnic...at Tyler State Park.

The Built to Last Group of NA is celebrating 4 years! June 25th. Jenkintown PA United Methodist Church, 145 Walnut Lane (@ Summit).