Eastern Pennsylvania Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Service Committee Report

MEETING MINUTES

The EPARNA RSC was called to order on
Sunday – June 5, 2011 at 2:13pm
by the EPARNA RSC's Chair with a moment
of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

12 Traditions was read by: Melanie H.
12 Concepts was read by: Chris C.

ROLL CALL:

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE							
Position:	**Name:**	**Attendance 2011:**					
		FEB.	APR.	JUNE	AUG.	OCT.	DEC.
Chair	Tom F.	P	P	P			
Co-Chair	*Open*	-	-	-			
Secretary	Kim D.	P	P	P			
Co-Secretary	*Open*	-	-	-			
Treasurer	Todd S.	P	P	P			
Co-Treasurer	Sarah S.	P	P	P			
Regional Delegate (RD)	*Open*	-	-	-			
RD Alternate	*Open*	-	-	-			
RCM Bucks County	Jim B.	P	P	P			
RCM MontCo	Ed S.	P	P	P			
RCM Pure & Simple	Ed M.	P	P	P			
RCM Twin Rivers	A.J. B.	P	P	P			
REGIONAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEES							
Position:	**Name:**	**Attendance 2011:**					
		FEB.	APR.	JUNE	AUG.	OCT.	DEC.
H&I	*Open*	-	-	-			
Policy	*Open*	-	-	-			
PI	*Open*	A	A	-			
Unity	*Open*	-	-	-			
Newsletter (Clean Sheet)	*Open*	-	-	-			
Literature Review	*Open*	-	-	-			
Communications	Michael J.	P	P	P			

Quorum: 4 out of 4.
Quorum is met.

Last month's minutes were read by: Kim D.
Motion to accept last month's minutes by: Todd S.
Seconded by: A.J. B.

AREA REPORTS:

Bucks County:
"Bucks County will have positions open for nominations and elections in July. Upcoming activities are the Fish Fry on June 18th at Tyler State Park. We have no Regional Donation. We talked about having a first Regional Convention. According to Regional Policy, Page 4 – Item G puts responsibility on Region to have a Regional Convention. We could not find anywhere in Policy that restricts a Convention for 10 years from formation of Region. We are also interested in a Service Structure Workshop. Is EPARNA going to have a workshop of any the sort? Again, we had an open discussion regarding direction of Region and the lack of support. Bucks County is more than willing to support the Region, as we hope that other Areas intend to do the same. We are still interested in Policy Review and perhaps consolidation of committees and/or services.

-Jim B."

MontCo:
"Deposited $490.89 donation from MontCo Area to EPARNA with EPARNA Treasurer. Reported that 2 Area Positions were filled last month – Khalif O. for Policy and Melanie H. for PI. Two positions remain open, Policy Co-Chair and PI Co-Chair. There's a 'Lost Prom' hosted by MontCo Area Unity Subcommittee scheduled for June 11th at Olivet Schwenkfelder Church in East Norriton. Cost is $25 a couple, $15 for individuals. A motion was made by Tim M. and passed for forwarding to the home groups for voting and states: 'Effective immediately that MontCo Area Policy be amended to state All trusted servants elected by the ASC should be abstinent from any drugs considered to be part of a Drug Replacement Program (i.e. Methadone, Suboxone, etc.)' With the intent of this motion stated as: 'To help ensure our service body is consistent with core NA Principle of complete abstinence by electing members who understand and support that principle.

-Ed S."

Pure & Simple:
"Our RCM position has had no representation at Region and I live right down the street. I felt as a GSR, it would benefit my Area to have an RCM. Our Area is struggling with our events for Unity. We will push forward and continue to foster events to promote Unity.

-Ed M."

Twin Rivers:
"Our H&I could use support, particularly for female facilities and our PI could use some general assistance. Subcommittees meetings information is at the bottom of report. There will be a Learning Day on Saturday, June 11th. – the flyer and event information has been added to the Events page on the Regional website. Our Regional donation is $1,100. We have no nominations or motions this month.

Thank you,
AJ B.

Twin Rivers Subcommittee meets the 3rd Saturday of the month – 1 to 2 pm. At First Presbyterian Church, 333 Spring Garden Street, Easton PA 18042

Twin Rivers Area Service Committee meets the 3rd Saturday of the month – 2 to 4 pm. At Trinity Episcopal Church, 234 Spring Garden Street, Easton PA 18042"

REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORT:
Tom F. (RSC Chair) reported that Merle H. will be in-contact with him for the information on events she attended. And Tom will send when received.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:
H&I, Chair position is open – *"Todd S. said that H&I received a letter from an inmate from the SCI Rockview facility who was looking for meetings in Scranton, PA. He stated he will follow up with inmate in writing, and forward him to the Beehive and Steamtown Areas. Other than that, no Area H&I Chairs were present. In Loving Service, Todd S."*
Policy, Chair position is open – no meeting, no report.
PI, *Melanie H. of MontCo Area reported that no other Area PI Chairs were present, and sat in on Communications. There was discussion consisting of the need for support from other Area's PI Committees. To give information to new members, counselors, and treatment facilities. MontCo PI will handle recent calls, but Areas are encouraged to get one person with 90 days or better to check with helpline daily and respond to the inquiries posted on the website."* Other than that – no meeting – no report.
Unity, Chair position is open – no meeting, no report.
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) – Chair position is open – no meeting, no report.
Communications – Michael J.
"Greetings,

The committee meet here at 1PM today, no meeting list reps from any area attended.

I want to remind everyone when sending in new meeting info to please use the meeting forms as guides, they are located at the top of the meeting page. There is a PDF version: http://www.eparna.org/downloads/EPARNA_Group_Reg_Form_20090602.pdf and a text version that can used to copy and paste into an email.

I am still waiting on the complete meeting info from Bucks on the new SWAMP and Life on Life's Terms meetings.

We need someone to help out with the phone line email. We had two people volunteer but have to step down from being of service. Basically, we need someone who is willing to check the phone line email on a daily basis and then sort and prioritize the mail. The phone line operators send an email for each call. If a call requires a call back, we need someone to simply forward a note with the information to our PI Chair or myself so a call can be returned. The only real requirements for this position is the ability to check a web mail on a daily basis, sort and prioritize the emails and then keep a simple log of the calls. They would not be required to make any calls themselves.

I am not going to print out the meeting list information anymore. If an Area would like copies of their meeting information from EPARNA or NAWS, just send an email to administrator@eparna.org and request a copy. It is very easy to download that information and send it in EXCEL format... so please don't hesitate to ask.

Also, remember each Area can print a copy of all their own meetings from the Meetings Page: http://eparna.org/meetings.php

In Loving Service,
Michael J.
Communication Committee Chair"

TREASURER'S REPORT:
A detailed report of inflow and outflow will be attached in a separate .PDF file, entitled "EPARNA_June2011 (Treasury)". But it was mentioned from Todd S. that WSO received our donation of $2,360.48. A.J. B. requested that WSO's receipt be included in the Treasurer's Report. That also will be included in a separate .PDF file, entitled "EPARNA_WSOReceipt".

~ BREAK ~
The RSC Chair opened meeting back open with a moment of silence,
followed by the Serenity Prayer at approximately 3:16pm.

OLD BUSINESS:
As previously mentioned in Regional Delegate's Report, Merle H. will forward to Tom F. the information regarding on the events she had attended.

There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS:
Bucks County brought the idea of a Regional Convention. It was encouraged that other Area RCMs bring back to their Areas, to see whose interested or any feedback whether it's positive or negative or indifferent.

OPEN FORUM:
Todd S. (EPARNA Treasurer) mentioned that it was good we had a healthy discussion on the Regional Convention idea. Also was pleased to see a well-attended Region. Thanks for coming out Bucks County!

Michael J. of Communications Subcommittee also wanted to thank Bucks County's attendance.

A.J. B. from Twin Rivers addressed the need for EPARNA to find a candidate to fill the Alternate RD position.

Todd S. announced that he celebrated 26 years, two weeks ago.

No one had nominations for any of the open positions. Tom F. (RSC Chair) encouraged that all RCMs take back to their Areas that the positions need fulfilling. The following open positions [in brackets is the Cleantime Requirement] are:

1) RSC Co-Chair [5 years]
2) RSC Co-Secretary [2 years]
3) Regional Delegate (RD) [5 years]
4) RD Alternate [5 years]
5) H&I Chair [3 years]
6) Policy Chair [3 years]
7) Unity Chair [3 years]
8) Newsletter (Clean Sheet) Chair [2 years]
9) Literature Review Chair [3 years]
10) Public Information (PI) Chair [3 years]

**** See EPARNA Policy for Qualifications and Duties of each position. ****

Jim B. (RCM Bucks County) motioned to close, and with Todd S. (EPARNA Treasurer) seconding this motion – we closed at approximately 3:57pm, in a circle with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Regional Service Committee	Regional Service Sub-Committees
Sunday, August 7 at 2:00 pm	**Sunday, August 7 at 1:00 pm**
Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm	**Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 pm**
Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 pm	**Sunday, December 4 at 1:00 pm**