Eastern Pennsylvania Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Service Committee Report

MEETING MINUTES

The EPARNA RSC Meeting was called to order on
Sunday – October 7. 2012 at 2:15pm by the Regional Chair
with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The 12 Traditions were read by: Harry D.
The 12 Concepts were read by: Tim E.

ROLL CALL:

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE							
Position:	**Name:**	**Attendance 2012**					
		FEB.	APR.	JUNE	AUG.	OCT.	DEC.
Chair	Todd S.	V	V	V	V	P	
Co-Chair	AJ B.	V	V	V	V	P	
Secretary	Kim D.	P	P	P	P	P	
Co-Secretary	VACANT	V	V	V	V	V	
Treasurer	Sarah S.	P	P	P	P	P	
Co-Treasurer	VACANT	V	V	V	V	V	
Regional Delegate (RD)	Merle S. "Acting RD"	V	P	P	A	P	
RD Alternate	VACANT	V	V	V	V	V	
RCM Bucks County	Nancy O.	P	P	P	P	P	
RCM MontCo	Charles M.	P	P	A	P	P	
RCM Pure & Simple	Ed M. *(Alternate RCM, Marc W.)*	P	P	P	P	P	
RCM Twin Rivers	Gentry L.	A	P	P	P	P	

REGIONAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEES							
Position:	**Name:**	**Attendance 2012**					
		FEB.	APR.	JUNE	AUG.	OCT.	DEC.
H&I Chair	Joe S.	P	A	P	P	P	
Policy Chair	VACANT	V	V	V	V	P	
PI Chair	VACANT	V	V	P	P	V	
Unity Chair	VACANT	V	V	V	V	V	
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) Chair	VACANT	V	V	V	V	V	
Literature Review Chair	VACANT	V	V	V	V	V	

Todd S. asked for a show of hands of all RCMs or Alternate RCMs.
Quorum: 4 out of 4.
Quorum is met.

Last Region's minutes (August) was read by: Regional Secretary, Kim D.
Motion to accept minutes as read by: Harry D. Seconded by: Charles M. All in-favor.

Todd S. reviewed Policy for voting procedures, that all Regional Board members (Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Sub-Committee Chairs, and RCMs) participate, and that anyone not a member of the Regional Board may participate. At any time during discussion a RCM can call for a "RCM Only Vote" – and it becomes a RCM Only Vote. And that anything involving Treasury is automatically a RCM Only Vote.

AREA REPORTS:

Area – RCM:	Report:
Bucks County – Nancy O.	Hi everyone. The Bucks Area is doing well. We have another new meeting, it started on September 4. The name of the meeting is "Gift of Life"; it meets on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm at Grace Episcopal Church at 313 Main Street in Hulmeville, PA. The "Path of Light" meeting is holding a mini-marathon on Sunday morning, October 14 at 10am until 12pm at 868 West Bridge Street, Morrisville, PA at Good Friends – next to Snipes Farm. We are also having a Halloween Bowling Night at Morrisville Lanes on Friday, October 19 from 9pm until midnight. Costs are $16 for bowling, pizza and soda. $5 for just pizza and soda. Come in costume! Regional Donation of $717.18. I attended the Inventory Day and from my perspective it's was a successful day. I thought it was very well run, and a lot of information was given. A lot of ideas were discussed and I would like to see us as a Region, continue with the discussions and set forth in motion some of the ideas we had. Such as a questionnaire/survey for the groups' vision statement and the informational/unity day.
MontCo – Charles M.	MontCo Area has a new PI Chair, Craig R. There are 33 active home groups. There also was a motion passed that there will be a moratorium of 6 months, to hold off any motions to leave EPARNA. The Literature Committee is offering NA's new piece of literature, "Living Clean" book. Also, the Unity committee held a Speaker Jam that was well attended. They will be also hosting a Halloween Costume Party at Olivet Schwenkfelder Church on October 27, Township Line and Whitehall Roads in East Norriton. I would like to apologize for not being in attendance to the Regional Inventory, due to illness I was unable to make it.
Pure & Simple Area – Ed M.	RCM, Ed M. made a motion to change the way the Area distributes their money to Region. Motion passed. The Area will be donating a minimum of $300 every two months to Region. Any money that isn't used after all bills have been paid, the Area will also be donating that to Region. Unity committee is pleased to report the "Recovery in the Grove" picnic was an unbelievable success. The committee is planning for an event for the end of the year, more will be revealed. Open positions are as follows: Vice Secretary (6 months clean time) and Vice Literature Chair (1 year clean time). Our next Area meets October 14 at 2pm. Literature sub-committee meets at 12:30pm, Unity sub-committee at 12:45pm, and H&I / PI sub-committees meet at 1pm. We meet at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. 25 East Church Street in Sellersville, PA.
Twin Rivers – Gentry L.	Hello Family, TRANA is doing well. This month we had our 3rd Annual Picnic. We had good speakers and good attendance. We have a new PI Chair, Carissa L and new RCM, Gentry L. November 3 we'll be hosting a Unity / Learning Day with a Speaker Jam and various service-related workshops from 12-6pm at the Third Street Alliance in Easton. Located at 41 North 3rd Street. We are making a Regional Donation of $500.

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD) REPORT:

Regional Delegate (RD) – Merle S.	***See separate attachment of a PDF file entitled, "ActingRDReport_October2012".***

REGIONAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:	
Sub-Committee – Chair:	**Report:**
H&I – Joe S.	In attendance were myself, Joe S (H&I Chair), Twin Rivers Chair (Rhalil T.) and Co-Chair (Mary D.), Pure and Simple Chair (Harry D.), Mark W, Bucks County Chair (Dawn B.), Co-Chair (Dustin D.). MontCo was not present. Twin Rivers hold 5 commitments (4 correctional, 1 rehab) – they are going well. They are also holding a Learning Day / Speaker Jam on November 3 (Saturday) from 12-6pm at Third St. Alliance, 41 North 3rd Street in Easton. Newly elected H&I Chair and Co-Chair. Pure & Simple hold 7 commitments (1 correctional, 6 rehabs) and all are going well but still need more committed involvement. Bucks County hold 11 commitments (2 correctional, 9 rehabs) and are going well but still need committed support, as well. Commitment is especially needed at the Bucks County Prison. They also are having a Learning Day on October 13 (Saturday) from 12-5pm at 8744 Clubhouse on New Falls Road in Levittown this Learning Day will also include a Phone Line Orientation from PI. Topics include DO's/DON'T's of H&I Service, substructure of the message brought by the Speaker, etc.
Policy – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
PI – VACANT [Merle S. reported]	We would like to discuss at the Regional level implementing the Public Relations (PR) system. We are working on establishing a committee Chair and Co-Chair. Respectfully submitted, Merle S.
Unity – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Literature Review – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.

-- BREAK --

Todd S. asked for a moment of silence, and opened the RSC Meeting followed by the Serenity Prayer at approximately 3:18pm.

TREASURY:

See attached PDF file entitled "EPARNA_Treasury_October2012". There was a motion made by Joe S, seconded by Gentry L. to donate $170.13 to World Services. Due to the motion regarding Treasury funds – it was a RCM only vote. 4 out of 4. *UNAMIOUS – MOTION PASSES.*

After Treasury was completed Todd S. bid his farewells as he had to go, and 'passed the torch' to Regional Co-Chair, AJ B to facilitate the remainder of the RSC Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Communications sub-committee was dissolved and merged with PI.

Michael J. was to make a sub-section on the changes affecting Policy. He stated that he would make the changes to master copy of Policy. He also mentioned that at last Region they made a Policy Changes Timeline from 2003 to present day. The presentation of this Timeline is pending.

NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS:

Michael J. nominated Merle S. for PI Chair. Marc W. seconded.

There was uncertainty if the nomination needed a second though. It was clarified that her term would run until December of this year. Harry D. read from Policy the Qualifications and Duties of PI Chairperson. Merle admitted to having all qualifications and duties, but of having any previous PI experience but has a willing addict to help mentor. There was question of if she were to be elected into position how would it affect her as our Region's "Acting RD"? The answer is that someone else would have to step up. Merle was asked to step out as we put the nomination to a vote. [7 in-favor | 0 opposed | 1 abstained] Merle is our new Regional PI Chair, congratulations Merle!

There were no other nominations for any of the other open positions.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was statement that all positions become open in December.

Michael J. reviewed December's format for the RSC, due to the church having a Christmas event, he suggested on arriving earlier than usual because they close off Main Street for a parade.

Kim D. stated she formulated the Regional Inventory minutes of what occurred, as well as inputting on what was averaged from each sub-group.

There was suggestion on holding a Regional Strategic Planning Committee, an "action plan" to move forward. There was statement maybe to make it an ad-hoc committee. There was suggestion that we meet on our "off" month and discuss further. Craig R. stated he would volunteer to help with our Strategic Planning Committee. Dates were thrown around to see is available when. We came to a decision that Saturday, November 10 will work for us. AJ said he would talk to the church and see if it's available. There was suggestion that all attendees to the Regional Inventory be invited, as well. We would hold it from 12pm to 5pm. Its name, Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee and its purpose would be to develop an action plan based on the results from our Regional Inventory. There was statement of Narcotics Anonymous already having a NA Service Vision Statement and maybe decide at November's meeting to implement it for all Areas within the Region.

The topic of the phone line was discussed. There is an on-going issue that of an operator and not an actual addict that answers the phone. There was statement of something in the works of an iPhone app, a basic meeting list toolbox. It would finalized and released the time around for the World Convention, next year. It would be a viable resource to all those that are visiting from outside the Region. There was statement that the phone line isn't consistent. There was statement that the operators from the phone line will get re-educated and re-trained, and that in December there will be a new list of volunteers who will be contacted for 12-step calls and that all calls that come through to the phone line are logged.

Next topic of discussion was the Basic Text donations. The email stated that the purpose of the donation of the Basic Texts were for H&I. There was question on whether or not they were softback. There was suggestion that we put a request in, if not too late for softback covers.

OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS: Joe S. made statement that it is in the works to have a Multi-Area / Regional Learning Day for H&I and PI to create Unity for some time next year.

There was statement that it was something to be discussed on merging H&I and PI together to create Public Relations (PR) sub-committee at the Regional Inventory. With this said, it was decided to bring this discussion to the Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee.

There was statement to show importance and enthusiasm for all individual home groups for participation for the Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee.

Charles M. motioned to close, seconded by Sarah S.
We closed at approximately 4:31pm, in a circle with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

EPARNA 2012 Calendar	
RSC Meeting	**RSC Sub-Committee Meeting**
~~Sunday, February 5 at 2pm.~~	~~Sunday, February 5 at 1pm.~~
~~Sunday, April 1 at 2pm.~~	~~Sunday, April 1 at 1pm.~~
~~Sunday, June 3 at 2pm.~~	~~Sunday, June 3 at 1pm.~~
~~Sunday, August 5 at 2pm.~~	~~Sunday, August 5 at 1pm.~~
~~Sunday, October 7 at 2pm.~~	~~Sunday, October 7 at 1pm.~~
Sunday, December 2 at 2pm.	Sunday, December 2 at 1pm.