Eastern Pennsylvania Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Service Committee Report

MEETING MINUTES
The EPARNA RSC Meeting was called to order on
Sunday – June 3, 2012 at 2:10pm by Tom F.
with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The 12 Traditions were read by: Michael J.
The 12 Concepts were read by: Ange S.

Tom F. asked if it was okay that we record the meeting, via-phone app on the Secretary's phone to help the Secretary prepare the minutes properly. There was no opposition. AJ B motioned to have Tom F. chair the meeting, Nancy O seconded. All-in favor.

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

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

REGIONAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEES

Position:	**Name:**	**Attendance 2012**					
		FEB.	APR.	JUNE	AUG.	OCT.	DEC.
H&I Chair	Joe S.	P	A	P			
Policy Chair	VACANT	V	V	V			
PI Chair	Gentry [Co-Chair]	V	V	P			
Unity Chair	VACANT	V	V	V			
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) Chair	VACANT	V	V	V			
Literature Review Chair	VACANT	V	V	V			
Communications Chair	VACANT	V	V	V			

Quorum: 3 out of 4. Quorum is met.

Last Region's minutes (April) was read by: Region Secretary, Kim D.
Motion to accept minutes as read by: AJ B. Seconded by: Ed M. All in-favor.

AREA REPORTS:

Area – RCM:	Report:
Bucks County – Jim B. (Alternate RCM, Nancy O. reported)	Our Area is doing well; we have formed an ad-hoc committee to look into the possibility of changing Regions or whether we should stay a part of EPARNA. We will not make any decisions until at least September or October, or even later. We had our annual Memorial Day picnic and it was a good turn-out. Unfortunately we do not have a Regional donation; we could not afford to send one. We started two meetings in the Area. Mondays, 5:30-6:30 at 8744 Clubhouse and Sundays 7-8:30 at 6131 Emilie Road. We are hosting a Speaker Jam and Dance for GPRNA. Saturday, June 16 – 12pm to 12am at First Baptist Church of Levittown. See flyer. A report of the findings from our ad-hoc committee will be presented at August's Region.
MontCo – Charles M.	ABSENT – NO REPORT.
Pure & Simple Area – Ed M.	Twenty-six (26) meetings in Area. No Regional donation, this month. Little Apple Area sent us a Convention flyer for LAACNA XXXI, scheduled for September 28-30. Our H&I commitments are all filled, with a new commitment that meets once a month at the Livengrin Out-patient Counseling Center. Meeting is held second Thursday of each month from 6-7pm. Its starting day, June 14. Unity held an event Speaker Jam / Karaoke with five (5) speakers on June 2, at St. Michael's which was well attended. Next event lined up will be Tubing Down the Delaware, on July 14. The cost will be $21, per person. More information on flyer. All is well with the 11th Hour group; however they have changed their meeting time to 10pm but will keep its name. Reinstitution of a smoke break within Honesty in Recovery group has drastically cut-down on its distractions of people coming in and out. Open positions at Area are: Vice-Secretary, Vice-Chair, Literature and Vice-Treasurer.
Twin Rivers – AJ B.	Twin Rivers Area is doing well, and planning its 3rd annual celebration slated for September 22, at Hackett's Park in Easton from noon to dusk. We have a couple new groups, and they have been growing. No motions or further requests for the Region for this session and have an Area contribution of $100, and a home group contribution of $85 – totaling $185, this month.

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD) REPORT:

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

REGIONAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:	
Sub-Committee – Chair:	**Report:**
H&I – Joe S.	In attendance was Harry D, Mark W, Angela S and myself. Pure and Simple Area has a total of seven (7) commitments, with a new commitment at Livengrin Out-patient Counseling Center from 6-7pm. There was also a request from Bucks County Area for Pure & Simple Area to take over Work Release H&I commitment on Saturdays from 11am to 12pm. This will be taken back to Pure & Simple's Area meeting. Bucks County's Chair Ted R was voted out of the Chair position due to commitment issues and Angela S. filling in as Chair until July elections. Bucks County has 13 commitments total, with a new commitment at Lower Bucks Hospital on Fridays 7-8pm and Sundays 4-5pm. There is also look into a prospective commitment at Friends Hospital in Philadelphia, but obtaining more information. Learning Day held on April 21st went well. There is a change in the Area and sub-committee meeting location and it has moved to 8744 New Falls Road, in Levittown. Not present at sub-committee was Twin Rivers (Josh K.) and MontCo (Craig R.) H&I Chairs.
Policy – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
PI – VACANT [Co-Chair Gentry reported]	Hello family, PI is continuing to serve as best we can. This month, PI was attended by Bucks and Twin Rivers Areas. Phone lines were the primary topic of discussion. Both Bucks and Twin Rivers are planning a certification workshop in August. As a committee, we thought it would be a good idea to plan annual workshops for each Area. This leads us to our next topic: Regional PI Policy. Do we have a Policy for PI? We have been made aware of discussions that are taking place among other Regional PI Chairs in PA, to establish a state-wide phone line. We plan to attend their discussions and wanted to ask the Region if they would support this in concept?
Unity – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Literature Review – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Communications – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.

-- BREAK --

Tom F. asked for a moment of silence, and opened the RSC Meeting followed by the Serenity Prayer led by Nancy O. at approximately 3:47pm.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

TREASURY: ***See attached PDF file entitled "EPARNA_Treasury_June2012".***

There was brief discussion on if no Areas make any donation, then the groups within the respective Areas in the Region suffer because there is no donation and with no donations – they won't have insurance.

Sarah brought up the fact that she doesn't have the authorization on the bank account.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We referred back to last Region's minutes (April) and it was agreed amongst everyone that we are establishing a date for the Regional Inventory. There was a quick Q&A that broke out of what a Regional Inventory is, and its purpose. It was in agreement with everyone present at *this* meeting, that it should be held towards August or mid-September. We established for the Regional Inventory on ***Saturday, September 29***.

There was a statement that maybe we want to re-negotiate the costs of our services. John accepted his nomination made by Harry to be the Region's liaison / "researcher" for phone line and insurance costs.

It was established amongst all RCMs to meet up, in addition to *this* meeting.

There was mention of problems that we have within EPARNA, the neighboring Regions have going on as well.

There was a suggestion that events held within Areas to make Regional, and help unify the Areas.

NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS: None.

VACANT POSITIONS:

Kim D. reviewed the Vacant Positions. And the following positions are open:

Chair	Co-Chair	Co-Secretary
Co-Treasurer	Regional Delegate (RD)	RD Alternate
Policy Chair	PI Chair	Unity Chair
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) Chair	Literature Review Chair	Communications Chair

*****As for the Qualifications/Duties and Clean Time Requirement – Please refer to EPARNA Policy*****

We closed in a circle at approximately 4:45pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer led by Tom F.

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.

Report from Acting Regional Delegate

June 3, 2012

Hello everyone,

VERY IMPORTANT

EPARNA will be hosting the Autonomy Zonal Forum on Saturday July 28, 2012. Since we have $0 funds, we will be hosting this event on less than a shoestring budget, and will need lots of help. We will not be able to do this without the unity and support from all of our areas, homegroups, and fellow addicts. I am requesting that individuals, groups and areas each take on a responsibility, and help to cover whatever we might need. We will need a main meal for lunch, salads and/or side dishes to go with that main dish, dessert, beverages, plates, napkins and utensils, and snacks for the morning and throughout the day. I will need some physical help with set-up and break down. We will also need some help with giving the church some money for housing us.

The Zonal Forum runs from 11-5. There will be addicts from 5 other regions coming to attend. Since the future of EPARNA is uncertain, let's make this an opportunity to gather together and put on a function that we can be proud of. There are flyers, and information is on our EPARNA website (www.eparna.org)

CAR information

I helped to present CAR workshops in 3 of our areas, and Craig R. presented one to the fourth area. I only got responses from 1 Area

Autonomy Zonal Forum

We held a Zonal Forum meeting one evening, and all of our regions were in attendance (Central Atlantic Region, Chesapeake and Potomac Region, Free State Region, Greater Philadelphia Region, and Mountaineer Region). We discussed the need to reassess the function of the Autonomy Zonal Forum. We presently have a discussion-based format, sharing concerns, interests, and common bonds amongst the six regions. We discussed how we might change the role of the Autonomy Zonal. Since we meet two times a year, it might be helpful to have a workgroup or ad hoc committee. There may be changes as a result of geographic boundaries, such as a PA region

PA NA Regions Meetings

We have had informal discussions with the other Regional Delegates within Pennsylvania on ways to better collaborate and coordinate statewide NA services. This also seems like a proactive approach considering that at the World Service Conference, the resolutions and straw polls regarding future changes in our service system all had support.

The delegate teams from the 4 regions, along with 2 other interested members, met at the WSC and continued this discussion. Our thought at this time is that Public Relations offer us the best opportunity to work together in furthering the NA vision for service statewide. We discussed forming a work group comprised of members with PR experience to develop some ideas and recommendations for a statewide PR effort and ongoing services. The delegate teams would serve as a steering body to provide direction and resources as needed. We will be meeting again on June 17 via conference call to review any feedback received and next steps.

At this point we are just in the discussion phase of this initiative but wanted to present these ideas to you to allow for any input, concerns or questions you might have. We collectively believe it is in our best interest to cooperate more closely together in growing and strengthening the NA community in PA. Our hope is that you support this idea.

Information from World Service Conference: Votes and Decisions

During the conference week, elections were held, and there is now a full board, consisting of 18 World Board members. This is the first time since we started the World Board that we have had every position filled. The addicts who were elected are from all around the world.

At the World Service Conference the following information are the results of the new and old business meetings at WSC, including results from motions, resolutions and proposals presented in the CAR and the CAT.

World Service Conference minutes from 2010 were approved through Motion #6.

Motion 1: Living Clean; The Journey Continues

Motion carried with unanimous consent

Motion 2: Allow the World Board to make non-substantive changes to Fellowship Approved Literature. We amended this motion to include, "The World Board will announce such corrections <u>not less than 120 days</u> in advance of publication.

Motion carried as amended.

Motion 3: Allow the World Board to bundle, excerpt, and repackage Fellowship Approved Literature... We amended this motion to include, "The World Board will announce such corrections not less than 120 days in advance of publication.

Motion carried as amended.

Motion 4: To allow the World Board to create and enhanced electronic or digital versions of texts that include supplemental materials... We amended this motion to include, "The World Board will announce such corrections not less than 120 days in advance of publication.

Motion carried as amended.

Motion 5: To hold the World Convention of NA every three years, beginning 2018...

Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Resolution 1: To Approve in Principle: Our service efforts will be carried out through a system that includes structure, process, people, and resources.
Resolution required simple majority. Carried by voice vote

Resolution 2: To Approve in Principle: The service system is group-focused and includes a local-level body dedicated exclusively to addressing group concerns.
Resolution required simple majority. Carried by voice vote

Resolution 3: To Approve in Principle: Training and mentoring of trusted servants are essential functions of the service system.
Resolution required simple majority. Carried by voice vote

Resolution 4: To Approve in Principle: Service bodies are purpose- and vision-driven.
Resolution required simple majority. Carried by voice vote

Resolution 5: To Approve in Principle: Service bodies work together to utilize planning processes to organize and coordinate their efforts.
Resolution required simple majority. Carried by voice vote

Resolution 6: To Approve in Principle: Service bodies make decisions by consensus.
Resolution required simple majority. Carried by standing vote: 77-31-1-2 (yes-no-abstain-present not voting)

Resolution 7: To Approve in Principle: The service structure includes local service bodies, state/nation/province service bodies, and intermediate bodies if needed. Service bodies follow established geographic boundaries. They are not self-determined, but are formed, based on need, through a collaborative planning process and agreement with other affected service bodies at the next level of service.
Resolution required simple majority. Carried

Resolution 8: To Approve in Principle: State/national/province boundaries are the primary criterion for seating consideration at the World Service Conference. Resolution required simple majority. Carried by standing vote: 60-46-1-3 (yes-no-abstain-present not voting

More Motions

Motion #8 To approve the *Fellowship Issue Discussions* project plan for inclusion in the 2012-2014 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Carried by voice vote

Motion #9 To approve the *Service System* project plan for inclusion in the 2012-2014 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Carried by voice vote

Motion #10 To approve the *Traditions Book* project plan for inclusion in the 2012-2014 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.
Carried by voice vote

Motion #11 To approve the *Public Relations* project plan for inclusion in the 2012-2014 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Carried by voice vote

Motion #12 To approve the *An Introduction to NA Meetings* project plan for inclusion in the 2012-2014 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget

Carried by voice vote

Motion #13 To approve the *Trusted Servant Support and Development* project plan for inclusion in the 2012-2014 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Carried by voice vote

Motion #14 To approve the 2012-2014 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Carried by voice vote

Straw Polls:

Straw Poll a *There is a small, neighborhood-sized body devoted to group needs. This group forum, which is typically not part of the delegation stream, is informal in nature and operates through conversation not formal decision making.*

Straw poll results: standing count 53/37/9 (for/ against/ present but not voting)

Straw Poll b *Groups send a delegate quarterly to a local service planning meeting. One of those quarterly meetings is a general assembly where all interested members are encouraged to attend and input is given to help plan service activities for the cycle.*

Straw poll results: standing count 65/37/6 (for/ against/ present but not voting)

Straw Poll c *Services are coordinated by a local service board and carried out by members, committees, and project workgroups who report to that board.*

Straw poll results: standing count 76/31/2 (for / against/ present but not voting)

Straw Poll d *Local service bodies follow county, city, or town boundaries, where practical. (They are much larger than the group forums mentioned above and in many cases larger than the current ASCs.)*

Straw poll results: standing count 60/43/5 (for/ against/ present but not voting)

Straw Poll e *The boundaries of those local service bodies are agreed to at the state or national level.*

Straw poll results: standing count 58/48/5 (for/ against/ present but not voting)

Straw Poll f *Planning cycles are synchronized from level to level (local to state to global) as well as across each level.*

Straw poll results: standing count 71/34/4 (for/ against/ present but not voting)

Straw Poll g *When service needs cannot be accomplished effectively by local service bodies and state/national/province bodies, an intermediate level of service can be added.*

Straw poll results: standing count 71/36 /4 (for/ against/ present but not voting)

Straw Poll h *Most states, provinces, or countries have one state-, province- or nationwide service body that is responsible for state- or national-level public relations and coordinating efforts such as training across local service bodies.*

Kenny B (RD New Jersey) Proposal T to *amend straw poll H to use the "mentor" opposed to "training"*

Straw poll "mentoring" or "training"

***Results of straw poll**: support for "mentoring"*

Straw Poll h *Most states, provinces, or countries have one state-, province- or nationwide service body that is responsible for state- or national-level public relations and coordinating efforts such as mentoring across local service bodies.*

Straw poll results: standing count 67/39/3 (for/ against/ present but not voting)

Straw Poll i *Zonal boundaries are decided through a collaborative process with neighboring NA communities, other zones, and the WSC.*

Straw poll results: standing count 72/34/6 (for/ against/ present but not voting)

If there are any additional questions or concerns regarding any part of this report, I will do my best to provide answers. Please let me know how I can support. Also, please contact me if someone is willing to make a donation of food or money

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Eastern PA for all of these wonderful years.

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