Eastern Pennsylvania Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Service Committee Report

MEETING MINUTES
The EPARNA RSC Meeting was called to order on
Sunday – August 5, 2012 at 2:10pm by Todd S.
with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The 12 Traditions were read by: Harry D.
The 12 Concepts were read by: Charles M.

Todd S. asked for a vote of confidence to chair the Region meeting. No oppositions. Ed M. had questioned that if it was supposed to be a rotation of the RCMs for the chairing of the meeting. Kim D. clarified that it was just a proposal if no one (meaning Tom F. or Todd S.) showed up to chair the meeting.

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE							
Position:	**Name:**	**Attendance 2012**					
		FEB.	APR.	JUNE	AUG.	OCT.	DEC.
Chair	VACANT	V	V	V	V		
Co-Chair	VACANT	V	V	V	V		
Secretary	Kim D.	P	P	P	P		
Co-Secretary	VACANT	V	V	V	V		
Treasurer	Sarah S.	P	P	P	P		
Co-Treasurer	VACANT	V	V	V	V		
Regional Delegate (RD)	Merle S. "Acting RD"	V	P	P	A		
RD Alternate	VACANT	V	V	V	V		
RCM Bucks County	Nancy O.	P	P	P	P		
RCM MontCo	Charles M.	P	P	A	P		
RCM Pure & Simple	Ed M.	P	P	P	P		
RCM Twin Rivers	AJ B	A	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		
Policy Chair	VACANT	V	V	V	V		
PI Chair	Gentry [Co-Chair]	V	V	P	P		
Unity Chair	VACANT	V	V	V	V		
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) Chair	VACANT	V	V	V	V		
Literature Review Chair	VACANT	V	V	V	V		
Communications Chair	VACANT	V	V	V	V		

Quorum: 4 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 – Nancy O.	Our Area is doing well, since the last Regional meeting. Our Area on the off-month of July donated $750 to EPARNA. Our Area Treasurer is responsible to give it over to EPARNA's Treasurer. As far as our ad-hoc committee for looking into changing Regions has been dissolved and our Area has decided to stay a part of this Region and work together with all Areas to unify this Region together. I asked for all sub-committee chairs to show up at Region, in hopes that the Region can grow. I made copies of the Inventory flyer and passed them out to all GSRs within the Area. Hopefully people will attend. We have our Annual Labor Day Picnic on September 3 at Tyler Park from noon to dusk. $5 Donation. We are also having a miniature golf night on Saturday, August 18 at Snipes Farm – Double Eagle Golf Range – 860 West Bridge Street in Morrisville. The cost is $14 and includes driving range, mini-golf, pitch and putt. I am now officially Bucks County Area's RCM, and our Alternate is Rick D. New PI Chair, Bill M and our Meeting List Representative Jim M. We all are here at Region today. In Loving Service, Nancy O.
MontCo – Charles M.	The MontCo Area participated in the Autonomy Zonal forum, this past month. We also did an Inventory to see where we need to better at when it comes to serving the groups in our Area. We still have a lot of work to do. There was a motion that the information collected from the Inventory along with the information gathered by the ad-hoc committee be sent back to the home groups, so we can decided if we are going to move to the Greater Philadelphia Region. More will be revealed on that. We are currently serving 33 meetings in our Area. We also have two new meetings. Go With the Flow and Almost There groups. MontCo's Unity sub-committee will host a Speaker Jam at St. Patrick's Church in Norristown from 12pm to 6pm. Love and Respect, Charles M.
Pure & Simple Area – Ed M.	We are having some issues with our Literature Orders from World and I hope to get more on what's going on at Area, which is next weekend. Our Unity Committee put a picnic yesterday (August 4) at Poppa Joe's Grove, behind the Sellersville Fire Company. 2 North Main Street, Sellersville. It was held from 1pm to 10pm. They had good food, a live NA House Band, Speaker Meeting, fun and fellowship. Monday Night Recovery is now meeting at 7pm until 8:15pm. Conscious Contact had their last meeting on Wednesday, July 18. Any moneys leftover after rent is paid will be brought to the Area. There was decision in raffling off the leftover books at the Unity Picnic. Since the last RSC, Pure and Simple Area has donated $500 to the Region due to our need. Our intent is to have our insurance and phone line paid off. We have Open positions: Vice-Secretary (6 months) and Vice-Literature Chair (1 year clean). Our next Area will be on August 12 at 2pm. Submitted by an addict named Ed.
Twin Rivers – AJ B.	Twin Rivers Area is doing well, consisting of 14 groups (18 meetings), and continues to carry a Tri-Area meeting list. We're holding our 3rd Annual Area celebration slated for September 22, at Hackett's Park in Easton from noon-dusk. Our next Area is August 18 at Trinity Episcopal Church on Spring Garden Street in Easton. We have no motions or further requests for the Region for this session, and we have a Regional distribution of $100. In Loving Service, AJ B.

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD) REPORT:

Regional Delegate (RD) – Merle S.	***See separate attachment of a PDF file entitled, "ActingRDReport_August2012".***

REGIONAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:	
Sub-Committee – Chair:	**Report:**
H&I – Joe S.	We met at 1pm and opened with the Serenity Prayer and 12 Traditions. In attendance were Josh K (H&I Chair for Twin Rivers), Khalil T (H&I Vice Chair for Twin Rivers), Harry D (H&I Chair for Pure & Simple), Mark W (Pure & Simple), and Joe S (H&I Region Chair, Bucks). MontCo and Bucks Area were absent. Reports: Twin Rivers has 5 commitments, shooting for a Learning Day around the end of October. The only problems that the Northampton County Prison is not honoring schedule. Pure & Simple has 7 commitments. Was approached by Bucks County Prison for Saturday commitment, but voted down due to lack of participation. They also are in need of women volunteers. MontCo was absent, but Charles M reports that MontCo holds 16 commitments, and all is well. Bucks County Area was absent but Joe S reported that they have 12 commitments, and also doing well. Angela S stepped down as H&I Chair and Dawn is filling in until elections. In new business, there was discussion of putting together an inter-Area Learning Day in the future.
Policy – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
PI – VACANT [Co-Chair Gentry reported]	Hello family, PI is doing well. This session was attended by representatives from Bucks County and Twin Rivers. Twin Rivers is working on a Unity Day for November 3, 2012. Bill M is the new PI Chair for Bucks County. We are still participating in the planning calls discussing state-wide services. At this point, the committee has decided not to pursue a state-wide phone line but to poll the Regions to see what services / tools were needed at a state level first. We discussed in reaching out to the Areas that have not been at the Regional PI meeting to encourage their participation. We will be visiting each Area' PI Meetings over the coming months. Thank you for allowing us to serve.
Unity – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Literature Review – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Communications – 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 3:25pm.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS:

Sarah S. nominated Todd S, seconded by Nancy O. for Regional Chair. We waived the reading Qualifications and Duties reading from EPARNA Policy. Todd asked that Gentry facilitate the meeting, as he stepped out. We had brief discussion. We moved to a vote. All in-favor. Todd is our new Regional Chair, congratulations Todd!

We proceeded with the VACANT positions. Kim D. read from Qualifications and Duties for Regional Co-Chair. Harry D. nominated AJ B, seconded by Nancy for Regional Co-Chair. AJ proceeded to give his qualifications. Todd asked that AJ step out of the room. We had brief discussion. We moved to a vote. All in-favor. AJ is our new Regional Co-Chair, congratulations AJ!

Kim D. reviewed the Co-Secretary and Secretary's Qualifications and Duties from EPARNA Policy. A brief Q&A discussion broke out as to whether or not an RCM could carry a position as Regional board member and RCM or Alternate RCM. There was clarification that it would have to be referred on how the member's respective Area handles that issue. We then resumed reviewing the VACANT positions. The following positions are VACANT:

Co-Secretary	Co-Treasurer	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*****

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael J made a Point of Order, in regards to a motion to dissolve a sub-committee that it can be voted on here at Region. Todd proceeded to read from EPARNA Policy: Article 13, Sub-Section H. Kim then read the motion.

MOTION: To dissolve the Communications committee and return all duties at the Communications committee back to the PI committee. INTENT: Separating the duties of the website, no longer serve the needs of the Region. Todd mentioned that because it came from a sub-committee that there was no need for a second. Todd asked if there was any opposition in sending back the motion to the respective Areas. There was none. We proceeded to have three (3) PROs and three (3) CONs. VOTE: Unanimous. *MOTION PASSES.*

Michael J has the willingness to modify the changes reflected by the passed motion. Todd asked that we hold off on the printing newly-edited Policies until the next year, due to the fact that there may be more motions that will affect Policy.

TREASURY:

See attached PDF file entitled "EPARNA_Treasury_August2012". There was a motion made by Charles M, seconded by Ed M to accept the Treasurer's Report. Due to the motion regarding Treasury funds – it was a RCM only vote, as per EPARNA Policy. 4 out of 4. *MOTION PASSES.*

OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There was brief discussion amongst RCMs of how their Areas decide on donating money to the Region.

Todd averaged together all expenses on the Regional level, in the past year (2011) and this would include: insurance, phone line (ANSERCOMM & PAETAC services) would be averaged to be about $5,800 dollars. He stated that this doesn't include: travel expenses for the RD, PI meetings, rent to Church for RSC meetings.

There was a lengthy discussion on the expenses and details to the phone line. There was also an inquiry of the phone line and how it works. In summary, it is in the works but there is a list of people that are scrambled each time an addict in need calls the phone line and to what Area they are from. There was a question if we can make it to ZIP Code specific, and the answer is yes – it is do-able. Todd mentioned that the main thing of the phone calls that go to the phone line are just addicts looking for a meeting. He also mentioned that when the phone line was established that members of NA went out to properly train and how to respond to a phone call. He also mentioned that when an Area puts on an Orientation for phone line, the Region will recognize that and put the NA member on the Regional contact list.

There was a statement of how the information is delivered back to the Areas, in regards to donations and expenses. In summary, it depends on the size of the Area and number of home groups within the Area.

There was question of what will be conducted at the Regional Inventory. The answer is we break off in groups to talk about problems, and come up with solutions then come back together as a whole and share. There was suggestion that those from back when the Region was first formulated and those who were in-service in the past should be in attendance to the Regional Inventory.

Charles M motioned to close, seconded by Ed M. We closed in a circle at approximately 4:35pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer led by AJ B.

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.