Eastern Pennsylvania Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Service Committee Report

MEETING MINUTES
The EPARNA RSC Meeting was called to order on
Sunday – April 1, 2012 at 2:11pm by Todd S.
with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Todd S. stated that Tom F. (who would have proxy-ed as Region Chair) was broken down and unable to make it to Region, and as per Policy it would go down the line to our Regional Secretary (Kim D.) but said that she would have trouble writing and facilitating the meeting. But he would be happy to step up and proxy as Chair for the Regional Meeting. Jim B. then motioned with a second from Ed M. to have Todd S. chair the meeting. All in-favor. We then proceeded to go around the room to introduce ourselves to everyone.

The 12 Traditions were read by: Nancy O.
The 12 Concepts were read by: Harry W.

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

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

REGIONAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEES

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

Quorum: 4 out of 4. Quorum is met.

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

AREA REPORTS:

Area – RCM:	Report:
Bucks County – Jim B.	Hi family, addict named Jim. Not too much to report. Due to our financial situation, we have no donation for Region. Two upcoming events of importation are a Speaker Service Jam on April 21st. (an all-day event) and the Memorial Day BBQ on May 28. Suggested donation for BBQ in $5. Nominations for Area Positions are made at June's Area meeting with new trusted servants voted in July. I would like to introduce Nancy O. as our Alternate RCM. Our CAR Workshop held by Merle was lightly attended but well-presented. Thank you Merle!
MontCo – Charles M.	MontCo Area created an ad-hoc committee to weigh the pros and cons of rejoining the GPR. They also voted to rejoin the GPR. No timeline has been made, just yet. There were 19 groups present at Area. Recovery First Group celebrated their 40th Year Anniversary. PI Chair and Literature Co-Chair are vacant. MontCo Area Unity sub-committee will be hosting an event, "NA's Got Talent" on April 28. Also in the works are a semi-formal dance in June and a Luau / Pool Party in July. There was also a CAR Workshop was held on March 31, which was poorly attended by our GSRs. MontCo Area would like to thank Merle and Craig R. for giving their time to facilitate.
Pure & Simple Area – Ed M.	I attended MARLCNA, and it was great. Merle was there and helped us with our CAR Workshop. The Unity sub-committee is busy planning new events before the end of the summer (possible April or June). Our Literature order consisting of Regional Meeting booklets was missing from Philly. It has been slightly resolved and that they are trying to work it out. The 'Recovery in Progress' group has moved – its new location is: Souderton Mennonite Church 105 W. Chestnut Street Souderton, PA 18964 ***Wednesday nights from 7pm to 8pm.* Our next Area is April 15 at 2pm.
Twin Rivers – AJ B.	Twin Rivers Area held a CAR Workshop on March 24th. Approximately 30 people attended. We will be working on an Area Celebration in September. The former RCM had some issues come up, so I stepped up for the balance of our cycle which goes to September. No donation to Region.

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD) REPORT:

Regional Delegate (RD) – Merle S.	***Please refer to email with the attachment entitled, "ActingRD_Report".***

REGIONAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:	
Sub-Committee – Chair:	**Report:**
H&I – Joe S. [Proxy Harry D. reported]	Joe S. was unable to attend today. MontCo, Twin Rivers and Pure & Simple Areas were in attendance with no issues to report. All is well.
Policy – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
PI – VACANT [Co-Chair Gentry reported]	Hello family, PI is doing well. We participated in the Fort Washington NAR-Anon Convention. All 4 Areas participated and had representation. We set up a table with Literature and a video of the growth in NA. Pure & Simple is working on a Poster Drive for the end of April, as well as a letter campaign to local schools. Pure & Simple is also working with their H&I sub-committee to bring a meeting into the Livengrin out-patient facility. Twin Rivers finished its Literature drive and provided Literature to 14 public libraries in their Area. They also hosted a part one of two Workshops on the CAR Report and Proposed Service Structure changes. Part two will include other topics and H&I will be later this year. They currently have a Poster Drive in works, including a design contest. PI was attended by Pure & Simple and Twin River Areas.
Unity – VACANT [Addicts Cheryl R. and Trish F. reported]	MontCo Area has an event "NA's Got Talent" at the end of April. Flyer is available on the Regional website. Also planning a semi-formal and pool party – more information to come. Pure & Simple Area will have a Speaker Jam / Karaoke on June 2, flyer to come. Planning for a 'Tubing Down the Delaware' in mid-July. Flyer to come soon. 'Recovery in the Grove' picnic is set for August 4. Flyer will be available soon.
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Literature Review – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Communications – VACANT [Sub-committee member Michael J. reported]	Currently the committee has no chair, however the services of the web services, meeting list updates and phone line information is being handled. No meeting lists representatives came to Region today. Has been contacted by several Areas for meeting list updates and the information was updated quickly. Let your Areas know that the website is very up-to-date and accurate. If they have any changes to please let Michael J know and will personally updated on both EPARNA.org and NA.org. And pass on the information to Philly for a request that they make the updates too. Submitted a receipt of $20.75 to cover the registration the domain of "eparna.org" for another two years.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was report that the PI Presentation at NAR-Anon was a success in no small part, due to support from Pure & Simple Area. We are returning $13.32 to EPARNA. We also have 50 Regional Meeting booklets and some pamphlets for sale to the Areas.

TREASURY: *See attached PDF file entitled "EPARNA_Treasury_Apr2012".*

-- BREAK --

Todd S. opened the RSC Meeting back open with a moment of silence
followed by the Serenity Prayer at approximately 3:16pm.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Q&A broke out in regards to Merle's report about hosting an Autonomy Zonal Forum. It was then put to a motion made by AJ B that we be held responsible for our duties as a Region and host the Autonomy Zonal Forum, seconded by Jim B. It was called for a 'RCM-only vote'. 4 out of 4 were in-favor. Motion passed.

Jim B. stated that his Area is in the same position as MontCo of weighing the pros and cons in staying with the Region. There was a statement of due to the lack of funds, it will be an impact on the other Areas within the Region and that part of the RCMs' responsibilities is to take back to information to their respective Areas. Todd S. stated that there isn't a question that we need more support from all Areas, and that we should look into merging PI and H&I together. There was a suggestion on holding a Regional Inventory of where and what exactly our problems are / brainstorm together possible solutions / prioritize what to work on. On the NA.org website there is an Area Planning Tool to help with the inventory. Harry W. proceeded to make a motion that EPARNA takes a Regional Inventory. Jim B. seconded. There was a consensus amongst everyone that the Regional Inventory, ***in addition*** to the regular RSC meeting. There was a mention of that rushing the Regional Inventory wouldn't be good, and suggested that we should get the word out and at the next Region meeting set a date possibly August / September. Todd S. concurred and said we will set a date for the Regional Inventory at the next RSC meeting.

There was discussion on the passed motion of EPARNA hosting an Autonomy Zonal Forum. There was question on where we would have it, how many people are we anticipating attending and what is there need to be done? Merle answered his question and said that an Autonomy Zonal Forum is of 5 different other Regions, approximately 25-50 people throughout the day from 11am to 5pm, and that due to it being attended by Regions from the south that we need a more southern point so there is less travel time for our out-of-town visitors. Jenkintown United Methodist on the intersection of Walnut and Summit was the location in the past, and that she would inquire if the church is free for that date (July 28). There was a remark in regards that the Autonomy Zonal Forum has attended a meeting before/after, or has even put on their own meeting at the location they met for the Forum. Merle having attended Autonomy Zonal Forums she stated that the Zonal Forums have a set agenda and nothing is added onto but formulated / presented for the following Autonomy Zonal Forum. There was a suggestion that there should be a flyer created with a brief description of what an Autonomy Zonal Forum is, in addition to its information (where, when, etc). There was a declaration of having a meeting before the Autonomy Zonal Forum might help to get addicts involved and actually 'feel part of.'

There was an ad-hoc committee created. Todd S. asked that if anyone's interested to contact Merle. There was question on the purpose of the ad-hoc committee. It was stated that its purpose of the ad-hoc committee is to gather information for preparation of our Regional Inventory.

There was an indication of the perceptions of things that come from the Region reported to the Areas can be perceived as that things aren't done, but in the reality that the things are being done. We have strength as being an intimate Region.

There was a call of attention that there is a comparison with the Region to other Regions, as well as an Area to other Areas.

Merle S. stated that when she submitted out the Region's report to World, there is a template with a Q&A section of what are challenges we've faced as a Region and what are the successes. She filled out with the challenges of the lack in trusted servants, and that our success is that we still stay afloat and heads above water in spite of the lack in trusted servants.

There was revelation on that when Region is announced on the group level, there is no requirement to get a commitment but to go and just to get involved.

There was identification on that what is important is that the home groups get awareness on funds being withheld from other Areas, but with that meetings will close due to no insurance coverage.

There was a request that the RCMs take back to their respective Areas that the decision of leaving EPARNA impacts other Areas within the Region, and that they should examine the pros and cons closely.

NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS:

Charles M. nominated Todd S. for Chair. Todd accepted the nomination, but asks that when voting to keep in mind what is best for the Region, and that it's not about him and his recovery. The nomination was never seconded. Nomination was withdrawn.

VACANT POSITIONS:

Todd S. reviewed the Vacant Positions. And the following positions are open:

Chair	Co-Chair	Co-Secretary
Co-Treasurer	Regional Delegate (RD)	RD Alternate
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*****As for the Qualifications/Duties and Cleantime Requirement – please refer to EPARNA Policy*****

We closed in a circle at approximately 4:20pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer led by Duane S.

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.