Eastern Pennsylvania Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Service Committee Report

MEETING MINUTES
The EPARNA RSC Meeting was called to order on
Sunday – December 2, 2012 at 2:14pm by the Regional Chair
with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Regional Chair, Todd S. asked for a show of hands of RCMs or RCM Alternates present.
Quorum: 4 out of 4.
Quorum is met.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Last Region's minutes (October) was read by: Regional Secretary, Kim D.
Motion to accept minutes as read by: Charles M.
Heard no oppositions, we continued to move to Area Reports.

AREA REPORTS:

Area – RCM:	Report:
Bucks County – Nancy O.	Hi everyone, Bucks Area is doing well. We have another new meeting starting on January 6, Sunday at 4:30 to 6pm called "Better Together Writing Group of NA" – they will meet at Emilie Chapel, 7300 New Falls Road in Levittown. Also, the "Life at 11" meeting that meets on Saturday at 11 is moving to the 8744 Clubhouse on New Falls Road in Levittown, as of January 5. Our Unity committee is hosting a big New Year's Eve bash at 6131 Emilie Road in Levittown. Cost is $10 which includes food, fun, fellowship and dancing. I brought up the matter of the Basic Texts at our Area meeting, a few suggestions were: Give them to H&I for the prisons, divide them evenly between the 4 Areas in EPARNA and have each Area decide to do what they choose, or donate them to an Area or Region that was impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Also, we voted at the last Area to form a Convention Committee. A Chair will be elected at January's Area, the committee will start forming in February, and Convention will probably be at the end of 2014. We are making a Regional donation of $100. I attended the Strategic Learning Day, and thought it went very well and brought the information to my Area – I'd like to see us follow-up with some action, putting our decisions into action. In Loving Service, Nancy O.
MontCo – Charles M.	MontCo Area met this past Sunday. We are in the process of nominations for trusted servants. We will be electing, next month. So, at this point: ALL positions are open. Due to the lack of Area donations, MontCo has no donation. We are also still in the process of our Area Inventory. The Policy Chair is looking to a consensus-based decision making, as opposed to Robert's Rules of Order. More will be revealed on that. Go with the Flow meeting has added a new meeting on Sundays at 4pm, geared to reading the Living Clean book.
Pure & Simple Area – Ed M.	Hello family, Pure and Simple is making a donation to EPARNA of $719.91. Our Unity committee is hosting a New Year's Dance. Planning with homemade food, awesome music and a few extra surprises. Join us on December 29, at St. Michael's in Sellersville from 7pm to 11pm. Cost is $5 for adults, and children under 10 are free! This is a family fun event. Food is included, and desserts are welcomed. DJ music is provided by Adam M. Open positions at Area are: Co-Treasurer (2 years clean), Co-Secretary (6 months clean), Policy Representative Alternate (18 months clean), and Co-Chair (1 year clean). Our next Area meeting is at 2pm on December 9. Unity meets at 12:45pm, H&I and PI meets at 1pm, and Literature at 12:30pm. We meet at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 25 East Church Street in Sellersville.
Twin Rivers – Gentry L.	Hello family, Twin Rivers is doing well. Sense last we meet we held our unity day. Considering it was the weekend after hurricane Sandy we had great support. We had to cancel the service structure discussion as well as the phone line certification workshop but we are working on rescheduling both. This month our Public Information committee has formally become the Public Relations committee. We believed this would help us as an area to carry a clearer consistent message. Our ASC has also voted to establish an ad-hoc committee to explore willingness and support to establish the Greater Lehigh Valley Metro Services Committee of NA. Our regional donation is $500 this month.

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD) REPORT:

Regional Delegate (RD)	*Please refer to attached PDF, entitled: "Nov2012-NAWS_News".*

REGIONAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sub-Committee – Chair:	Report:
H&I – Joe S.	In attendance today were Joe S. (H&I Chair), Harry D. (Pure and Simple H&I Chair), Adam M (Pure and Simple H&I Co-Chair), and Mark W. (Pure and Simple H&I Committee member). Pure and Simple – 7 commitments (1 prison) all are going well and looking to add Livengrin in Doylestown out-patient meeting. Bucks – Dawn did not attend because of illness but reporting 12 meetings, all going well. Today Inc. has re-organized and combined adolescent males and females for meetings on Tuesdays and Fridays, looking to add an adult male meeting on Fridays, in addition to Wednesdays – starting at the beginning of the year. Twin Rivers – H&I Chair, Khalil

	called and said he would not be in attendance, but reports all meetings are going well. MontCo – Not in attendance. Discussed having Joe S. remain as H&I Chair for 2013. Also discussed with PI about combining for a PR committee, and will bring up in Open Forum.
Policy – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
PI – Merle S.	Phone Line: *Spoke to Ansercomm. *Sub-committee members will call people on current list to make sure they are active members of NA, and are still interested in participating on the hotline list. *We have new lists generated from phone line orientation at Bucks and Twin Rivers Areas. *We will develop a system to rotate the order of names on the phone list. *Planning on re-training operators at Ansercomm. WCNA: *Discussed what we can do help prepare and be part of the World Convention to be held in Philadelphia in August 2013. Website: *A possible re-design of EPARNA Website to have dynamically changing information, rather than the static format now in-place. Newsletter: *Discussion about using a Clean Sheet for communication purposes within our Region. Put out a survey, both paper and on website, to determine what the groups and addicts within the Region would like to have. Transition to PR: *Discussed on how H&I and PI could transition into a PR committee. H&I came over and sat in on discussion. Both committees decided the simplest solution was for members of both committees to begin reading the PR Handbook over the next two months, and at the next RSC Meeting in February, H&I and PI will all meet together and see how things go. Handbook link: http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/handbooks/PR-Handbook_2010.pdf
Unity – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.
Literature Review – VACANT	VACANT – NO REPORT.

There was a brief discussion that we were supposed to have completed nominations, last month but that didn't happen. So when the time comes, are we deciding on just nominations this month or nominations AND elections? It was decided that we will come to a final decision with a consensus-based.

-- BREAK –

Regional Chair, Todd S. opened the RSC Meeting at approximately 3:00pm

TREASURY: *See separate attached PDF file entitled "EPARNA_Treasury_Dec2012".*

OLD BUSINESS:

Due to our off-month meeting held on November 10 (Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee) – our donation, or rent to the church will be doubled. Instead of $25, we will be paying $50.

Basic Text distribution: Are we going to divide it "even Steven", or decide on the Area's size of H&I commitments held (which was the donator's purpose)? There was suggestion on dividing a grand total of forty-eight (48) to each of the Areas, and then the other fifty (50) give to those Regions / Areas of need a Basic Text due to the impact of Hurricane Sandy. This was getting off-topic, and Regional Co-Chair, AJ B. asked that we

bring this back up during Open Forum, and discuss further during that time.

NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS:

It was decided that we will conduct nominations AND elections today.

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS			
POSITION:	NOMINEE:	NOMINATED BY:	COMMENTS:
Chair	AJ B.	Todd S.	We reviewed the "Comprehensive Theft Policy" and RSC Chair's Qualifications and Duties. AJ was elected. Congratulations AJ!
Co-Chair	Todd S.	Charles M.	Todd respectfully declined the nomination.
Secretary	-	-	No one was nominated, but Kim D. will fill in as "Scribe" until the position is filled.
Co-Secretary	-	-	No nominations, position remains VACANT.
Treasurer	Sarah S.	-	Sarah remains as Treasurer, for another year as per Policy. The position is a 2-year commitment.
Co-Treasurer	-	-	No nominations, position remains VACANT.
Regional Delegate (RD)	-	-	No nominations, position remains VACANT.
RD Alternate	-	-	No nominations, position remains VACANT.
REGIONAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEES NOMINATIONS			
POSITION:	NOMINEE:	NOMINATED BY:	COMMENTS:
H&I Chair	Joe S.	Nancy O.	Joe gave forth his qualifications, and was elected. Congratulations Joe!
Policy Chair	Harry D.	Merle S.	Merle was elected, congratulations Merle!
PI Chair	Merle S.	Michael J.	We reviewed RSC Policy Chair Qualifications and Duties. Harry was elected. Congratulations Harry!
Unity Chair	-	-	No nominations, position remains VACANT.
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) Chair	-	-	No nominations, position remains VACANT.
Literature Review Chair	-	-	No nominations, position remains VACANT.

We then reviewed the VACANT positions with no nominations, and their clean time requirement.
Please refer separate attached PDF file, entitled: "EPARNA+RSC Positions_Cleantime".
Co-Chair – 5 years.
Secretary – 2 years.
Co-Secretary – 2 years.
Co-Treasurer – 5 years.
RD – 5 years.
RD Alternate – 5 years.
Unity Chair – 3 years.
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) Chair – 3 years.
Literature Review Chair – 3 years.

NEW BUSINESS / OPEN FORUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Within the H&I sub-committee, they discussed about an internal and external guideline, as far as a Public Relations (PR) sub-committee is concerned. There was mention that internal relations (IR) are already part of PR.

There was mention that the PI sub-committee, will probably take on responsibility of Newsletter (Clean Sheet) and publish a quick synopsis of what's going on in each Area (e.g., if a home group isn't meeting one week due to whatever), or a quick review of what is discussed at RSC meetings and vacant positions. This responsibility would have to be in the form of a motion, and cannot be just assumed. There was a clarification that PR will

encompass the following sub-committees: Public Information (PI), Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) and Newsletter (Clean Sheet).

There was mention that maybe as a Region we would want to contact those Regions affected by Hurricane Sandy, but there was mention that we are in no position to help out financially. Merle volunteered to be in-touch with those Regions affected, and "get a feel" as to what their needs are and how they're doing. There was suggestion that maybe home groups within our Region's Areas could venture out and be of service to give those in need of a meeting in the Long Beach Island, Margate and Ventnor areas, as it fosters unity within a home group. To wrap up on this specific topic of discussion, AJ suggested that we get feedback on what their needs may be, and then decide on what we should do from there.

We reviewed the Strategic Ad-Hoc Committee **KEY RESULT AREAS (Goals)**. With that on-topic, there was a proposed decision that we should adopt the NA Vision Statement. In correlation, there was mention that the NA Vision Statement is already adopted by the NA Fellowship. The plan is to incorporate it within our RSC format, and read it as we do the readings of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.

There was also a proposal, that it be included within Policy that we conduct an annual regional inventory, with an equal follow-up learning session as we did this year.

There was brief mention of "consensus-based" decision making, as opposed to Robert's Rules of Order. A hypothetical scenario was given of how it would be handled. In summary, if everyone is in agreement that we should read the NA Vision Statement, then that it would be read. The same goes for the proposed of conducting an annual regional inventory, if everyone believes that it would be beneficiary for the Region then it will be done. This more or less makes the business of a service meeting not only go smoother, but it will do away with motion making, seconding motions and lengthy discussions.

There was reiteration that we should obtain feedback for our number one priority of COMMUNICATION within the Region and of how to implement it for future service years to come. Then also that if a home group or Area would want to venture out and help those in need of a meeting due to the damage of Hurricane Sandy there should be no approval from the Region, every group and Area is autonomous.

There was a great many of thanks to Kim D. and Todd S. for their service to the Region.
Todd S. wanted to welcome to those who are newly elected to serving the Region.

Kim D. motioned to close, seconded by Charles M.
We closed at approximately 4:21pm, in a circle with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

EPARNA 2013 Calendar	
RSC Meeting	RSC Sub-Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 3 at 2pm.	Sunday, February 3 at 1pm.
Sunday, April 7 at 2pm.	Sunday, April 7 at 1pm.
Sunday, June 2 at 2pm.	Sunday, June 2 at 1pm.
Sunday, August 4 at 2pm.	Sunday, August 4 at 1pm.
Sunday, October 6 at 2pm.	Sunday, October 6 at 1pm.
Sunday, December 1 at 2pm.	Sunday, December 1 at 1pm.