

Eastern Pennsylvania Region of Narcotics Anonymous Regional Service Committee Report

MEETING MINUTES

The EPARNA RSC Meeting was called to order on
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015 at 2:00 PM by the Region Chair
with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

12 Traditions were read by Paul
12 Concepts were read by Brian
NA Vision Statement was read by Michael J
Regional Chair asked for a show of hands of RCMs, 3 out of 4. Quorum is met.
Last Region's minutes (October 2015) were read by Jill G, co-chair.
Minutes were accepted as read.

ROLL CALL

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE									
POSITION	NAME	AREA	ATTENDANCE (2015)						
			FEB	APR	JUN	AUG	OCT	DEC	
Chair	Harry D	Pure&Simple	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Co-Chair	Jill G.	Bucks	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Secretary	Derek Y.	Bucks	P	P	P	P	P	A	
Co-Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>		V	V	A	V	V	V	
Treasurer	Tim R.	Bucks	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Co-Treasurer	<i>Vacant</i>		V	V	P	V	V	V	
Regional Delegate "RD"	Merle S.	Montco	P	P	A	P	A	A	
RD Alternate	<i>Vacant</i>		V	V	V	V	V	V	
RCM, Bucks	Mark C.	Bucks	P	P	P	P	P	P	
RCM, Montco	Duane S.	Montco	P	P	A	P	P	P	
RCM, Pure & Simple	Angelique F.	Pure&Simple	A	P	P	P	A	A	
RCM, Twin Rivers	Paul M.	Twin Rivers	P	P	A	A	P	P	
REGIONAL SERVICE SUBCOMMITTEES									
POSITION	NAME	AREA	FEB	APR	JUN	AUG	OCT	DEC	
Policy Chair	<i>Vacant</i>		V	V	V	V	V	V	
PR Chair	Rick D.	Bucks	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Unity Chair	<i>Vacant</i>		V	V	V	V	V	V	
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) Chair	<i>Vacant</i>		V	V	V	V	V	V	
Literature Review Chair	<i>Vacant</i>		V	V	V	V	V	V	
Meeting List Chair	<i>Vacant</i>		V	V	V	V	V	V	

AREA REPORTS	
Bucks County – Mark C.	<p>Past 2 areas most of our offices filled with the exception of Alt RCM but there was a nomination to be voted on next month. Still have vacancy for Co-secretary. Voting to eliminate Clean Sheet being voted on next month. Tim R is chair of ad-hoc committee working on new convention policy. Donation of \$1000.</p> <p>In loving service, Mark C (RCM Alternate)</p>
Montco – Duane S.	<p>Montco met on November 9th. They went through an issue with their literature but have now gotten it back on track and more groups are starting to come back and order through their ASC. The person paying back the money previously stolen has fallen behind in payments but did make last month's payment this month. We did not make quorum last meeting and only took care of financial priorities. Since the new CAR report has come out, members are questioning the reason we do not have a vote at world. Nomination were made for positions for the following year and 90% of positions should be filled.</p> <p>In loving service, Duane S</p>
Pure & Simple – Angelique F.	Nothing new to report.
Twin Rivers – Vacant	<p>Greetings everyone. Things are going well in the TRANA area. We have open commitments, the most important being the secretary. We serve 15 groups at this time. Two are new and starting. A new afternoon is in the works. Our H&I committee is serving 3 commitments. We are working on 3 clearances for the adolescent commitment, about eight months ago we had to suspend the commitment as the facility asked for a clearance for the panel chairs. The clearances include an FBI fingerprint and also a state check. The loss was \$50. The state waived the fee bringing it down to \$25.75. Some discussion about breaking 7th tradition at area, we are going ahead with 2 clearances that area will be responsible for.</p> <p>The H&I learning day went well with about 10 people attending.</p> <p>We have about 10 people willing to attend a phone line workshop. I will talk with Jim about this.</p> <p>In service, Paul M</p>

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD) REPORT

Regional Delegate Merle S.	<p>I am unable to attend today, but there is a lot of information to report.</p> <p>The CAR is out and available online to be downloaded for free. A paper copy can be purchased through NAWs. I will send out a flyer to announce the date for this CAR workshop. I am looking to hold the event in Norristown, and have asked the RD from GPRNA to co-facilitate this event with me.</p> <p>I will be participating as a co-facilitator at the GPRNA workshop on January 31, location to be announced.</p>
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	<p>The Autonomy Zonal Forum will be held on January 30, 2013 from 11-5. There will be World Board participation, and we will be going over the CAR. All are welcome to attend.</p> <p>WSC requests all regions fill out a regional report. I will be collecting that information and share the report with EPARNA once it is completed.</p> <p>The Autonomy Zonal Forum in July will be hosted by GPRNA. This will include a Public Relations event on Friday, and a speaker jam on Saturday. This event is being coordinated by all of the regions in the Zonal Forum. All of the region agreed to share the expense for this event (this was brought to EPARNA earlier this year), and the projected cost per region for this extra day is \$246. I am not asking for this money now, this is simply information I wanted to share.</p> <p>I am requesting \$50 for travel expenses for the Autonomy Zonal Forum.</p> <p>In loving service, Merle S 215-275-3141</p>
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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS	
Policy	<i>Vacant – No report</i>
PR – Rick D	<p>Open @ 12:50 w/ Serenity prayer, 12 traditions, 12 concepts, statement of purpose</p> <p>Attendance: Rick, Joe, Mark, Michael J., Harry.</p> <p>Minutes read and accepted</p> <p>Reports:</p> <p>Bucks County PR: Our area approved to combine PI and H&I so we are now officially PR (Public Relations) subcommittee. Our co-chair Roland stepped down and Gary T was voted in as the new co-chair. We cover 12 commitments at 5 facilities and the commitments are filled. We split the women's prison commitment with the Pure & Simple area. The men's commitment remain inactive but we are in contact with the prison about getting it back up and running. We discussed starting a sponsorship behind the walls program to coordinate members who want to do step work with prisoners in facilities. We would love to have this done at a regional level as well so we could have more support</p>

Montco PI: NOT PRESENT
 Montco H&I: NOT PRESENT
 Pure & Simple PI: NOT PRESENT
 Pure & Simple H&I: NOT PRESENT
 Twin Rivers PI: NOT PRESENT
 Twin Rivers H&I: NOT PRESENT
 Phone Line: Jimbo – need more support, calls are coming in and are covered but would like to have a network of people in each area to reach out to when calls come in from those areas. It's been a year with the new system and only Jimbo and Harry have been on for the majority of that time. We have saved approximately \$100 per month with this new system. Harry doesn't think we are ready to drop the old number since we are still getting calls. We got 6 calls to the old number last month and 8 the month before. The old number is still out there and it seems like we are not ready to deactivate it yet. We are paid up through the next 6 month at minimum.
 It was decided that we will keep the old number for only the amount of time we are paid up through.
 Harry would like to get the word out that we need more help with the phone line and also about the new number. We activated 2 new members and they have signed on sporadically since the learning day.
 Harry asked that Rick send out a letter from Regional PR asking for more support before he steps down.
 Web Servant: Michael J has been meeting with the Philly region in working out the online meeting list system (BMLT). Philly wanted to change the host to be on their server rather than ours and it has been taken care of. Tim R, Philly web master installed it on their server and it is working great. Waiting on this region to approve the beta site and hoping that is accomplished today. Michael J has a new event tab on the site that utilizes Google calendar. We have a great relationship with the Philly region right now compared to years past. We have the ability to print meetings lists from the BMLT quickly and easily through the new system and it is going to be the most updated version is available. The hope is that the sorting options will be worked out to make the printable versions even more user friendly. The big thing seems to be the larger size but we are hoping that people will get used to it. Pure & Simple is now using the BMLT to print their area meeting lists.
 There was a discussion about the difficulty in getting meeting lists from the Philly region. Michael said it is being worked out once we approve the new system.
 Tim wants to make sure that someone picks up the mail on off months because the box was very full again. Rick D. will try to make it a point to get up here on the off month.
 Old business:
 Need to approve the new beta site. Will be voted on today at regional meeting
 New business:
 Further discussion on meeting list set up on new system.
 Motion to close @ 1:41

Web Servant Report

Greetings all!

I have been attending the Philly Region Meeting List Sub-Committee and participating with the Philly Webmaster and Philly Meeting committee. At the Last Philly Region they approved use of the BMLT. The one caveat was that they wanted the database to be located on the Philly server. That is not a problem, it does not matter where the data lives. The way the BMLT is designed is that it can be accessed by any region or area who wishes to access it and share it on their website.

Tim R., the Philly webmaster, and I were able to install the BMLT satellite server on naworks.org. It is working well so far. We are still in the process of determining the system for updating the BMLT. I will be training the Philly Area reps in coming weeks so they can start entering and editing data.

The GPRSC is discussing using the BMLT to print the next Multi-Regional Meeting Lists. More info on the outcome of that discussion will be presented at the next RSC in Feb.

The Pure & Simple Area is currently using the BMLT to manage their Area Meeting List. Their meeting list rep has access and is updating the P&S meetings in the BMLT. They are also using the BMLT Meeting List Generator to create their Area Meeting Lists on the fly from the BMLT. You can view that list here <http://psana.eparna.org/?current-meeting-list=1>

The Beta Website, beta.eparna.org, has been receiving good feedback and hopefully will be approved today so we can start using it live on eparna.org. The Website is now Mobile compatible and will allow our search ranking to not be effected by not offering a mobile version.

There is a new Events page on the beta site. It will allow ASC's and Regional/Area Sub-committees to have access through Google Calendar to upload their own announcements and events on the regional Website. Any Area / Sub-Committee that would like more info they can call me at 610-842-4691 or via email administrator@eparna.org

Anyone who would like to participate in the website, please get a hold of me. I am looking to train new people in the hope to eventually pass the duties of web on to new members. The new website runs on a program called WordPress. This system will allow those who do not have web coding skills to manage the website. This system will open up web service to a much larger group of those willing to be of service. Please encourage anyone who is interested in learning this system to contact me.

I loving service,
Michael J

Unity Chair	<i>Vacant – No report</i>
Newsletter (Clean Sheet) Chair	<i>Vacant – No report</i>
Literature Review Chair	<i>Vacant – No report</i>
Meeting List Chair	<i>Vacant – No report</i>

OLD BUSINESS


There was no old business for the RSC to discuss.


TREASURY

Transactions 12-6-15

Date	Account	Num	Description	Amount
			OPENING BALANCE	2,400.00
12/6/2015	Checking	505	St. Mark's Lutheran Church	
			December Rent	-25
	DEP		Bucks County check# 2672	500
	DEP		Bucks County check# 2679	500
	DEP		Pure & Simple chk # 1275, 1276	300
	DEP		Twin Rivers chk# 1024	208.46
	EFT		Halloo 15-Nov Phone Line	-39.9
	EFT		Halloo 15-Dec Phone Line	-39.9
	DEP		Montco Area chk# 1587	1,000.00
		506	Regional Delegate AZF	-50
			CLOSING BALANCE	4,753.66
			TOTAL INFLOWS	2,508.46
			PRUDENT RESERVE	2,400.00
			BALANCE ABOVE PRUDENT RESERVE	2,353.66

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CUSTOMER PRESENTS: Check(s) In: \$2,508.46

DEPOSIT/PAYMENT:

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NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To donate **\$5252.13** to the NA World Service Committee.

INTENT: To be fully self-supporting by following the 7th tradition fund flow.

VOTE: 3 yea / 0 nay, **motion passed.** *(Due to the financial nature of this motion, only RCMs voted.)*

The RSC discussed which section of policy covers web servant and phone line duties – this is all covered in PR policy.

NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS

As co-chair, Jill was automatically nominated to Regional Chair in October. The RSC voted this cycle and Jill was elected as Chair. Congratulations, Jill!

The current treasurer, Tim R., will continue serving in the position for a year.

Current positions at the RSC which are open:

Co-chair

RD Alternate

Newsletter (clean sheet)

Co-secretary

Policy chair

Literature review

Co-treasurer

Unity chair

Meeting list

OPEN FORUM

Montco posed a question about groups that are not participating in area service (a liaison was sent out). We want to make sure that we pose this question to the region in reference to the insurance covering the insurance and to get experience from any other areas who may have experience.

Michael J. offered a suggestion based on his area's experience with a similar issue. What they have done in the past is that the group finds another group to "sponsor" that group and bring their donation, order literature for them and bring a report but not vote their conscience at area service.

Our policy states that the treasurer have the information for the debit card. Harry had the information and suggests that Tim change the PIN number and share it with the new Chair.

It was decided unanimously to close. We closed at approximately 3:19pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Next RSC meets **February 7th, 2016 at 2pm (12:30pm for subcommittees)**

EPARNA 2016 CALENDAR	
RSC SUBCOMMITTEES MEET AT 12:30PM RSC MAIN MEETING STARTS AT 2:00PM <i>(times are subject to change)</i>	Sunday, February 7
	Sunday, April 3
	Sunday, June 5
	Sunday, August 7
	Sunday, October 2
	Sunday, December 4