

Eastern Pennsylvania Region of Narcotics Anonymous Regional Service Committee Report

MEETING MINUTES

The EPARNA RSC Meeting was called to order on
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017 at 2:05 PM by the Region Chair
with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

12 Traditions were read by Jeff C.

12 Concepts were read by Keith

NA Vision Statement was read by Dave B.

Regional Chair asked for a show of hands of RCMs, 2 out of 4. Quorum is met.

June 2017 minutes were accepted with corrections: Merle (RD) was present.

ROLL CALL

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE								
POSITION	NAME	AREA	ATTENDANCE (2017)					
			FEB	APR	JUN	AUG	OCT	DEC
Chair	Jill G.	Bucks	P	P	P	P		
Co-Chair	Rick D.	Bucks	P	P	P	P		
Secretary	Rochelle B.	Bucks	P	A	A	A		
Co-Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>		V	V	V	V		
Treasurer	Mary D.	Pure&Simple	P	P	P	P		
Co-Treasurer	<i>Vacant</i>		V	V	V	V		
Regional Delegate "RD"	Merle S.	Pure&Simple	P	P	P	P		
RD Alternate	Tim R.	Bucks	A	P	P	P		
RCM, Bucks	Jeff C.	Bucks	P	P	P	P		
RCM, Montco	Craig L.	Montco	P	P	P	A		
RCM, Pure & Simple	Harry D.	Pure&Simple	P	P	P	P		
RCM, Twin Rivers	Brian F.	Twin Rivers	A	P	A	P		
REGIONAL SERVICE SUBCOMMITTEES								
POSITION	NAME	AREA	FEB	APR	JUN	AUG	OCT	DEC
Policy Chair	Duane S.	Montco	P	P	P	A		
PR Chair	Dave B.	Bucks	P	P	P	P		

AREA REPORTS

Bucks County – Jeff C.	1. 1. PR learning day was a great success. Attendance was extremely good, over 100 people from several areas throughout the course of the day. There was 150.00 collected that was split by the areas. Committee members area deciding on how/what the best usage of these funds would be to further carrying the
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	<p>message.</p> <p>2. The 4th of July picnic was also a great success. It was well attended by many different areas.</p> <p>3. We are planning our final picnic of the year. It will be Memorial Day at Hickory Nut Grove located in Tyler State Park. We will be adding Karaoke to the regular food, fun and fellowship. The event will run from noon til dusk with a suggested 5.00 donation. Come out even if you don't have it!!</p> <p>4. All area positions are filled, with the exception of Alt RCM and Co-Literature.</p> <p>5. All H&I commitments are currently filled.</p> <p>6. Attached are copies of recent fliers and AdHoc committee input on MAT and DRT.</p> <p>7. A check in the amount of 1000.00 was submitted as our regional donation.</p> <p>ILS, Jeff C</p>
Montco – Duane S.	
Pure & Simple – Harry D.	<p>The pure and simple area is doing well, we have a good turnout at our area service meetings. We are now holding 31 meetings a week. We had a motion voted in our last area needing that started out as a consensus concern at our yearly inventory, that created an ad hoc committee which submitting a recommendation to the area that encouraged a home group to put forth a motion. The motion suggested we change our present reserve from \$2800 to \$1452.17 to allow proper money flow and of course be prudent with our monies. We have a date and location for our regional service event, the date is September 30, 11 AM to 4 PM and the location is St. Michael's Lutheran Church 25 East Church St., Sellersville 18960. I will be submitting a request for three checks for this event. One for \$50 to the church for rent, 24 \$50 to the church with is refundable upon inspection of the facility after the event and three a check for \$30 to the church Sexton. I have turned over the reins to our regional PR chair who has enlisted the help of the area PR chair and the area unity committee to assist some of the details we have the facility an hour before start time for set up and an hour after and time for cleanup. We hope members from all areas will attend.</p> <p>I have a regional donation today of \$300 which hopefully in the future will be more due to the change in our prudent reserve.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to serve Harry D</p>

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD) REPORT

Good afternoon family,

Much has happened since last we met, many positive things concerning our region. Bucks County area, in conjunction with Burlington County Area of NANJ, held an in-service learning day in July that was a great success. EPARNA was well represented. Our regional PR chair spoke on Public Information and our regional chair, in her capacity as our phonenumber coordinator, held a phonenumber orientation at the event that was well attended. I understand that P&S has secured a venue and will be having their in-service jam on September 30 th from 11AM to 4PM @ St Michaels Church in Sellersville. I hope we will hear of more being planned.

On a personal note, I changed positions at work and will now be able to visit regional area service committees more regularly. I'm working M-F 8-4:30!!!! WOW

WSC Seating

We have submitted our paperwork for seating ON TIME! The committee will contact us if they need any more information. Hopefully, we will receive a positive recommendation to be seated at the WSC. However, regardless of their recommendation, we will still have the opportunity to be voted in on the conference floor. (I know we have 5 votes 😊) I have attached the paperwork that was submitted to the committee for the RCMs to view.

AZF

I attended the Autonomy Zonal Forum (AZF) @ Cedar Lakes in Ripley WV. Meeting opened at 9:12 AM, all regions were represented (I'm attaching a copy of the agenda). Regional reports were read and accepted into the minutes (I haven't yet received a copy).

Agenda: 1. Motion 11 discussion – non-voting Zonal representative to be seated on the conference floor during the WSC and allowed to participate in groups and discussions. Merle had presented, at the last AZF, that we would be the logical choice since we were the only unseated region in the zone. Whether to send someone or not and how they would be funded was brought up again by CAR. I echoed Merle's suggestion that if we were chosen funding is NOT A PROBLEM! Historically, EPARNA has funded both the RD & RDA to go to the conference. I was then asked if we would fund someone else to go if they were chosen? I said that would be up to our RSC to decide but, if approved, "we would be willing to shoulder 1/6 th of the burden. Mountaineer, Chesapeake & Potomac (C&P), and Freestate are against sending anyone as a zonal representative because they believe it sets a precedence and they are NOT IN FAVOR of Zonal voting because they believe it threatens their voice at the WSC, Greater Philadelphia (GPR) is ambivalent to the concept and Central Atlantic (CAR) isn't sure either.

2.Revisit Inventory was tabled until next AZF because I was unprepared for the discussion; I couldn't locate the inventory in the minutes archives.

3. Discussed proposed changes to the WSC. We discussed webinars about revising the structure of the WSC, streamlining Old & New business. One way of doing this would be to go to Zonalvoting. My participation in this was limited due to not having access to the webinars & discussion boards because we are unseated.

4. Discussion of BMLT was tabled until later in the afternoon so that a presentation could be done for the MRSC. Brian (RDA CAR) presented the topic. We already use BMLT.

5. We discussed best practices for handling the workload of an RD. The suggestions were varied: GSR assemblies to present IDTs and CAR workshops; Speaker with an unannounced regional service speaker in the middle, or with speakers on regional service positions; and cherry picking the topics that best suit your region.

Topics 6 & 7 had been covered during the June teleconference and the round table discussions were not held due to time restraints.

I'm turning in receipts for my expenses at the AZF: Gas \$132.55; Lodging \$188.68; Food \$178.77 (9

meals); total \$500. My expenses for food were approximate because I pre-prepared all my meals at home with items I regularly use in the maintenance of my eating program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2017 CAR is released

January 2018 AZF will be hosted by C&P / CAT released

February 2018 MARLCNA CAR discussion w/World Board members

CAR Workshop(s) TBD

April 2018 will be the WSC

July 2018 AZF will be hosted by EPARNA.

In loving service,

Merle S. RD

Tim R. RDA

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS	
Policy – Duane S	Nothing new to report.
PR – Dave B	Nothing new to report.
Web / Meeting List – Michael J.	Nothing new to report.
Literature Review Chair	<i>Vacant – No report</i>

TREASURY

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount
6/30/2017							OPENING BALANCE	10,554.20
7/1/2017	Checking	EFT	Haloo	Jul-17	Phone Line			-39.90
8/1/2017	Checking	EFT	Haloo	Aug-17	Phone Line			-39.9
8/6/2017	Checking	DEP	BCASNA	chk # 2795	Donation			1000
		DEP	Pure & Simple	chk #1377	Donation			150
		DEP	Pure & Simple	chk# 1379	Donation			150
		DEP	Twin Rivers	chk# 9950	Donation			500
		DEP	Twin Rivers	chk#1072	Donation			300
		530	St Marks Lutheran Church		Rent			-25
		531	St Michaels Pure & Simple		Learning Day			-50
		532	Ed Ponas Pure & Simple		Learning Day			-30
		533	St Michaels Pure & Simple		Learning Day			-50
		534	Jill Gardner		Orientatic Phone Line			-108.95
		535	David Bryon		Pure&Sim Learning Day			-370
CLOSING BALANCE			8/6/2017					11,634.29
PRUDENT RESERVE:		\$2,400		EARMARK:		\$1,500		
INSURANCE:		\$3,610						
TOTAL INFLOWS								2,100.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS								-1,019.91
NET TOTAL BUSINESS								1,080.09

OLD BUSINESS

The RSC discussed the open positions (listed below).

NEW BUSINESS

Regional secretary has been absent for three regions in a row. Jill G is going to reach out to her (Rochelle). We will go from there.

Pure and simple learning day is on September 30.

DRT & MAT discussion: NAWS sees vititrol as a DRT or MAT. The RSC discussed how to word it in our policy regarding members on these therapies holding positions at region.

MOTION: To update the regional policy to add "clean is defined as free of all mood and mind altering substances including DRTs and MATs" with each clean time requirement.

INTENT: To update regional policy to clarify clean time requirements for positions.

To be voted on in December

The RSC continued to discuss a mentorship program.

The RSC discussed regional PI having a budget. Found in policy. H&I \$35, PI \$50, combined into PR

\$85.

MOTION: To reimburse Jill G for cost of making phone line orientation packets. \$108.95 - budget \$85 = \$23.95

INTENT: Individual members should not be incurring cost of materials for regional service.

VOTE: 2 yea / 0 nay, **motion passed.** *Due to the financial nature of this motion, only RCMs voted.*

MOTION: To pay \$286.21 for website for three years.

INTENT: To be financially responsible

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

The regional PR chair requested \$370 as part of earmarked funds for P & S learning day. No vote needed.

An area in Colorado has an ad on a park bench. Harry asked for permission to talk to his local Township on what can be done. Discussed looking into getting info in at bus stops and billboards.

The RSC voted for Mary to find out insurance cost and pay it before next region.

NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS

There were no nominations or elections.

Current positions at the RSC which are open:

Co-treasurer

Co-secretary

OPEN FORUM

A motion was made to close at approximately n:nn pm, and was unanimously approved.

Next RSC meets **October 1st, 2017** at 2pm (12:30pm for subcommittees)

EPARNA 2017 CALENDAR RSC SUBCOMMITTEES MEET AT 12:30PM RSC MAIN MEETING STARTS AT 2:00PM <i>(times are subject to change)</i>	Sunday, February 5
	Sunday, April 2
	Sunday, June 4
	Sunday, August 6
	Sunday, October 1
	Sunday, December 3



BASIC BUSINESS CHECKING

Statement Period 05/10/17 - 06/09/17

EASTERN PA REGION OF NA

Account # [REDACTED]

Balances

Beginning Balance	\$8,804.30	Ending Balance	\$11,074.40
Deposits/Credits	+\$2,350.00	Average Daily Balance	\$9,258.52
Withdrawals/Debits	-\$79.90		

Checks Posted

Check #	Date Paid	Amount	Reference
528	06/06	\$25.00	0992654695

1 Check(s) Posted = \$25.00

Account Activity

Date	Description	Credits	Debits	Balance
05-10	Beginning Balance			\$8,804.30
05-11	FEES FOR ACCOUNT ANALYSIS 04/30/17		\$15.00	\$8,789.30
06-01	BRANCH TRANSACTION AT WARMINSTER - CHECK DEPOSIT.	\$800.00		\$9,589.30
06-02	WWW HALLOO.COM 8882383822 /CA US CARD PURCHASE		\$39.90	\$9,549.40
06-05	BRANCH TRANSACTION AT WARMINSTER - CHECK DEPOSIT.	\$1,550.00		\$11,099.40
06-06	CHECK 00000000528		\$25.00	\$11,074.40
06-09	Ending Balance			\$11,074.40

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 CALL OUR BUSINESS CUSTOMER CONTACT CENTER AT 1-877-768-1145 OR WRITE TO THE BANK
 ATTN: BUSINESS CUSTOMER CONTACT CENTER
 Santander Way RI1 EPV 02 23
 East Providence, RI 02915

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EASTERN PA REGION OF NA
REGISTRATION CARD
LANCASTER, PA 17607

DATE 6/4/17 AC-7304-2013

PAY TO THE ORDER OF St. Mark's Lutheran Church \$ 25.00

Twenty five 00 DOLLARS

Sovereign Bank
PART OF THE SANTANDER GROUP

FOR [Signature]

⑆000528⑆⑆1231372291⑆

528 06/06/17 \$25.00

**BASIC BUSINESS CHECKING**

Statement Period 06/10/17 - 07/09/17

EASTERN PA REGION OF NA

Account # [REDACTED]

Balances

Beginning Balance	\$11,074.40	Ending Balance	\$10,534.50
Deposits/Credits	+\$0.00	Average Daily Balance	\$10,631.76
Withdrawals/Debits	-\$539.90		

Checks Posted

Check #	Date Paid	Amount	Reference
529	06/14	\$500.00	0994303555

1 Check(s) Posted = \$500.00**Account Activity**

Date	Description	Credits	Debits	Balance
06-10	Beginning Balance			\$11,074.40
06-14	CHECK 000000000529		\$500.00	\$10,574.40
07-03	WWW.HALLOO.COM 8882383822 /CA US CARD PURCHASE		\$39.90	\$10,534.50
07-09	Ending Balance			\$10,534.50

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EASTERN PA REGION OF NA
500 EAST THIRD STREET
HARFORD, PA 19047

0629

DATE 06/14/17 45-738-8811

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jim Rudolph \$ 500.00

Five hundred 00/100 DOLLARS FEES

FOR AZF

Sovereign Bank
PART OF THE BANKING GROUP

Jim Rudolph

⑆006529⑆ ⑆23837289⑆

529 06/14/17 \$500.00



BASIC BUSINESS CHECKING

Statement Period 07/10/17 - 08/09/17

EASTERN PA REGION OF NA

Account # [REDACTED]

Balances

Beginning Balance	\$10,534.50	Ending Balance	\$12,288.44
Deposits/Credits	+\$2,100.00	Average Daily Balance	\$10,707.68
Withdrawals/Debits	-\$346.06		

Account Activity

Date	Description	Credits	Debits	Balance
07-10	Beginning Balance			\$10,534.50
08-02	WWW.HALLOO.COM 8882383822 /CA US CARD PURCHASE		\$39.90	\$10,494.60
08-07	BRANCH TRANSACTION AT WARMINSTER - CHECK DEPOSIT.	\$2,100.00		\$12,594.60
08-08	HOSTGATOR.COM 08669642867 /TX US CARD PURCHASE		\$306.16	\$12,288.44
08-09	Ending Balance			\$12,288.44

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Drug Replacement Therapy (DRTs) & Medication-Assisted Treatment (MATs)

Hello Family,

I'm an addict named Tim R. and I have been appointed Ad-hoc committee chair to explore the best possible avenues of educating our membership on NA's stance on Drug Replacement Therapy (DRT) and Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT). The motion presented by a home group asked that I "seek out the experience, strength, and hope of other NA communities on how they educate their membership and deal with DRT & MAT."

Concern about members on DRT & MAT serving as chairperson, celebrating anniversaries, or speaking was the driving force behind the original home group motion. The overriding concern of every community (7; 2 Areas & 5 Regions) I spoke with but one (they had no opinion on the subject) was "how do we embrace members who are on DRT & MAT, welcome them to NA, yet tell them they are not clean without driving them away."

Bulletin #29 states: "Perhaps by answering the most important question first—the issue of membership—we can establish a context by which to approach this issue. Tradition Three says that the only requirement for NA membership is a desire to stop using. There are no exceptions to this. Desire itself establishes membership; nothing else matters, not even abstinence. It is up to the individual, no one else, to determine membership. Therefore, someone who is using and who has a desire to stop using, can be a member of NA."

The above statement clearly establishes that addicts on DRT & MAT are welcome as members of NA. However, THEY ARE NOT CLEAN! Therefore they cannot serve as Trusted Servants. Holding a position of Trusted Servant means you represent Narcotics Anonymous. We blur the NA message and impact the fellowship as a whole when we allow someone who is using to serve in this capacity. This is our conundrum

Bulletin #29 states: "It may be argued that a group's autonomy, as described in our Fourth Tradition, allows them to decide who may share at their meetings. However, while this is true, we believe that group autonomy does not justify allowing someone who is using to lead a meeting, be a speaker, or serve as a trusted servant. Group autonomy stands only until it affects other groups or NA as a whole. We believe it affects other groups and NA as a whole when we allow members who are not clean to be a speaker, chair a meeting, or be a trusted servant for NA."

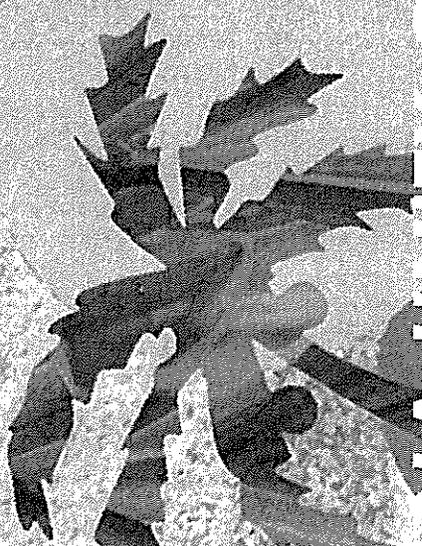
The pamphlet "*Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment*" states "As we stated previously, NA has no opinion on the practices of any organizations or practitioners outside NA. However, within the context of NA and its meetings, we have generally accepted principles, and one is that NA is a program of complete abstinence. By definition, medically assisted therapy indicates that medication is being given to people to treat addiction. In NA, addiction is treated by abstinence and through application of the spiritual principles contained in the Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous."

In conclusion, the general consensus was that WE as trusted servants must educate our membership! We are the stewards of our message and must be conscientious in its protection. Experienced members carry this burden and we must inform those members on DRT & MAT in a loving and caring manner that they are not clean. This responsibility is incumbent on home group members even more! Home group members are responsible for the atmosphere of recovery as their group carries the message. This should be a hot topic for discussion in group conscience. The best way to protect our message was to clearly state in policy the requirements for serving in the capacity of Trusted Servant that "a member cannot be on DRT or MAT." However, we should not ostracize our members on DRT and MAT. We must embrace them and allow them to serve in a capacity that does not require clean time.

I have attached Bulletin #29, the service booklet "*NA Groups and Medication,*" and the IP "*Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment*" to my report for the use of each group. There is more information available at WWW.NA.ORG, simply type DRT or MAT into search.

In loving service,

Tim R



**SCANA UNITY COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE
LABOR DAY PICNIC WITH KARAOKE FOR
THE END OF SUMMER.....FOOD FUN
FELLOWSHIP**

MON SEP 4TH 2017 NOON-DUSK

**TYLER STATE PARK-HICORY NUT GROVE SECTION COST\$5
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT**

WILL M. 215-303-6078

NANCY O. 267-251-8219

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**SOUL SURGERY
DOUBLE SPEAKER
MEETING**



Friday, August 25th 2017

10 P.M. – 12:15 A.M.

8744 Clubhouse

8744 New Falls Rd.

Levittown, PA 19054

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP