

Montgomery County Area Service Committee Report

Meeting Minutes

The Montgomery County Area Service of Narcotics Anonymous was called to order on **April 25th, 2014** in Mercy Suburban Hospital's Conference Room by the ASC Chair at **12:00 PM**, and opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Tradition of the Month was read by: John C.

Concept of the Month was read by: John C.

ROLL CALL:

AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE														
<u>POSITION</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE 2014</u>											
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME GROUP</u>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Chair	Alan C.	Peace in NA	P	P	P	P	P							
Co-Chair	Eric P.	Fresh Start	A	P	P	P	P							
Secretary	John C.	Welcome Home	P	P	P	P	P							
Co-Secretary	VACANT	-	V	V	V	V	V							
Treasurer	Amanda V.	A New Way	P	P	P	P	P							
Co-Treasurer	Todd S.	Get Well Soon	P	P	P	P	P							
Policy	AnneMarie G.	Go With the Flow	P	P	P	P	P							
Co-Policy	Jack A.	Some are Sicker than Others	V	V	P	P	A*							
RCM	Kim D.	Get Well Soon	P	P	P	P	A*							
Alternate RCM	AnneMarie G.	Go With the Flow	V	P	P	P	P							

AREA SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE														
<u>POSITION</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE 2014</u>											
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME GROUP</u>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
PR Chair	Carley M.	The Grateful Living Group	P	P	P	A*	P							
PR Co-Chair	VACANT		P	V	V	V	V							
Literature Chair	Larry E.	Abington Hospital Group	P	P	P	P	P							
Literature Co-Chair	VACANT	-	V	V	V	V	V							
Unity Chair	Christy W.	Go With the Flow	A	P	P	P	P							
Meeting Lists	Andrew C.	Abington Hospital Group	P	P	P	P	P							
Unity Co-Chair	Kim F.	Go With the Flow	V	P	P	P	A							

New Groups: 1

First count of GSRs / Alternates / Proxies: 25

Reading of last month's minutes was read by Area Secretary, John C.
Eric P. motioned to accept the minutes, Randy N Seconded.
Vote was unanimous, motion passes.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (RCM) REPORT

RCM ----- Alternate RCM	Kim D. ----- AnneMarie G.	Nothing new to report. Region will met a week after area and AnneMarie will report in place of Kim D.
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AREA SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Literature Chair ----- Literature Co-Chair	Larry E. ----- VACANT	Starting Balance: \$2239.36 H+I FEB: + \$100.00 Freestate Order: - \$543.17 = \$1796.19 Sales: + 743.80 = \$2539.99 Discussion about Meeting List Booklets took place and information is reported later in the minutes below.
PR Chair ----- PR Co-Chair	CarleyM. ----- VACANT	Vice Chair is vacant. Co-secretary filled by Alicia W. All facilities are covered. If anyone is interested in speaking at the men or women s correctional facility in montco, please see me for a clearance form.
Policy Chair ----- Policy Co-Chair	AnneMarie G. ----- Jack A.	Nothing new to report at this time.
Meeting Lists	Andrew C.	Treasury Request: \$21.20 for 500 meeting lists next month. I purchased 1000 meeting lists this month with 42.40 from last month.
Unity Chair ----- Unity Co-Chair	Christy W. ----- Kim F.	Our next event is July 3 rd – Reading Phillies game. Gates @ 6pm – Game @ 7pm. Fireworks after. Includes all you can eat buffet. See AnneMarie for Tix.

GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) REPORTS

GROUP:	GSR:	AREA DONATION:	LITERATURE PURCHASE:	COMMENTS:
A New Way	Cristi B.	\$196.61	\$80.35	Celebrating 35 th anniversary Sunday June 15 th . @ 7pm. 2 speakers, history, cake, fun, fellowship. Continues carrying the message to still sick and suffering addict @ Eagleville Hospital.
Abington Hospital Group	Andrew C.	\$184.00	\$50.00	Friday night Abington Hospital Group is doing great. Large Attendance and always welcoming newcomers. We meet on Friday nights at 7pm in the beardwood auditorium in the Wydner building.
Bring Your Basic Text	Zahirah M.	\$0	\$30.50	Group is doing good. Nothing else to report.
Built to Last	Michael M.	\$0	\$6.40	We are doing great. We meet every Monday from 8-9pm at the Jenkintown United Methodist Church. Walnut and Summit St in Jenkintown PA
Campus Choice	Chris L. (proxy)	\$20.00	\$0	Small meeting – looks to grow as word gets around. Not currently attended well at all. New location is being considered.
Complete Abstinence	Brian C.	\$0	\$0	2nd consecutive absence
Courage in NA	Brandon A.	\$0	\$0	Elections held. Brandon – GSR. Sam – GSR ALT. Joey C – TREASURER. Cassie G – SECRETARY. Attendance is good and progress made on anniversary discussion.
Fresh Start	(proxy)	\$0	\$44.50	Group still carrying the message. In need of trusted servants and HG members.
Friday at 7:30	Mike B.	\$34.42	\$25.95	Doing well carrying the message. Agree to phone line change.
Get Clean or Die Trying	Josh H.	\$10.00	\$0	Get clean or die trying is doing well. Always looking for new members. Paul B. is

				celebrating one year on 6/23/14. All welcome to come carry the message and support.
Get Well Soon	Todd S.	\$31.00	\$0	New member Jose O. Todd S. celebrates 29 years. Eric L. celebrates 11 years. Meeting will be upstairs for June. We are in favor or changing the phone line.
Go With the Flow	Chris H.	\$20.00	\$9.00	We celebrated our anniversary on 6/6/14. All is good. We continue to welcome the newcomer and carry the message. HG member Lisa B. celebrated one year.
Grateful Living Group	Carley M (proxy)	\$0	\$0	Attendance is great. Lots of newcomers. 4 th annual picnic went off great.
Helping Addicts Lose the Obsession (HALO)	Sue M.	\$10.00	\$49.95	I'm new GSR. Group attendance is great. We're having some issues with relapse. Phone Line – We are neutral.
Learning How to Live	Jeff G.	\$21.00	\$0	Learning how to live group is doing well. Anniversary Sunday June 22 nd 2014. Meeting @ 12 and cookout afterwards.
Living Clean: The Journey Continues...	Dustin R.	\$0	\$0	2nd consecutive absence
Men and Women Stepping Up Group	Hadi	\$0	\$0	2nd consecutive absence
Peace in NA	Matty M.	\$45.55	\$26.75	All is well and we still carry the message of NA. Attendance is up.
People in Recovery	Terry P. (Proxy)	\$8.00	\$6.60	Group is doing well. Our new facility is helping us with attendance. We are still in dire need of committed homegroup members and support. We are located at the church at St. Johns soup kitchen and meet at 7pm. 23 E. Airy St.
Principles Before Personalities	Dee U. (proxy)	\$12.50	\$0	We meet Sundays @ 5pm. Still carrying the message of recovery.
Recovery First Group	Niki T. (Alternate)	\$6.00	\$0	Group is doing well. Both meetings that take place at 8pm are doing well. Carrying the message.
Regardless Group	James C.	\$0	\$0	Regardless group is doing well. Attendance 15 or less. Atmosphere of recover and message carried. Meet Saturday night @ 7:30 pm – 9pm on Jacoby and Swede St in Norristown, come join us. James C. celebrated 13 years 5/1/14. Supports Phone Line change.
Saturday Night Alternative	Courtney K.	\$6.00	\$53.83	Sat. Night Alternative meets Saturday night @ 10pm-11:15pm. Group is doing well. Continuously carrying the message. Up to 10 HG members now.
Simplicity is the Key	Kev S.	\$20.00	\$35.00	Meets Wednesday @ 6pm on 6 th and Fayette in Conshohocken at United Methodist Church.
Some Are Sicker Than Others	Christy W. (proxy)	\$6.05	\$33.95	Growing in attendance and we have gotten more female support this month. We continue to carry the message and welcoming the newcomer.
Step Working Guide Group	Brooke S.	\$20.00	\$0	Step working guide group will not be moving locations. We will stay here @ Mercy Suburban Hospital on Saturday morning @ 10am. Please come out, we could use your support.
Step Writing Meeting of NA	Marie M.	\$100.00	\$66.00	If you're having trouble writing on your step work. Come and check us out. We write on steps for 45 mins and share for last 30 mins.
Steps Ahead		\$0	\$0	2nd consecutive absence
Stop the Vicious Cycle	Dana C. (alternate)	\$77.00	\$0	(NO REPORT)
Surrender to Win	Doug L.	\$75.95	\$46.05	Group is doing well. Averaging 25 members a week. We have step meeting Thursdays at 7:30pm-8:30pm that can use support.

				Steps 1-12, different step each week.
Unconditional Recovery	Ashley D.	\$31.00	\$0	ABSENT
Unconditional Recovery Two	Ashley D.	\$31.00	\$0	ABSENT
Wake Up to Recovery	Duane S. (proxy)	\$0	\$0	Meeting is doing good. Group got two more HG members. Continue to carry the message. Meeting changed time to 10am to 11am.
We Recover on Wednesdays	Jacob S.	\$5.55	\$24.70	Our groups meeting place and time is Hawes Ave in Norristown PA from noon to 1:15pm. Attendance at our group is steady. Things are going well with our group members. We could use any support and have gained a new HG member who will be named at a later date. More attendance from outside areas.
Welcome Home	John C.	\$0	\$0	We continue to carry the message.
We Walk by Faith	Walter E.	\$10.00	\$0	New group starts at 6:30pm every Thursday. We are committed to keeping the doors open. Please come out and support us. We meet @ 251 Perkiomen Ave, Shwenksville PA 19473

Re-count of GSRs / Alternates / Proxies (for voting purposes): 19

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN FORUM:

For the purpose of the Area Minutes accuracy, I copy and paste "New Business" to the "Old Business" section from month to month. So if it appears to be a repeat of previous months minutes in terms of information provided.....that's why.

Thanks to those who came out for the holiday weekend to support the ASC. We had great attendance and should pat yourselves on the back. Good job everyone!

We discussed possible convention, and it was decided we currently don't have the manpower and financial means to continue with the idea.

We need to discuss if there will still be a concept workshop that was taking place after the ASC meeting (Hasn't been held for a few months now). I am including this into the minutes to remind myself to discuss this for the month of June.

NEW BUSINESS:

LITERATURE: Larry needs guidance on where we go with new meeting list booklets. They do not have the corrections needed for them to be accurately referenced. Corrections won't be included in any new booklets until fall/winter booklets. Body decided to not carry the booklets until we have issue resolved with correct information available.

RCM: Do and Don't of phone line etiquette discussed, no contracts to sign, no hardware or software to maintain. Chapter 9 of PR handbook is a great place to start for information regarding etiquette. Jimbo was able to come out and answer questions on the addict based phone line, our RCM will carry our conscious to region about this topic

VOTE: yay 16. nay 3, abstain 3. Our area voted to be in favor on addict based phone line.

Motion made to donate treasury excess funds to region. Terry motioned and Walt seconded, motion carries.

No other new business brought to ASC body.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Group: We Walk by Faith meets @ 251 Perkiomen Ave. Schwenksville PA @6:30pm on Thursday May 15th

New special interest group is seeking feelings on a Women focused meeting called Women In The Solution. Will be starting June 1st. Meeting @ 21 N York Rd, Hatboro Baptist Church – 4-5pm on Sundays. Men will be welcomed as well.

The Almost There Group is no longer meeting.

RCM will be absent from ASC for month of May.

IMPORTANT!!: addict based phone line will need huge support if we change to it. region needs to know if we can be helpful to integrate a change. we need to voice whether we would be available as an area to either help and participate or not we dont agree, but this is being addressed and implemented by region with or without our support.

GSR's take discussion to your HG members

Motion: made by Eric P. and seconded by Randy N. Refer back to the groups whether to change the structure of the Regional Phone Line.

Intent :To ensure that we fulfill our primary purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering addict.

Kim D motions accept treasurer, Randy N seconded motion to hold balance for next month to maintain balance for region donation. seconded by randy n.

Jack A discussed we need to make sure we know what we are talking about in terms of meetings folding and/or not part of our area anymore. Monday built to last is here and participating.

Mike B discussed we need to be mindful of how we treat the hospital grounds by sitting on heaters and making sure we understand we represent NA as a whole and our behavior needs to be checked.

Amanda V discussed in open forum, has this area ever considered moving to an area where we would carry a world vote.

Follow up discussion involved our attempts in the past to consider moving and what the best interests of our area was.

Bottom line, our voice is believed to be heard even without carrying a vote.

New world service structure is discussed in previous CAR report, so this could end up being a moot point.

-Throw out old meeting lists to ensure accurate information for newcomers and anyone relying on that information to get to a meeting.

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-Have lit orders in by 10th of month for your groups orders

The Area Secretary reviewed the Business of the Day.

Eric P. motioned to close, seconded by John C.

Vote was unanimous, motion passes.

*** Next ASC Meeting – June 29th, 2014 ***

2014 MONTCO ASC CALENDAR:

January 26
April 27
July 27
October 26

February 23
May 25
August 31
November 24

March 30
June 29
September 28
December 29