Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes
Date: June 7, 2009

- **2:07 pm - Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by chairperson, Todd S.**
- **12 Traditions read by: Eric**
- **12 Concepts read by: John S**
- **Roll Call (secretary takes roll call):**

RSC Chair	Todd S. - present
RSC Co-Chair	Tom F. - present
Secretary	Michelle A. - present
Co-Secretary	***Position Open***
Treasurer	Tim R. - present
Co-Treasurer	***Position Open***
H & I	Jessica F. – excused (Frank M - proxy)
PI/Helpline	***Position Open*** (Tom F - proxy)
Activities	Jim M. - present
Policy	***Position Open***
Communications	Michael J. - present
Regional Delegate	Merle H. - present
RD Alt.	***Position Open***
RCM Bucks Co.	Marc C. - present
RCM Mont. Co.	Rina E. - present
RCM Pure & Simple	Jamie B. – present (Cheryl R - proxy)
RCM Twin Rivers	Ralph F. – present (Russel - proxy)

- **Quorum is met - 4/4**
- **Last regional meeting's minutes read by:** Secretary, Michelle A.

Motion to read from New Business only by Tim R., 2nd by Jim M. Motion accepted by All.

Area Reports:

Bucks County Area: RCM –Marc C., Alt. RCM Rich K. – $200 donation.

-Convention is on.
-Area is working on paying bills that are behind on literature. The funds are from April. No donation from May's Area; money used to pay down literature bill.
-Nominations to be put out in the next area – particularly for co-chair.

Montgomery County Area: RCM – Rina E., Alt. RCM: Vacant – $184.23 donation.

I was not present at the last MontCo ASC. There were no ASC minutes sent out for April. Our secretary, Peter P, was not present at area in April. Peter P resigned in May. A woman named Wanda is now the secretary and will have help the 1st month from Leslie D.

The ASC executive committee met 1 hour before ASC to discuss area business. They will be meeting early again in June.

PI –
MontCo policy was voted on and put into place. There is an email account set up, montcopi@yahoo.com, for correspondence with schools, etc.
Saint Gabe's is requesting an H&I commitment. PI is working with them to give a presentation. The meeting will be Thursdays from 8 to 9pm.
There will be a meeting on June 14th to discuss graphic designs for posters.
Library coordinator is Gemma D. She will head distributing literature to libraries.
H&I –
Added meeting at Graterford prison on Tuesday nights. Clearance needed to do commitments at county prisons.
Panel coordinator stepped down; not sure about literature person.

The service Learning Day went very well. PI, H&I, Unity, RCM & RD all gave presentations.

Pure and Simple Area: RCM – Jamie B., Alt. RCM – Vacant – $1,466.36 donation.

Hi EPARNA. As you can probably see I am unable to attend Region this month. I wish I could be there in person to introduce P&S's new Alt GSR Cheryl R. I look forward to working with her for the next year. Since the last Region our Area has met twice, April 19th and May 17th.

Meetings – We currently have 25 meetings in our area.
A new meeting was voted in: "Easy Does It Sundays" 10-11:15am at Village of Hope Womens House (Penn Foundation).
H&I – 6 meetings. H&I Chair continues to attend region regularly and will report any new information to Region.
PI – PI Chair continues to attend region regularly and will report any new information to Region.
Unity – The last Unity day was a great success. Over 75 addicts attended for speaker jam, dinner and karoke. Our Unity committee does not have a chairperson at this time. Unity has planned a picnic to take place and mistakenly planned it for the same day as the Zonal Forum. A discussion took place regarding this matter and it was decided that Unity would look into another date.
Outreach – Our Outreach committee continues to get meetings to addicts that are hospitalized, bed ridden, or under house arrest. Thet also plan several road trips to meetings in the area to offer support.
Meeting List – While we do have a meeting list chair, he has been doing this position for a few years now and would like to step down. Nobody has stepped up for the position. Therefore I do not believe we will have a meeting list chair at Region.
Old Business – We did order our own Regional Meeting Lists in May. The Area has been discussing whether or not to continue ordering the Regional Lists. Some questions we have are whether we can get them sent to a PO Box and how much shipping would cost. The cost of the Regional Lists that I need to be reimbursed for is $236.25. I was not able to get Cheryl R the invoice so I will bring it to the Regional Treasurer in August. The check will be made out to Jamie Belli.
New Business – None.
Looking forward to seeing everyone in August! In gratitude, Jamie B.

Michael J let Cheryl know that although they got their own meeting lists if they need help in the future, Communications is here to serve.

Twin Rivers Area: RCM – Ralph F., Alt. RCM – Vacant – No donation.

Ralph, our RCM, could not attend Region today due to his work schedule but will be here next Region. Twin Rivers has no motions due at this time. Our H&I committee has one commitment starting on Mondays at Northampton County Prison from 7:30-9pm. We have some open area positions as well - PI vice chair, Alt RCM, Vice secretary. PI is planning on having a service learning day Saturday, August 8th. A flyer is in the works and will be e-mailed when finished and brought to next Region.

Todd S let Russel know to get in touch with Tim R, Treasurer, to get donation check to him or to just bringit next RSC.

Michael J asked that the event info be emailed to him to be put up on the website.

Todd S asked about the new H&I meeting and let Russel know the region is here to support.

Regional Delegate Report: RD –Merle H.

Hello to everyone,

Area Support:
I have attended Bucks County Area and Pure and Simple Area Service meetings over the past two months to offer regional support. I plan on visiting Twin Rivers in June, and Montco in either June or July, depending on my personal availability.

Multi-Regional event:
On May 31, 2009 I met with the RDs and RDAs of the Mid-Atlantic and Greater Philadelphia Regions. The Regional chair and treasurer for the Mid-Atlantic Region were also present. We met to discuss details for a Multi-Regional event which we are planning to hold sometime next year. This will be a one day event, and we brainstormed to come up with some ideas as to the best area to meet, the type of venue we would need, and what we could offer to the fellowship. We plan on meeting again September 27, 2009 to continue planning this event. I will come back with more specific information at that time. I would appreciate having another ear/ brain for this next meeting, and if anyone is interested in attending, please let me know.

Autonomy Zonal Forum: Hosted by EPARNA on July 25, 2009
This is a setting where 6 regions (Central Atlantic Region, Chesapeake and Potomac Region, Eastern PA Region, Free State Region, Greater Philadelphia Region, and Mountaineer Region) meet to discuss common concerns and issues within our regions. I have asked the Communications Committee to give a short presentation (information presented will be included in our report). This will take

place on July 25, 2009 from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm at Jenkintown United Methodist Church, (Walnut and Summit Ave, Jenkintown, PA). Lunch will be served, and there will be a special NA meeting at the same location that evening at 7:00. If anyone is available to assist with this event, please let me know. I will need help. Please let your Areas know of this event. Everyone is welcome, even if it is just to meet people from our neighboring regions. Please ask GSRs to announce this event (especially the NA meeting) at their meetings. Living Clean Literature Project: World would truly like to hear from everyone of our fellowship. Please think about responding or participating. If you have any questions or would like some help with this, please contact me. Currently the fellowship has several avenues for participation in the Living Clean project, currently Chapters 1 & 2 are available for review and input. The deadline for input is September 2009. There is a session profile for development of input posted at http://www.na.org/?ID=Living_Clean_Project There is also a discussion board open to members of the fellowship. That link is: http://naws.org/lc/index.php Registration is required to keep spammers off the board. There are review and input questions available. Again, if any individual or group would like to work on this, please call or e-mail Merle H. for a copy of those focus questions. Responses to these questions can be sent directly to: http://www.na.org/?ID=Living_Clean_Project, or send your input to:
World Board
Attn. Living Clean
19737 Nordhoff Place
Chatsworth, CA 91311

In loving service, Merle H.

Flyer attached!!!

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: Frank M. – Proxy – Region: I am filling in for Jessica F today. She was unable to obtain a babysitter today. She won't be returning due to babysitting issues. We now have service positions open for Chairperson, Vice-chairperson and co-secretary.
Area Reports:
Bucks: Kevin C is the new literature coordinator (phone: 215-490-4356). Problems with getting meeting lists from Greater Phila Area. Internet password forwarded to Michael J for Eparna subcommittee area website. Literature needs increased to $256. 8 meetings in the area. (John S)
MontCo: 14 meetings in the area. Co-chair of H&I, Jim S, was present today (phone: 610-272-2530) Added 1 meeting at Graterford Prison on Tuesday night. Problems with county prison clearance. Panel coordinator stepped down. (Jim S)
Pure & Simple: 7 meetings in the area including 1 new meeting at St Luke's Quakertown Hospital – 2nd floor – Behavioral health Unit. 3 new panel leaders have been voted in. (Frank M)
Twin Rivers: 1 new meeting in Northampton County Prison on Monday nights, 7:30-9:30pm. Service Learning Day for H&I and PI on August 8th. Hoping to pass our policy this month.
In Loving Service, Frank M.

Communications: Chair - Michael J. –

The Communications Committee met in May and June, all Area Meeting List chairs are encouraged to attend and all members are welcome to join us every month too!

Beth B., as the Meeting List Revision Coordinator attended the Pure & Simple ASC and distributed a flyer created by the Communications Committee. The same flyer was also emailed to Jack, the Bucks County Area Meeting List Chair. The flyer can be emailed to any ASC that requests it.

Beth also has spent many hours of her time this last month going through our meeting list and making many updates and corrections. At the same time, she converted all the old meeting format codes to the new codes. In order to make updates to the Multi-Regional Meeting List MUCH easier to manage, the eparna.org website has adopted the same meeting format codes used by the Phila. Region. The codes are as follows:

Meeting Format Legend			
B = Beginners	BT = Basic Text	CC = Chairpersons Choice	CN = Concepts
D = Discussion	IP = Informational Pamphlet	JFT = Just For Today	T = Topic
TD = Tradition	ST = Step	SP = Speaker Discussion	WC = Wheelchair Accessible
C = Closed Meeting, Addicts Only	O = Open Meeting		

Making the change has been discussed for several months and the decision was finally made to make the switch. We are extremely grateful to Beth for taking the time to tackle this labourious task.

RCM's NOTE: Please let your Area's know that this change has been made and we did our best to convert the formats... ask your groups to check their listing on the eparna.org website and if the group feels a different format code would better define their meeting format we will be glad to make the changes. However, they will need to choose from the format codes listed above. We will no longer continue to add new format codes to the meeting list database.

Maintaining the meeting list database is a daunting task, but we continue to work towards having the most acurate and up to date meeting list possible.

I have added a link to a TEXT version of the Meeting List Update sheet to the website. This TEXT file can be used by your groups/meeting list chairs to send the information via email to meetinglist@eparna.org the TEXT file can be found at http://www.eparna.org/downloads/EPARNA_Group_Reg_Form_20090602.txt

Also, the PDF version of the Meeting List Registration Form now has the corrected meeting format codes. You can get a copy at http://www.eparna.org/downloads/EPARNA_Group_Reg_Form_20090602.pdf

Another new addition to the Meeting List on the website is the addition of the ACTUAL counties for a meeting location. Each meeting listing now includes the addition of the county in it's address. This should help addicts seeking meetings via the website as well as the Phone Line Operators.

The Communications Committee will be attending the Zonal Forum in July and looks forward to participating anyway it can.

In Loving Service,
Michael J.
Communication Committee Chair

Tim R added in that we are paying $67/month to run a tape on our old phone line number. Tim R asked the body how long we should continue this. Todd S asked that we table this issue until New Business.

Phoneline: Coordinator – Tim R. (Presented by Michael J.)

Good Afternoon Family,

Our phone line has been busy. We had 95 calls into the phone line in May. They broke down as follows: Meeting list-46; 12 step-4; Out of Area-6; Hang up or WCB-31. If you are doing the math that adds up to 103 calls. Once again, certain calls fall into multiple categories and for accuracy's sake they were recorded twice.

I received a bill from Paetec, our 800# provider at my home address. The bill was for $73.

I have nothing new to report from the United Way. Greater Philadelphia Phone line is considering Ansercomm as their provider.

More will be revealed.

In Loving Service,
Tim R.

Activities: Jim M. – Chair

Bucks: The fundraising committee is sponsoring a campout June 12-14 at Tinicum County Park on Rt 32 in Erwinna, PA. Info is posted on the website.
Pure & Simple: The Unity committee is sponsoring the 3rd annual Unity on the Hill, August 29th at Peace Valley Park, Pavilion 1, 12:30-6:30. $5 donation.

I am sorry to inform the committee that I am stepping down. Several factors have been a part of this decision including my work schedule, lack of participation and not the least of which, my personal lack of energy for this position. My sponsor always says that a commitment should always be filled but I also believe that a commitment should enhance ones recovery and this has not been the case. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Jim M.

PI: Tom F – Sub-committee member

All area's present today.
Twin Rivers is working on a Learning Day to be held soon. Regional members have offered to help. MontCo will hold a Phoneline orientation next month. Bucks and Pure & Simple are holding their own but would like more support.
We still have no Chair or Co-chair.
PI voted not to hold their sub-committee on July 5, 2009.
ILS,
Tom Frey

Treasurers Report: Tim R – Treasurer

Report attached with e-mail.

*****B R E A K*****

Old Business:

Todd S brought up the Zonal Forum and encouraged everyone to show up at the some point in the day to help out. Everything from set-up to clean-up will be needed. Bring a home group member, sponsee, etc. JULY 25TH!!! Merle – 215-275-3141.

Vacant positions were read earlier. Michael J will be making a flyer. RCM's: Please get this information to your Areas!!!

Discussion of phone line tape will be moved to next RSC. In the meantime Tim R will see if he can get an exact number of calls coming in.

Merle asked that RCM's find out from groups what they'd like to see at multi-regional events.

New Business from Areas:

Bucks County: none.
Montgomery County: none.
Pure & Simple: none.
Twin Rivers: none.

New Business from RD:

Motion: To pay $213.36 to RD for purchase of supplies and rent to be used towards the July 25, 2009 Autonomy Zonal Forum to be fully self-supporting – made by Merle H. Passed 3-0-0

New Business from Subcommittees:

H&I: none.
PI: none.
Communications: none.
Activities: none.
Policy: none.

Open Forum:

None.

Motion to close by Tim R; 2nd by Nick K.

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer @ 3:52 pm.

Upcoming Regional Meeting Dates:

Regional Services	Subcommittees
August 2nd at 2 pm	July 5th and August 2nd at 1 pm
October 4th at 2 pm	September 6th and October 4th at 1 pm
December 6th at 2 pm	November 1st and December 6th at 1 pm

**Dates and times are subject to change.*