Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes
Date: October 4, 2009

- **2:05 pm - Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by chairperson, Todd S.**
- **12 Traditions read by: Ralph F**
- **12 Concepts read by: John S**
- **Roll Call:**

RSC Chair	Todd S. - present
RSC Co-Chair	Tom F. – present
Secretary	Michelle C. - present
Co-Secretary	***Position Open***
Treasurer	Tim R. - present
Co-Treasurer	***Position Open***
H & I	John S. - present
PI/Helpline	***Position Open***
Activities	***Position Open***
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
RCM Twin Rivers	Ralph F. – present

- **Quorum is met – 4/4**
- **Last regional meeting's minutes read by:** Michelle C, secretary

Motion to read from New Business only by Tom F., 2nd by Tim R. Motion accepted by All.
Motion to accept minutes as read by Tim R., 2nd by Jaime B. Motion accepted by All.

Area Reports:

Bucks County Area: RCM –Marc C.

$500 was donated. Bucks is doing well. Process of change over of offices. No Policy Chair at this time.

Montgomery County Area: RCM – Rina E.

Our Area is doing well. We will be having a poster drive on October 24th – to be determined. We will be targeting emergency rooms in hospitals. We will need lots of support.
Our library project is going well. We are continuing to distribute literature.
H&I – Needs a Co-chair, panel coordinator & secretary.
There are a few events in the works for the Unity committee. More info to come.
Donations: $206.34 today. Will mail $291.39 to Regional PO Box.

Treasurer's report will reflect donations.

Pure and Simple Area: RCM – Jamie B.

Hello EPARNA

Our Area has met twice since last region on August 9th and September 30th. There are currently have 25 meetings in the area.

We continue to have H&I, PI, Meeting List, Literature, Outreach & Unity sub-committees.

H&I – Our Chair, Frank, is active in the regional H&I committee and will report to them regarding P&S updates.

PI – Our PI chair also continues to be involved in the region and will report information.

Outreach – The outreach committee offers support to new GSRs attending area and also bring meetings to addicts unable to get to regular meetings.

Unity- Our unity committee recently had their Unity on the Hill picnic. They are also in the process of organizing a bowling event, a dress up Halloween bowling night. No details have been sent out since last Area.

New Business – We did motion, effective with 2010 ASC body, to have ASC annual inventory conducted in September with the ASC Chairs. Inventory report to be issued by November ASC meeting. This year will have November inventory.

Vice secretary is the only open position at this time.

In loving service, Jamie B

Twin Rivers Area: RCM – Ralph F., Alt. RCM – Vacant.

Hi family.
Addict named Ralph. Twin Rivers is doing well. Groups are continuing to carry the message. Our first Annual Picnic was successful. No motions to present at Regional floor. I've attended multi-regional event at Star Light Diner. It was a great seen. I saw some familiar faces there and was happy to see them again. All sub-committees are doing well.

Open commitments are Literature & Treasurer. These positions are being covered by former trusted servants but are open.

Our Regional donation is $600.

ILS,
Ralph, Twin Rivers

Regional Delegate Report: RD –Merle H.

Hello everyone.

Area Support:
I have attended the Twin Rivers Area over the past two months, as well as their annual picnic. I have been unable to attend any other area service meetings due to conflicts within my schedule. I also plan on traveling up to some meetings in the Twin River Area to get to know more members.

Multi-Regional event:
I attended the planning meeting, along with Ralph (RCM from Twin Rivers Area) which was held on September 27. We discussed making this a PA unity event, and will see if Tri-State Region would like to participate. We still feel the event should take place in or near Allentown, in order to get maximum member participation. Our next planning meeting will take place December 13, 2009 at 11:30 at the Starlite Diner in Allentown. I welcome support in this endeavor. Please contact me if you or anyone you know is interested.

NA World Wide Workshop in Boston:
I plan on attending the World Wide Workshop in Boston, which will be held from November 20-22, 2009. There is information on the NAWS website, in the events calendar if anyone would like information. There is no charge for this event, but there is a charge for the hotel rooms.
The Workshop focus will be on interactive sessions, everyone having a chance to participate, local and global recovery and service issues, what's happening in NA around the world, training and how to sessions, historical and fellowship displays, and recovery meetings.

Living Clean Literature Project:
While the deadline for the first two chapters has passed, new chapters are available for review and input. World would truly like to hear from everyone in 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 .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.

Tim R clarified that there are 2 WSC positions currently open.

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: Chair - John S.

P&S area is asking for quarterly business cards. Problems maintaining panel leaders & new faces project maintaining panel leaders. Election of officers: Matthew G Bucks Co Work release center.

MontCo area needs a panel coordinator, co-chair and secretary.

Area chairs wanting to know why they need to attend area and if H&I business can be conducted at the beginning of the meeting.

Twin Rivers
New presentation NCP Womens Facility every other Sunday 5:30-6:30. Keenan House every other Thursday 8-9pm. The Learning Day was successful.

Problems – Not enough willingness from area members.

Need help with prison letter and direction.

Todd S clarified that area chairs of sub-committees do not need to attend RSC. They only need to be at the sub-committee meeting.

Communications: Chair - Michael J. –

Greetings,

The Communications Committee met in September and today. No Area Meeting List Chairs or Area representatives attended. The former Bucks County Meeting List Chair did contact me in on Sept. 27th about a meeting correction. That correction was fixed on the EPARNA website and was sent to the Phila. Meeting List Committee. The P&S Meeting List Chair also contacted me to ask about how meeting list information was to be delivered for update on the website and Multi-Regional Meeting List. He had not been clear on how updates were to be sent, he now has all the info needed to gets updates from the ASC to Beth or myself.

The Pure & Simple Area has formed an Ad-Hoc Committee to fix the current confusion with the Treasurer Duties and Literature Committee Policy. The Ad-Hoc is going to write Policy and Procedures for these committees. I attended the first meeting of this committee on Saturday Oct. 3rd. The issue of the Multi-Regional Meeting Lists is going to be taken care of by this committee. A final draft will be presented at the December ASC to go to groups for review and a vote in January. The first meeting went very well and I am very excited to be working with the committee. There was a lot of discussion to hammer out the general ideas of what to include in the final policy and I think this will produce a very clear set of procedures that will serve the groups much better in the future!!

Danny M. contacted me after the zonal forum about my interest in hosting a NA History section on eparna.org website. I love the idea and would be willing to put some time into this in the new year. Beth B. and I have committed to cleaning up the EPARNA meeting info on the world website next.

What is the committees thoughts/feelings about hosting an NA History section on the eparna.org website using Danny M's collection

of NA History material?

As I mentioned, Beth and I want to tackle cleaning up the NAWS listings of EPARNA and I have been waiting for Twin Rivers to become a registered ASC at NAWS so that we could include ALL the Region when this is done. It is not a simple task there are many documents that have to be reviewed so we are have been waiting to dive into this task. It is on the agenda now, so we will share more info as it happens.

In Loving Service,
Michael J.

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

Good afternoon family,

Our phone line has been busy. We had 69 calls into the phone line in August. They broke down as follows: Meeting list-33; Info-7; 12 step-9; PI—3; family related—4; Out of Area—16; Hang up or WCB 9; WtR—5; Complaints--- 0. If you are doing the math that adds up to 86 calls. Once again, certain calls fall into multiple categories and for accuracy's sake they were recorded twice.

In September we had 86 calls. They broke down as follows: Meeting list-48; Info-8; 12 step-12; PI—1; family related—4; Out of Area—13; Hang up or WCB--16 ; WtR—1; Complaints--- 0. If you are doing the math that adds up to a total of 103 calls.

I have continued to receive bills at from Paetec, our 800# provider, at my home address. They have all been approximately $35. I apologize to the committee for not having scheduled a training/refresher for the phone line volunteers to date. I hope this can be addressed by the next RSC meeting. It is still painfully obvious that the monthly cost to Paetec is almost entirely made up of extended calls from the answering service patching system. Again, the volunteers, whenever possible, should terminate the initial patched call and return the call on a private, or unpatched, line. In most cases, this will not result in any additional cost to the volunteer. However, it could save the region hundreds of dollars over the course of a year.

More will be revealed!

ILS,
Tim R
Phone Line Coordinator

Activities: Vacant

PI: Tom F – proxy

Bucks County PI will have a booth at PumpkinFest, Oct 17th 11:30-5:30pm, at Moravian Tileworks in Doylestown. Contact Milton B if you would like to work the booth 267-776-1739. Milton is Bucks County's new PI Chair.

MontCo will be having a poster drive directed at Emergency Rooms of Area Hospitals. If you would like to help contact Susanna C. Starting location to be determined. Oct 24, 2009.

Sub-committee is still lacking a Chair, co-chair & secretary. All areas were represented. MontCo chair was absent but RCM stood in.

We will be ordering more business cards for next month. If any areas are missing Helpline stamps, please let us know.

Twin Rivers has sent a new chair, Jewel, who comes with a wealth of PI experience. TR will have a phoneline orientation on Nov 7, time to be determined.

ILS, Tom F.

Treasurers Report: Tim R – Treasurer

Report attached with e-mail.

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

Old Business:

Vacant positions:

New Business from Areas:

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

New Business from RD:

Motion: To waive 2009 Regional Assembly to make better use of resources. Motion made by Merle H. Passed 8-1-0

New Business from Subcommittees:

H&I: Talk to people about fulfilling commitments.
PI: none.
Communications: Asked the group if they'd be okay with a History section on the website. Group okayed Michael J to start working on it.
Activities: none.
Policy: none.

New Business:

All positions, except RD, are open!!!

Elections:

Chair Todd S nom by Tom F 2nd by Mark C
Co-chair Tom F nom by Tim R 2nd by Tom F
Secretary Michelle C nom by Todd S 2nd by Tom F
Treasurer Todd S volunteers 2nd by Ralph F
Co-treasurer Michelle C nom by Todd S 2nd by Merle
H&I Chair John S nom by Tim R 2nd by Tom F
Communications Chair Michael J nom by Tim R 2nd by Tom F
Alt RD Tim R nom by Todd S 2nd by Tom F

Merle reminded everyone to spread this information at meetings, to sponsees, etc.

Open Forum:

Todd S was told by someone that it was being reported at meetings that Region is broke. Tim R clarified that at the bottom of his report there is a section with the exact balance. Todd S said maybe it needs to be written in a clear and easy to understand way. Merle suggested that it should be written out in RSC minutes. Michael J reminded us that a $0 balance is not a negative thing as we never carry a balance. He also said we should try to educate people as to what fund flow means. Merle informed everyone that a pamphlet is in the works from World that does explain the concept of fund flow.

Please carry to the home groups that all positions at Region are open!!!

Motion to close by Nick; 2nd by Tom F

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer @ xxx pm.

Upcoming Regional Meeting Dates:

Regional Services	Subcommittees
December 6th at 2 pm	November 1st and December 6th at 1 pm
February 7th at 2 pm	January 3rd and February 7th at 1 pm
April 4th at 2 pm	March 7th and April 4th at 1 pm
June 6th at 2 pm	May 2nd and June 6th at 1 pm
August 1st at 2 pm	July 4th and August 1st at 1 pm
October 3rd at 2 pm	September 5th and October 3rd at 1 pm
December 5th at 2 pm	November 7th and December 5th at 1 pm

**Dates and times are subject to change.*