Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes
Date: MARCH 7, 2010

- **2:15 pm - Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by chairperson, Todd S.**
- **12 Traditions read by: Matthew G**
- **12 Concepts read by: Merle H**
- **Roll Call:**

RSC Chair	***Position Open***
RSC Co-Chair	Tom F. – present
Secretary	***Position Open***-Dan M (fill in)
Co-Secretary	***Position Open***
Treasurer	Todd S. - present
Co-Treasurer	Michelle C-absent
H & I	John S. - present
PI	***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.	Ed S. – present
RCM Pure & Simple	Jamie B. – present
RCM Twin Rivers	A.J. B.– present

- **Quorum is met – 4/4**
- **Last regional meeting's minutes read by: Dan M**, ***fill in secretary***

Motion to accept minutes with correction by: All

Area Reports:

Bucks County Area: RCM –Marc C.

No donation- We have been having low donations from home groups and high literature bills
Convention was held 2/26, 27 and 28

Marc C (RCM)

Montgomery County Area: RCM – Ed S.

200 dollar donation
CAR workshop to be held March 28, 2010 with RD assistance

Ed s

Pure and Simple Area: RCM-Jamie B

Hi EPARNA

Our area has met 3x since the last region and we currently have 24 meetings.

Our area would like to thank the RD for putting on the CAR workshop 2/28/10, it was very helpful!

Our sub-committees PI and H&I are struggling both the H&I chair and PI chair stepped down from their positions. We did elect a new H&I chair Joe L, who is in attendance today!

Our Outreach committee continues to be doing well and bringing meetings to members who can't get out to regular NA meetings
Our Unity Committee had their Unity day with dinner and speakers the end of January. They are planning a game night in April, so stay tuned.

Our area had formed an Ad Hoc committee to develop new policy. The Ad-hoc was dissolved and a suggested Lit and Treasurer policy was developed.

We would also like to thank Montgomery County for taking the meeting in Lansdale Saturday at 4:00 pm Recover or Die. It had been under our area and at risk of closing due to lack of support.

My area would also like to know if anymore thought has been given to moving the location of Region. Our area feels like it maybe better attended at a more central location

This is my last region as RCM and we do have an alt RCM who is willing to step up. I truly love this region and respect all who serve here. I would be honored to fill a needed Regional Position after my RCM position is completed

No donation

In loving Service and gratitude-Jamie B RCM

Twin Rivers Area: RCM – A.J. B.

Twin Rivers Area is doing well with 9 home groups carrying 12 meetings in Northampton and Warren Counties.
On March 6th we had a CAR workshop led by Merle H., RD with 8 attendees
We have Mike J as our new PI chair and Jewel B as our new activities chair in attendance today as well

No nominations
Donation: $278.68

Regional Delegate Report: RD –Merle H.

Eastern PA Region of NA
RD Report
March 7, 2010

Hello Everyone,

I missed seeing all of you on February 7, but Mother Nature prevailed! A true lesson in powerlessness!!

Autonomy Zonal Forum: Six regions met on January 30, 2010 for the Autonomy Zonal Forum hosted by the Free State Region, in Baltimore, Maryland. We had requested World Board participation, and Ron Holfius, one of the World Board members came out to go over the Conference Agenda Report, give us a NA World Services (NAWS) update and to answer our questions to get a better understanding of what is going on at the World level. We presented our regional reports, and then we spent four hours discussing the CAR. Four hours was not enough time to fully go over each motion, but

MARLCNA: At the MidAtlantic Regional Learning Convenference of Narcotics Anonymous, there were three World Board Members (one came on his own to offer support, but was not part of the team and two special workers. The team reviewed all of the motions in the Conference Agenda Report, went over the Conference Approval Track, including the Strategic Plan and project plans, 2010-2012 NAWS budget, the WSC Seating Report, and CAT New Business Motions. I will be presenting this information at various CAR Workshops being presented. I stayed two nights at the Lancaster Host.

Area Support: I attended one area service meeting at Montco and one at Bucks. I had to cancel the ASC meeting I was planning to attend with Twin Rivers in December due to the weather. If any area needs me to attend an area meeting for a specific reason, please let me know, and I will do my best to make plans to attend that meeting. I am making every effort to attend each area on a regular basis, but it is difficult to get around as much as I did in the past without an Alternate Regional Delegate.

CAR Workshops: I was asked to present a CAR workshop at the Bucks County Area Convention on Saturday February 27, 2010. There were about 30 people in attendance. On Sunday February 28, 2010, I assisted Pure and Simple's RCM with holding a workshop. At that meeting there were 13 in attendance. Twin Rivers Area hosted a CAR workshop on March 6, 2010, where there were 8 in attendance. I thank everyone who did attend for your interest and support. I would like to note that all three workshops had very little GSR support. I plan on presenting a final workshop after Montco's Area service meeting on March 28, at Mercy General Hospital, from 2-5 pm.

CAR results: I hope that every homegroup in the region gets together to vote on the motions in the CAR. Please make sure to get your results to me (Merle H. e-mail address: merlehug@gmail.com
cell phone number 215-275-3141) by April 10, 2010. This deadline needs to be set so I can compile the results and share it with GPRNA (Greater Phila. Region), since they carry our vote.

Multi-Regional Event: The Tri-State Region has joined up with us (EPARNA, GPRNA, and MidAtlantic) to truly make this a Pennsylvania Unity Event.
When: Saturday, September 4, 2010 (times will be announced)
Where: Rosie's Villa 440 East State Route 61, Atlas, PA 17851 (near Knobles)
There are pictures that I can send

Upcoming events: GSR/RCM Assembly will be held May 22, at the Jenkintown United Methodist Church. At this Assembly one workshop will be; How to be an effective GSR/RCM. Topic discussions will include Criminal Justice System, Drug Replacement Therapy. The presentation is still being worked on. Any additional ideas are welcome for consideration.
I turned in a regional report to World Services. I will attach it to the minutes for everyone's review. This will be presented in the March Conference Report, for the fellowship to see.
Thank you for allowing me to serve, please feel free to join me,

In loving service,
Merle H.
RD EPARNA
215-275-3141

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: Chair - John S.
Attendance is Twin Rivers, Bucks County and Pure and Simple

Twin Rivers maybe cancelling one of their H&I meetings due to lack of commitment at the NCPC Women's maximum Prison. They are holding 5 commitments all filled.

Pure and Simple have six meetings and five are up and running. Elections to be held in February. Joe L, Pure and Simple's H&I chair is looking for support and would like format for sub-committees policy/guidelines.
Bucks County AD Hoc committee started for Learning Day with PI, tentative date May 1st at St. Paul Lower Bucks Levittown and Mill Creek Parkway. They need support for the Thursday 8 pm Bucks County Prison. They are having a Learning Day 3/14/10 at Zion Lutheran Church Jefferson Ave Bristol PA at 1pm.

John S

Communications: Chair- Michael J-

Greetings,

The Communications Committee met in January. No Area Meeting List Chairs attended the January meeting. All Area Meeting List chairs are encouraged to attend and all members are welcome to join us every month too!

Today's committee was well attended! The committee welcomes Jesse, Ed, Kim and Merle and thanks them for attending and participating in the meeting today.

The EPARNA.ORG domain name is up for renewal in June. A 2 year renewal will cost $22.28. A 5 Year renewal will cost $55.70. This price is ONLY for the domain name registration, NOT the cost of the hosting service for the website. The hosting service is paid up until 6/16/2011. I suggest we renew for 5 years, unless there is any Area opposed to this, I will renew the name registration and submit the receipt at the RSC for reimbursement.

The Philadelphia Meeting List Chair has informed me that meeting list updates or changes will NO LONGER be accepted for the Multi-Regional Meeting List or the naworks.org website from anyone other than myself or Beth B. Please submit all meeting list information to either Beth B. at meetinglist@eparna.org OR myself, Michael J., at administrator@eparna.org. When Philly informs me that a new MRML is going to the printer Beth and I work very hard to make the Philly list match the EPARNA list. If a group or Area has submitted changes directly to Philly and not informed us, we can only assume the info Philly has is wrong and we would then change that info to match our list. When changes are submitted properly to me or Beth, the website is updated as quickly as possible... usually within hours if the meeting info is complete and does not require us to ask the sender for clarification.

There is a PDF and a text file on the top of the page at http://www.eparna.org/meetings.php with Group update forms. Please submit changes/updates/new meetings and include as much information as possible as detailed on the forms.

My Home Group had a new comer join our group last week. At the end of the meeting he shared with the group that last summer he had used the eaprna.org website to try and find some meetings. A few of the meetings that were on the website were to either meetings that had moved or to meetings that had closed and it was very frustrating for him. This is exactly the reason that each group and Area should do everything they can to help us make our meeting list as accurate as possible. A lot of addicts have worked very hard to create the website and maintain it, but none of us our mind readers. RCM's PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE take time at your next ASC's to ask your groups to check the website and see if their meeting info is correct. I will also print copies of your Area's meeting list as it now in our EPARNA Database... you do NOT need to wait until the next RSC to let us know if any corrections are needed. You can email the information to meetinglist@eparna.org and the changes will be made right away.

Remind your groups that the eparna.org website uses the same meeting list codes at naworks.org and the Multi-Regional Meeting list. 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		

I have uploaded all the missing minutes back to 2003 onto the website. Still missing are May 2003 and April 2006. Does the RSC want to continue to upload the Treasurers reports to the website? I was thinking that we might want to keep these files archived on the site, but not publicly assessable. I would create a password protected directory for access by the service body. Thank you to Tim, Todd and Merle for all your help getting the old minutes!

In Loving Service,

Michael J.
Communication Committee Chair

Phone line: Coordinator Tim R (presented by Michael J)

Good afternoon family,

Our phone line has not been as busy. We had a total of 113 calls into the phone line in December (38), January (44), & February (31). They broke down as follows: Meeting list-64; Info-9; 12 step-6; PR—1; family related—4; Out of Area—15; Hang up or WCB 25; WtR—4; Complaints--- 0. If you are doing the math that adds up to 128 calls. Once again, certain calls fall into multiple categories and for accuracy's sake they were recorded twice.

In December I noted that our phone line charges had increased by $20 per month for our service coverage due to scheduled rate increases. I spoke with our account manager. She adjusted our billing and locked in our rate for two (2) years as a non-profit status. To achieve this end, our monthly coverage's have been reduced to more accurately reflect the amount of service we have been utilizing.

More will be revealed!

ILS,
Tim R
Phone Line Coordinator

UNITY: Twin Rivers Unity Chair- Jewel B

In attendance were Leslie D from Montco, Jewel B from Twin Rivers, and Kevin P from Pure and Simple. We discussed upcoming events in the region which include the following:

3/20 Montco Area Dance (flyer on EPARNS.org soon)
5/1 Pure and Simple Game Night) flyer pending)

Twin Rivers activities committee is recently formed. They are seeking support to build their committee now

PI: Tom F – proxy

We met today with all areas in attendance.
We discussed a Regional Learning Day that will be held sometime in the summer or fall with H&I. Bucks County will hold a Learning day May 1st (check the website for more information)
Montco and Twin Rivers are working on policy and getting book into library
We also will do a phone line orientation for PI chairs and committee after May meeting

ILS, Tom F

Treasurers Report: Todd S – Treasurer

Treasurer will send

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

Old Business:

Chair-Open
Secretary-: Jamie B nominated by Jessie 2nd by Todd. (Accepted nomination) 7-0 vote (pass)
Co-Secretary-Open
PI: open
Unity: open
Policy-open

RD Alt:open

New Business from Areas:

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

New Business from RD:

Motion: To reimburse the RD 22.37 for copies and for CAR workshops and survey Passed 4-0-0
Intent: To remain financially responsible

New Business from Subcommittees:

H&I: none.
PI: none.
Communications:
Motion: To renew the web domain name eparna.org for 2 more years at a cost of approx 22.28 Passed 4-0-0
Intent: The domain name renewal is due in June and if we do not renew we might lose the name.
Policy: none.

Open Forum:

Twin Rivers: Wants to develop flyer that encourages people to come out to Region. It was discussed that the flyer could focus on the positive energy at Region and not how desperately trusted servants are needed. It was discussed to communicate with people that Region is fun and rejuvenating. A.J B agreed to make flyer and send to Michael J

Everybody agreed to bring food to the next Region

Motion to close by Tom F; 2nd by Jamie B

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer @ xxx pm.

Upcoming Regional Meeting Dates:

Regional Services	Subcommittees
March 7th at 2 pm	January 3rd and February 7th at 1 pm
May 2nd 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.*