Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes
Date: June 6, 2010

- **2:25 pm - Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by chairperson, Tom F.**
- **12 Traditions read by: Joe S**
- **12 Concepts read by: Michael J**
- **Roll Call:**

RSC Chair	*Tom F. Present*
RSC Co-Chair	*Position Open*
Secretary	*Jamie B.- present*
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.	*Mark C. – present*
RCM Mont. Co.	*Ed S. – present*
RCM Pure & Simple	*Cheryl R. – present*
RCM Twin Rivers	*A.J. B.– present*

- **Quorum is met – 4/4**
- **Last regional meeting's minutes read by: Jamie B**

Motion to accept minutes with no correction by: Correction noted by Michael J to put Phone Line under Communications, they are not a separate committee

Area Reports:

Bucks County Area: RCM –Mark C.
No donation this month
The area had a discussion on what to do with money from the convention and the area will have donation next month
No GSRs from Bucks County attended the RCM/GSR workshop.
Mark C, Bucks RCM

Montgomery County Area: RCM – Ed S.
158.28 dollar donation
The groups asked for and will receive a list of EPARNA activities to be given with RCM report to the Area.
There is a swim party being hosted by Montco Area that will be posted on the EPARNA website.

Pure and Simple Area: RCM-Cheryl R
Donation- 232.94

Connie S has been voted in as Alt RCM
The Pure and Simple Area has met once since the last Regional Meeting
25 meetings in the Area
H&I, Unity and Literature Sub-Committees are active
PI Sub Committee does not have active members or chairperson.
3 positions open at Area level Vice Secretary, Vice Literature Chairperson and PI chairperson.
Sub Committees:
The H&I Sub-Committee continue to carry the message and fulfill its purpose. There are two open commitments.

The Literature Sub-Committee is continuing to fulfill its purpose.
The Unity Sub-Committee is fulfilling their purpose. Please note: The Golf Tournament and Banquet was cancelled due to a lack of support; however the Tubing trip down the Delaware is on for July 24th. A flyer will be posted on the EPARNA website. Please share the flyer throughout your meetings-we'd love to see you there!

Contact information- Cheryl R-RCM 267 261-5460 Harry D –Pure and Simple ASC Chair 267 337-4560

With Love and Gratitude, Cheryl R

Twin Rivers Area: RCM – A.J. B.
TRANA will be having their second annual cookout at Hacketts Park Pavilion, Easton PA 12:00 pm-dusk on September 11 2010.

We are near completion on setting up our website in cooperation with PI. The address will be www.twinriversna.org

H&I closed down the Northampton Max Woman's presentation and is doing all it can to gain support to keep its commitments open.

TRANA still has vice/co positions available and will have all commitments up in September

Overall meeting attendance has been steady and we continue to carry the message

No donation this month

ILS, AJ B

Regional Delegate Report: RD –Merle H.

Hello everyone,
I wish to begin my report by saying thank you for allowing me to serve the region for the past two years as your Regional Delegate. I have been faced with a dilemma which I would like to share with everyone in this region. It has been an honor and privilege to serve Eastern PA Region, and I experienced personal growth as a result of this commitment. As most of you know, this is a two-year commitment (which I have completed). I also served as the RDA for three years prior to being voted in as the Regional Delegate, training in preparation for the RD position. I have served this position for the past two years without anyone stepping up as an alternate Regional Delegate, and I have expressed on more than one occasion how disappointing this has been. Not only did it impact the amount of work I was responsible for in order to fulfill my position, but also, no one has been mentored or trained to take on the RD position. After careful consideration, conversations with my sponsor and other trusted individuals, I have decided to not stand up for reelection at this time. I am willing to continue activities that I have committed to, such as the Multi-Regional Unity Day, if that is the conscience of EPARNA, but unless someone is willing to step up to be mentored (in the alternate position), I will no longer be acting as the Regional Delegate. This includes no representation at the Autonomy Zonal Forum, which will next meet July 31 in Philadelphia. My decision has not been easy, and it is not taken lightly. There is so much to work to do, and this is a crucial time to remain connected with the NA community, including NAWS. It is not my nature to leave this important position unfilled, but without the needed support I am not willing to continue. This is all said with a very heavy heart.
Service System Project:
The following information is from a recent e-mail from NAWS:
A page devoted to the Service System Project has been launched:
http://www.na.org/?ID=servsys
The page contains links to all of the material distributed for the conference discussion on the service system proposals. This material will all be updated and added to, but we know some of you would like to have copies in the meantime.

Also, under the "Current" heading on the page, there are a couple of links that may help those who are just learning about the project: a two-page piece explaining the background of the project and a short update that gives a snapshot of where work on the project stands at present. All updates about the project including new session profiles, tools, or any other relevant items will be posted on the page as they are available.
As you see, there is also a link to a discussion board for the project. Any NA member can post to this board, after he or she registers from the link on the upper left corner of the discussion board page.
We hope these resources will help you get more familiar with the project and spread the word in your community. More than any other project in our recent history, this is something we have to take on together or it cannot be successful. Please don't hesitate to write to world services if you have any questions: worldboard@na.org.
GSR/RCM Assembly:
This event took place May 22, 2010. There was a total of 9 participants. There were 3 GSRs in attendance. I am very confused as to why participation was so limited, and would like feedback about this, since the region has included in policy that the RD hold a yearly assembly. At the assembly, there was a presentation about how to be an effective GSR/RCM, as well as an informative discussion about the Service System Project.
Area Support:
Over the past month, I have not visited any of the area service meetings.
Autonomy Zonal Forum:
Philadelphia will host the next Autonomy Zonal Forum July 31, 2010, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Holy Innocents Church, 7001 Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19135. All are welcome. Food, fun, fellowship. 6 Regions will be attending.
Multi-Regional Unity Day:
Our next planning meeting will be June 27 in State College. We are meeting at this location to be as central as possible to all four regions who are participating. This is a free event, food will be served (free) all are welcome, including children. There are campgrounds and motels nearby for those who would like to stay overnight.
When: Saturday, September 4, 2010
Time: 11:00 am to 9:00 pm
Where: Rosie's Villa 440 East State Route 61, Atlas, PA 17851 (near Knobles)
Please direct all questions to; Merle H. 215-275-3141
With much love,
Merle H.

Subcommittee Reports:

H&I: Chair - John S.

Areas in attendance were Bucks, Twin Rivers and Mont Co

Bucks:
Bucks County learning Day went well on June 5th about 20-24 in attendance. Bucks County Men's Prison on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm needs support.

Montgomery County:
Mont Co discussed that there is a "Wildcat meeting" at Building 50 for men and women at Norristown State Hospital Thursdays at 8:00 pm. This meeting was not approved by the area. Jim S was elected Co-Chair.

Twin Rivers:
NCP Women's prison is going to be suspended this week due to lack of support

Pure and Simple:
Not present

The H&I Committee is not meeting July 4th

Communications: Chair- Michael J

Greetings,

I have been contacted by the Philadelphia Regional Meeting List Chair in reference to EPARNA's interest in remaining in the Multi-Regional Meeting List. Last year GPRNA printed 40,000 meeting lists and the EPARNA region only purchased 1253 meeting list from the RSO. With the EPARNA meetings in the meeting list, the cost is going to go up another .04 cents.

GPRNA would like to know if we are interested in:

A) Removing EPARNA meetings from the Multi-Regional Meeting and printing our own.

B) Letting GPRNA print 8,000 meeting Lists with JUST GPRNA meetings and 2,000 EPARNA Meeting lists 4 times a year.

C) Keeping things as they are and paying the higher price.

I was also contacted by Alan M, GPRSCNA Webmaster. He is working on creating a mutual GPRNA/EPARNA web database that both Regions could access and maintain independently. This database would be based on a project already in use and development. It is called The Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT).

If the two Regions can implement the BMLT project, it would increase accuracy of the printed Multi-Regional Meeting.

Phone Line: Nothing new reported

In Loving Service,
Michael J.
Communication Committee Chair

UNITY: Tom F – proxy
Hi All,
There is still no Regional Unity Sub-committee Chair Person. I am filling in just to write this report. The only Unity Sub-Committee chair person who attended the meeting was myself, Kevin P from the Pure and Simple Area. Leslie from Mont co did contact me earlier today saying she couldn't make it today.

Upcoming Events: Pure and Simple- Delaware River Tubing 7/24/10 in Frenchtown NJ at 11-2:30 pm. Flyers out with minutes, flyer in website.

Montco- Unity Picnic 717/10 Norristown PA at 12-8 pm (see flyer on website)

Please note the Pure and Simple Area golf outing in June has been cancelled.

Mont Co Speaker jam and dance happened last night. The speaker jam was not so well attended, but the dance was very well attended.

In Loving Service

Kevin P
Pure and Simple Unity Sub-Committee Chair

PI: Tom F – proxy
No Area Chairs were present today

We did sit in with H&I at end of their meeting to discuss Learning Day which will include H&I, PI, Communications and RD.

ILS, Tom F

Treasurers Report: Todd S – Treasurer
Todd S reported that he made a mistake and did not deposit the money into the bank when he left Region last month. Therefore the EPARNA account was charged 100.00 in overdraft charges.
The Regional Committee members discussed the mistake and it was agreed that Todd would repay the 100.00. Todd is not able to pay the amount in full but will make payments until it is repaid.

Treasurer will send report

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Old Business:

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:

The Regional Committee did discuss the RD position and the current RD did agree to mentor if someone that is a qualified for the position is willing and able to serve

New Business from Subcommittees:

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

Open Forum:

The multi-regional meeting list was discussed and Michael J decided that he will attend the Philadelphia JAC to talk about the current situation. Michael J asked the RCM's to go back to their Areas and get a general consensus as to if the groups want to be in the Multi-Regional Meeting list and if they have been buying them on their own meeting lists. Therefore he can bring the information to the Philadelphia JAC committee(see Communication report for specific questions)

Joe brought up that the Multi-Regional Unity Day and the EPARNA Learning Day is on the same weekend. **It was decided that the Learning Day will no longer be held on September 5. No new date has been established.**

It was also discussed that the co-treasurer has missed three Regional meetings. The Co-Treasurer has called to notify people that she will not be present the past three regions. The policy states that the trusted servant is removed from the position after 2 consecutive unexcused absences. It was also discussed that she still has the secretary's box. The Regional Chair stated that he would contact the co-treasurer.

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer @ 4:30 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.*