

**The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of
NA**

December 24, 2006 Minutes

Meeting was held on January 7, 2007
The next meeting is January 28, 2007

Area Meeting Times:

Administration 12:00-1:30 pm
Literature Sales 1:30-3:00 pm
Subcommittees 2:00-3:00 pm
New GSR Orientation 3:15-3:30 pm
Area Service Meeting 3:30-5:30 pm

Area Service Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting called to order / Moment of silence / Service prayer
2. Reading of the Twelve Concepts
3. Introduction / Roll Call / GSR Report
4. Secretary Report
5. Treasurer Report
6. Vice-Chair Report
7. RCM Report
8. BOD Report
9. Subcommittee Reports including:
Activities, Finance, H&I, Literature, Phone Line, Policy, PI, Ad-Hoc
(Inventory Day)
10. Open Forum
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Motions (submit at beginning of ASC meeting)

Roll Call and GSR Reports

Groups in Attendance (13)
Total Area Meetings (57*) *Please note that this number is updated and correct as of 10/22/06 for RI meeting listed on meeting list.
(Previous months have show 62, but this was in error and based on a combination of Free Spirit, Greater Providence, and SE Mass Area meetings.)

List of GPANA Meetings as of Spring 2006 (Only RI)

Sundays

J.D.D.

Sunday Serenity/Insanity
Never Alone Again
Recovery Is More than Abstinence
Faith in Recovery
Starting Over
Dedication

Mondays

Basic Steps
Narragansett Recovery Systems
Grow or Go
Straight-Forward
Primary Purpose
Smith Hill NA
New Freedom

Tuesday

Blackstone NA
Recovery in the Country
Not High Nooners
Living Free
A Ray of Hope
We Do Recover
Road to Recovery
Positive Steps
Recovery in the Beach

Wednesday

Drug Busters
Not High Nooners
Steppin Out Wednesday Night
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans Gendered & Friends NA Group
Recovery in the Lake
Love Line
Women United
Awakenings
Straight Today

Thursday

Cross Mills NA
Better Way
Free At Last
Recovery In Johnston
Not High Nooners
Recovery at the Edge
Choose Life
The Meeting Street Meeting
Hole in the Wall
Why Are We Here
Alone No More

Friday

Recovery in the Chapel
Hope Is In the Air
Free At Last
Not High Nooners
New Associations
Gimmie Shelter
The Lie Is Dead
Traditions at the Crossroads
Late Night with NA
Clean & Serene
Welcome Home Group

Saturday

Hi Hopes
Recovery & Beyond
Opt For Life
Breakfast Club
Saturday Night Live
Keep It Simple Saturday
Surrender or Die
Sisters in Recovery
Hard Core Recovery
Saturday Nite Right

Groups that made a donation

Surrender or Die	\$23.80
Love Line	\$119.06
Recovery and Beyond	\$81.59
Starting Over	\$13.55
Recovery In The Chapel	\$13.00
Gimmie Shelter	\$3.30
We Do Recover	\$6.00
Recovery Is More Than Asbstinence	\$38.97
Recovery In The Country	\$103.28
Meeting Street	\$167.00
Smith Hill NA	\$25.00
The Lie Is Dead	\$60.00
Activities Committee-New Years Event	\$554.00

Groups in Attendance 13

Starting Over
Straight Today
We Do Recover
Sunday Serenity/Insanity
Living Free
Faith In Recovery
LoveLine
Gays, Lesbians, Bisexual, Transgender and Friends
Meeting Street Meeting
Recovery Is More Than Abstinence
Smith Hill NA
Recovery In The Lake
Steppin Out Wednesday
Sister's In Recovery

Chair Report-Sully D:

No Report This Month

Vice Chair-Rob S:

I will continue to stress that this area needs to be mindful of money matters and motion issues until the money matters of this area are resolved. Please pay attention to the treasurer's report and finance reports.

In Loving Service, Rob S.

Secretary-Donna W.:

I have spoken with The Website Coordinator, Staples, and the people that GPANA purchased this laptop equipment about whether it would be beneficial to purchase a wireless internet card. I have found that with the internet card, this laptop can be used a places that make internet assessible as public use. The cost of this type of internet card ranges from \$50 to \$90. There is \$76 dollars left from the \$245 that this area voted to allot to purchase equipment to make this service position fully self supporting. I will be going to both Circuit City and Staples with people that have knowledge of this process and bring the findings back to this body before making the purchase. I am still having problems reading sign in names for the minutes to be sent to GSR's and Executive committee members. I did not e-mail any minutes because I did not have assess to internet service. I am asking that sign in be full addresses for the next mailing until this internet matter can be resolved.

In Loving Service, Donna W.

Sub committee Reports: Please be advised, to submit a sub committee report in writing on a sub committee report forms. Your subcommittee reports are very important information. Please print so that the information is legible. The information will not be in the minutes without this process. Information on scrape paper or lined paper will not be accepted. If you have flyers please give a copy to secretary to attach to minutes because scanning is not possible to date. Please see Secretary for all forms. Please submit all sub committee forms directly to Secretary for accountability. Thank you.

Activities: Sheelah M.

Further events may need more funds to put on events. Finance chair suggested we may want to look at changing policy to \$600 for each event. The New Year's was a major success. About 150 addicts and their family members attended. The charge for dinner and dance was \$6. Just the dance was \$5. About 15 people from Amos House attended with 2 staff members and were let in free of charge. Another 20 people did not have the funds to pay and they were not turned away. We were given \$500 from GPA and returned a total of \$554 today. \$500 was generated at the door and \$54 was collected for raffle and basket. We are now in discussion about holding The Greater Providence Area 16th Anniversary.

In Loving Service, Sheelah M.

Board of Directors: Kevin V

No Report This Month

Finance: Susan W.

Problem: This month I met with the accountant and picked up the completed tax returns for 2003, 2004, and 2005. I also met with our area treasurer to pick up checks to pay what we owe which is \$250 for 2003, \$500 for 2004, and \$500 for 2005. \$1800 went to the accountant for his services. The total amount for this tax liability is \$3050. I can now start the process to become federal tax exempt for our area. We also need to start putting together the information for 2006.

Committee Update: I would like to ask all members of this Area Service Committee to be aware of our financial status. We spend more money than we take in every month. If it wasn't for the money from the convention, we would not be able to pay our bills. We need to let other NA members know the financial condition of this area. We need your help as GSR's and members of the A.S.C. Please call if you have any questions or need information. Read you minutes and the treasurer report.

In Loving Service Susan W.

H&I :Celia W.

Problems: Any one from H&I who has any concerns or questions concerning commitments or coverage for them should call the vice chair or chair or use the phone list from H&I. If any panel leaders are still having problems getting speakers, please use the list from H&I. If you cannot

make your commitment, please contact H&I Chair or Vice Chair. We are in desperate need of women filling out applications for ACI and Wyatt Center.

Committee Update: We have 2 new panels for the women's Wyatt Center. We are still looking for an alternate for the women's Wyatt. We need one panel leader for women's medium and maximum prison at the ACI. We need one alternate for the women's ACI.

Announcements: If anyone would like to fill out an application for the ACI or the Wyatt Center, please contact Tom C., Mark V., or Guy. 6 How and Why's were returned left over ACI. 6 are given to ACI and 1 to Wyatt. No one can go into any facility alone. You can only go into The Providence Center and Kent House alone. In Loving Service Celia W.

Literature: Jim S.

Problem: I would like to call to the executive committee that Literature Sales start at 1:30pm. To expedite matters we can be able to give the Literature report accordingly.

Committee Update: We need to get check for World to get orders on time for January 28th.

Announcement: Tentative date for Follow up Basic Text Workshop: January 20th 1pm-3-m at CrossRoads. New Pocket Traditions Handbook, Basic Text Pocketsize soft cover, Just For Today Pocketsize soft cover, It Works pocketsize printed case, Newly designed four color poster set 12 step and 12 tradition, NA white booklet, and American sign language-DVD
In Loving Service Jim S.

Phone Line: (Position Open) Reported by Susan W.

The Phone Line ran smoothly this past month. We still need an active chairperson for this committee. I will bring new meeting list to the phone line this month. In Loving Service Susan W.

Policy: Kim L.:

Committee Update: As the chair, I've gathered a subcommittee and we met for the first time in December. One committee member will be working with H&I on revising their policy, and another member will be comparing two disparate copies of the GSR Introduction Packet. I am still researching available policy on the "emergency voting" issue raised last month, thus far I have not uncovered anything helpful on this topic. I am gathering copies of old minutes from 2003-2005 in order to complete the motion lists from those years.

In Loving Service, Kim L.

PI: Claude J.

Committee Update: PI would like to thank you for your vote regarding the books for the libraries. The meeting lists are in today with all reported changes. PI is working on having a Public Service Announcement for radio and then for Television. We are also planning to have a learning day/training day. Region will also be involved.

Announcements: PI is always looking for new committee members to join and help us serve. In Loving Service, Claude J, Robin, and Gail L

RCM: Lewis S.

No Report This Month

Treasurer: Paul F.

Please see attached Treasurer's Report

Convention Committee Report:

Next meeting February 4, 2007 at St. Theresa's Church, 12:30pm.

Old Business

The Qualification for Phone Line Sub committee chair was read. One year clean time. No nomination this month. Alternate Secretary did not show to establish continued service. No nominations this month for alternate secretary or alternate treasurer.

New Business

- The Convention Committee held elections for subcommittee positions.
- Issue around making sure GSR's know when they come to area that they have the ability to vote on emergency decision so that certain matters do not have to go back to the groups.
- Change the wording of Website coordinator and possible policy change for that. PI to be contact for any website information at this time.

Policy Change:

No policy changes discussed for voted on this month.

Open Forum

Card games at meetings. Bring it up at area meetings. Suggestion is to bring it up during business meetings so that the meeting can put this into group conscious. Butler hospital, park and Elmwood. Tradition 4 in how and why was read in basic text pg 63 paragraph three. Any thing that affects NA as a whole is a problem. What happens will be looked at as NA. Reflection on NA as a whole. All GSR should have 12 concepts to understand about how we function as an area. The group should support us but is not giving us the support to make what you want to happen to go on.

Announcements

THE GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
WEBSITE www.gpana.org

If you have an NA related Event or Group Anniversary and would like to have it posted on the website, contact the Web Coordinator, Gail L. web@gpana.org or 401-954-6642

Welcome Home Group
George Hunt Center
Mathewson Street
Providence, RI
Fridays 2-3p
Contact Wendy K. 996-3514

The Thirteenth Annual
Dopes on NA Slopes
January 26, 27, 28, 2007
Comfort Inn at Loon, Lincoln, NH
Reservation# 1-888-589-8112
More Information on Flyer or
www.goldcoastna.org

The 12th New England Regional Convention
March 2,3,4, 2007 Sturbridge Host Hotel
366 Main Street
Sturbridge, MA
508-347-7393
Send Registrations to:
NERCXII
P.O. Box 202
Sturbridge, MA 01566
Reg. Paula K.-508846-2172

The Watertown Men's Group Invites You to Join us as we celebrate our 16th Anniversary

Gratitude Meeting, Live Music, Dinner and Dance
Free Admission
Saturday, January 27, 2007
6pm to Midnight
St John's Methodist Church
80 Mt Auburn Street
Watertown, MA
Contact: Johnny Mac- 617-872-1817 or Mattie 781-953-4168
Direction on the flyer.

Sister's In Recovery

Shattering the Illusion of The Old Self Retreat
June 8-10, 2007
Contact: Donna W. 497-4285, or Wanda B. 226-2698, or Pam G.
521-2919

Motions:

11-26-06-02

Submitted by Lewis S.
Seconded by Kim L.
Money Motion

Motion: Asking for Policy Change to pay for traveling expenses of the RCM at the rate of 40 cents per mile to be calculated from the RI State House. Funds to be paid as an operational expense and ongoing travel budget.

Intent: To make it easier for future RCM Chair holders to be able to travel to and from region. Also due to increased gas prices.

This motion must go bad to GPA groups to be voted on at January 28 Area Service.

11-26-06-03

Submitted by Claude J.
Seconded by Robin D.
Policy Change

Motion: To Change GPASC PI website guidelines as follows: 1.
Responsibility/Accountability: Web page coordinator appointed by PI and approved by the area to read appointed by PI.

Intent: Groups voted on web position being part of PI subcommittee and not an area position.

This motion must go back to GPA groups to be voted on at January 28 Area Service

Contact Information
 Administrative Body:

Position	Name	Phone Number
Chair	Sully D.	954-8745
Vice Chair	Robert S.	339-7347
Treasurer	Paul F.	678-0305
Alternate Treasurer	[Open]	
Secretary	[Donna W.]	497-4285
Alternate Secretary	open	
Board of Directors	Kevin V.	331-2871
Regional Committee Member	Lewis S.	473-5463
Alternate RCM		

Subcommittee Chairs:

Subcommittee	Name	Phone Number
Activities	Sheela M.	475-7485
Convention	Daryl F.	226-2556
Finance	Susan W.	438-2375
Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)	Celia W.	475-5992
Literature	Jim S.	846-7899
Phone line	[Open]	
Policy	Kim L	419-1976
Public Information (PI)	Claude J.	432-4548