May 25, 2008

The next meeting is June 22, 2008

Area Meeting Times:

Administration	12:30-2:00om
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, Convention, Ad-Hoc
- 10. Old Business
- 11. New Business
- 12. Motions (submit at beginning of ASC meeting)
- 13. Open Forum

Roll Call and GSR Reports:

Groups in Attendance (22)

Total Area Meetings (42*)

Groups that made a donation at the previous ASC meeting are marked with \$

^{**}Donation information was not provided ****

Groups that attended this ASC meeting are marked with @
Breakfast Club@
Choose Life
DigDeep
Faith in Recovery@
Gimme Shelter@
Hardcore Recovery@
IP time
Jamestown NA@
Keep it Simple Saturday
Lie is Dead
Living Free
Loveline@
Meeting Street Meeting@
Narragansett Recovery Systems@
Never Alone Again
New Way of Life
New Assication
Opt For Life
Ray of Hope@
Recovery and Beyond

Recovery in the Chapel	
Recovery in the Country	
Recovery in the Lake	
Recovery is More Than Abstinence	new time 7:00 to 8:15 no smoking on Butler Hospital Campus
Regardless of	
Road to Recovery	
Sister in Recovery	
Smith Hill NA@	
Starting Over	
Step Sisters	
Straight Today@	needs active group members
Steppin Out Wednesday	
Sunday/ Serenity@	
Surrender or Die	
We Do Recover	

Reports:

Activities: Cyndi W

Good afternoon family,

We had an event on 5/16/08 the committee would like to thank those who came out to support. We would also like to thank "Gimme Shelter" for participating in the event sharing their experience, strength, and hope. I want to thank those committee members that put this event on in my absence. I was unable to attend. Our next meeting will be June 5th at 5:30pm at John Hope Community Center to plan our next event. Money collected

\$210.00 at the door, \$97.00 food & beverage, \$25.00 left over. Paid out \$150.00 DJ, \$3.17 misc, \$150.00 John Hope rent, \$11.91 ice, and \$161.39 food, total of \$476.47. I turned in \$332.00 to area ILS, Cindi

Board of Directors: Kevin V.

The BOD is working towards updating and re-vising the By-Laws and Internal Guidelines. We will be working towards meeting at least 2 x per month during this process. We will also be meeting on May 30^{th} to finalize the Convention Committee's books.

ILS. Kevin V

Finance: Open Position

Myself and Delia have completed the taxes and the 5013c application and have turned everything over to the accountant. At this time we have no heard back from the accountant.

ILS, Susan (Area Chair)

H&I: John D

Hi Family,

Commitments were given out to H&I group reps and Panel Leaders as far as I know all commitments were filled there was miscommunication with new way of life and recovery in the country please try to pay attention to your commitments. On may 4th 12 members met at my house and we discussed the problems H&I is having the discussion went in a lot of directions the purpose of the meeting was to discuss D.R.T. (drug replacement therapy) everyone one that attended the meeting came to the conclusion that anyone on D.R.T. does not meet the 90 day clean time requirement. Looking to adopt into policy an intent statement that would be read before handing out commitments a motion will be put in today motion was tabled for more information another meeting will be set up to discuss that motion also will be discussing having another meeting to go over dos and don'ts. Other topics discussed were NA language, dos and don'ts, also looking to adopt a new panel leader orientation packet to all members of the H&I body. H&I received a letter threw the p.o. box from the secretary of the commitment at medium 1 requesting I.P.s and also meeting list this information will be handed over to the correctional panel leader of that facility.

Elections in June for Vice chair of H&I, Literature, Secretary, Panel Leaders, Alternate panel leaders. H&I IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

IN LOVING SERVICE, JOHN D

Phone Line: Lewis

NO report

Policy: Kim L

Nothing new to report at this time.

PI: Robin D
NO report

*Treasurer: Sully D*See attached report

Literature: Tim C

Literature Sales for the month of April		
HI:	\$218.75	
PI:	\$66.30	
Phone line:	\$0.00	
Group Sales total w/o tax:	\$1358.15	
Tax Total	\$ 94.26	
Group Sales total w/tax:	\$1447.39	

Total RI meeting lists sold: 1043

Total New England region meeting lists sold: 80

Costs for literature restock: \$ 1605.85

Convention Committee- Daryl F

Name on the C/C accounts have been changed. Money from the C/C has been submitted to the BOD. There was a discrepancy with the bank on a deposit made – the C/C deposit slip stated \$11.654.00 however the bank states they received \$11.554.00 – which is a \$100.00 difference, I am taking a guess at the exact dollars because I do not have all of the info on hand at this time. ILS, Daryl

RCM report: Hal B -

Report handed in RCM was not present at the ASC meeting to answer questions.

Next Regional is [June 14th 12:00pm-5:00pm Saturday and June15th 11:00am-5:00pm Sunday @ St Joseph's Church 499 Spring Street N.Dighton MA (df)]. We should be getting the CAR reports from WSC meetings from our Regional Delegate.

In service to NA, Hal B

Ad-Hoc Outreach- Delia F

This committee visited 7 meetings this past month. The information we received from these groups again is that these groups are lacking active group members and that the GSR position is hard to fill.

We again have encouraged this groups to access our web-site to view the GPA ASC minutes.

We will continue to visit groups and will be begin to visit groups that are actively participating in the GPA ASC meeting next month. Hope to see you then.

ILS, Delia

Old Business:

Motions:

033008-04

submitted by Delia- seconded by Tim

To have all 3 lap tops owned by Area present at the next Area meeting 4/27/2008. To be handed over to Hal B who then have the computer's appraised.

This motion was passed ******

2 LAPTOPS WERE HANDED TO HAL B

SECRETARY AND TREASURER

****Hal B was not present at ASC meeting we are unaware at this time the outcome of the above motion**

042708-01

Submitted by Robin d- seconded by Claude J
Asking for \$1500.00 for 10-12 PI signs to go on the back of buses (RPTA).
(17x50 small tails) For 3 month. (READ PI REPORT FOR MORE INFORMAITON)
Intent: to fulfill PI purpose to inform the public that NA is a credible program of Recovery.

This motion was passed****

042708-02

Submitted by Daryl Seconded by Kev V To have the Convention in 2010.

Intent: To continue to carry the message.

***A MOTION TO RECONSIDER WAS PASSED**

WHICH MEANS THIS MOTION IS ON HOLD UNTIL THE ASC RECEIVES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO FORWARD TO GROUPS: A FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE BOD AND CONVENTION COMMITTEE CLOSING OUT THE CONVENTION FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND A BALANCE SHEET FROM THE ASC TREARSURER RELECTING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE BOD TO THE ASC ACCOUNT.

this motion will again go back to groups once this information has been presented at the ASC meeting*

042707-06

Submitted by Kim Seconded by Delia

To postpone holding another area convention until the Board of Directors By –Laws are reviewed, revised, and updated by the Policy Subcommittee, members of the Area Executive Committee and the BOD directors. And until the Convention Sub-committee policy is reviewed and updated.

Intent: For the BOD to be better able to take a more active guiding role during the 2 year convention cycle when the area votes to hold a convention and a policy used by the convention to be agreed upon and put in writing and available upon request by any member of the area.

this motion was tabled*

Motion is still tabled

042708-08

Submitted by Hal B Seconded by Chris E

To donate 5 Basic & 5 Step soft cover books to the Residential Substance Abuse Program at the RIDOC. Intent: to provide access to our NA Literature for Incarcerated Addicts at RIDOC.

*** This motion passed****

Elections:

Steve S was nominated and voted in as Finance Chair.

New Business:

Motions:

Motion to reconsider motion 042708-02

(To have the Convention in 2010)

please see old business*

052508-01

Submitted by Cyndi Seconded by Kim L

To put \$168.00 back into activities budget. To bring it back up to \$500.00

Intent: To continue to put on events for the Area

*** This motion passed****

052508-02

Submitted my Mike R Seconded by David C

To receive information bi-monthly from the RCM as to the amount of money Region donates to World Service and to include this info in the minutes.

Intent: Accountability fund flow.

** This motion needs to go back to groups ***

Open Forum:

Announcements:

GPA will be having elections for the following positions at the next ASC meeting (see position responsibilities and qualifications document attached to the end of these minutes)

General Announcements:

New Meeting

Jamestown NA Thursday 7:30-8:30 St Matthews Episcopal Church 87 Narragansett Ave Jamestown RI 02835

19th annual South Side NA Unity Picnic Fundraisers: @ John Hope Settlement House June 21st —Speaker Jam from 6:00pm to 8:00pm Dance at 8:30

July 26th —Fashion Show and Basketball Game Game @ 1:00pm Fashion Show @ 4:00pm and Dance to Follow.

Call Kev V with any questions: 331-2871

The Sisters in Recovery Group of NA is hosting "Sistah to Sistah 5" a women's retreat June 12-14, 2009 @ Camp Canonicus.

The retreat Committee has several positions open.

Vice Chair of Retreat Committee- 3years

Vice Treasurer- 3years

Art & Graphics Chair- 2 years

Merchandising Chair- 5 years

Women are also encouraged to join a committee and get active in service.

Contact: Mary G 401 219-2621 or Pam v 401 829-8105

19th annual SouthSide NA Unity Picnic-

Sunday August 10, 2008 from 12:00noon to 6:00pm

Lincoln Woods State Park-Field E

For more info contact Kevin V 401 331-2871 or Peter R -331-4282

8th Annual Free Spirit Area Golf Tournament- Saturday July 12, 2008 1:00pm

Swansea Country Club-Swansea Ma- Cost \$110.00 per player

For more information contact: Don B 401 741-2224, Tom B 401 826-2501, Peter S 401 255-7197

*****The Following meetings have asked for support *****

"IP Time "-Thursday 6:30-8:00pm Family Life Center 840 Broad Street Providence

"Sunday Serenity/Insanity"- Sunday 10:30am- 12:00pm 6th ward 957 Atwells Ave Providence

Greater Providence Area Service Committee **Administrative Positions:** Qualifications & Responsibilities

Greater Providence Area Service Committee (GPASC) Administrative Positions:

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Secretary
Alternate Secretary
Treasurer
Alternate Treasurer
Regional Committee Member (RCM)
Alternate RCM
Board of Directors

Qualifications of General Service:

The following is a suggested list of qualifications for N.A. members who might wish to become involved in the area service structure of the Greater Providence Area.

- A. Willingness and a desire to serve.
- B. A level of recovery that reflects their ability to apply the twelve steps to their personal lives and the twelve traditions to their personal interactions with other.
- C. The ability to give the time and resources necessary to fulfill the obligations of the elected office.
- D. The suggested clean time requirement as established for the individual office.

Chairperson Four (4) years Three (3) years Vice Chairperson One (1) year Secretary Alternate Secretary Six (6) months Treasurer Three (3) years Alternate Treasurer Two (2) years Three (3) years RCM Alternate RCM Two (2) years BOD Five (5) years

E. Prior service experience on a group level and working knowledge of the elected office.

Qualifications of the Area CHAIRPERSON:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Four (4) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Prior service experience as Area Service Committee (ASC) officer, subcommittee CHAIR, or Group Service Representative (GSR).
- D. The ability to conduct an ASC meeting with a firm yet understanding hand.
- E. Sensitivity to the needs of the Area, Region, and N.A. as a whole.
- F. Tolerance and objectivity with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their groups.
- G. Working knowledge of the Greater Providence Area (GPS) Guidelines and the N.A. 12 Traditions.

Responsibilities of the Area CHAIRPERSON:

- A. Preside over the GPASC meetings and remain throughout.
- B. Set the ASC agenda prior to the ASC meeting.
- C. Preside over the Area Administrative Committee meeting.
- D. Maintain the integrity of the GPASC meeting with respect to the GPA Guidelines.
- E. Maintain the GPASC archives.
- F. Conduct orientation including distribution of the Greater Providence Area GSR Introduction Booklet prior to the start of the ASC meeting.
- G. Is available to the GSRs as a resource of information pertaining the ASC meeting.
- H. In the absence of an Administrative Officer (Treasurer, Vice Chair, Secretary, etc.) fulfill or delegate the responsibilities of said office.
- Fulfill all reasonable responsibilities that become necessary to collect and distribute information resulting from the ASC meeting.
- J. Compile reports and files from the GPA Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- K. Must be a signer of the GPASC bank account.
- L. Does not vote at the GPASC meeting.

Qualifications of the Area VICE CHAIRPERSON:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Three (3) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. The ability to conduct an ASC meeting with a firm yet understanding hand.
- D. Sensitivity to the needs of the Area, Region, and N.A. as a whole.
- E. Tolerance and objectivity with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their group.
- F. Working knowledge of the GPA Guidelines and the N.A. 12 Traditions.

Responsibilities of the Area VICE CHAIRPERSON:

- A. Is a member of the Area Executive Committee, which meets prior to the GPASC meeting.
- B. In the absence of the Area Chair; preside over the Area Executive Committee; formulate the ASC agenda prior to the ASC meeting; and preside over said meeting, remaining throughout.
- C. In the absence of the Area Chair, fulfill or delegate the responsibility of any Administrative Officer (i.e. Area Treasurer, Secretary, or Subcommittee Chair).
- D. In the absence of the Area Chair, conduct the GSR orientation including distribution of Greater Providence Area GSR Introduction Booklet, prior to the start of the ASC meeting.
- E. Maintain the integrity of the GPASC meeting with respect to the GPA Guidelines, and fulfill all other reasonable responsibilities that the ASC Chair may deem necessary.
- F. Develop personal knowledge of the inner workings of all ASSC Subcommittees. Act as a resource, and help to maintain the structure, and integrity of all ASC Subcommittees, without being a voting member of those committees.
- G. In the absence of the Subcommittee Chair fulfill or delegate the responsibility of said office from within that committee. [When applicable.]
- H. Maintain a line of direct communication between ASC Subcommittees and the ASC Chairperson.
- Assist the Area Chair in conducting the GPASC meeting. Conduct the review and confirmation of Area Subcommittee reports during the ASC meeting and distribute to the Area Secretary at the end of the ASC meeting.
- J. In the absence of the Area Chair fulfill or delegate all reasonable responsibilities that become necessary to collect and distribute information resulting from the ASC meeting.
- K. May be a signer of the GPASC bank account.
- L. In the absence of the Area Treasurer, pick up an distribute all Area mail from the GPA PO box in a timely manner, prior to the GPASC meeting.

Qualifications of the Area SECRETARY:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. One (1) year continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Adequate secretarial skills.

Responsibilities of Area SECRETARY:

- A. Is a member of the Executive Committee, which meets prior to the GPASC meeting.
- B. Record attendance at the beginning of the GPASC meeting.
- C. Compile and maintain a current list of all recipients of the GPASC minutes.
- D. Provide a brief overview of the prior ASC meeting in a written secretary's report. To be read at the present ASC meeting.
- E. Tabulate an accurate vote count for motions, to be recorded on the submitted motion form, and to be included in the minutes. Each motion is to include: month, day, year, number (01-22-06-1 is January 22, 2006, motion #1).
- F. Organize and create concise minutes of each GPASC meeting.
- G. Distribute minutes no later than ten (10) days after the GPASC meeting. Make additional copies available at the next GPASC meeting.
- H. Distribute a copy of GPASC minutes to the New England Regional Service Committee and the Free Spirit Area.
- Keep an accurate record of GPASC motions and policy created during their term and make copies available at the ASC meeting upon request. Turn this record over the Policy Chair at the end of each term
- J. Compile (to be included in the minutes); Groups in Attendance at ASC meeting, and Groups that Donated to the ASC. Provide a Legend of Symbols to facilitate understanding of above lists. (As provided in past minutes.)
- K. Compile a current Group contact list containing; Group name; GSR name, phone number, mailing address, and email (if available).
- L. Provide a current list of Administrative Officers names and phone numbers to be published in the GPASC minutes.
- M. Provide a Group Announcement page to be published in the Area minutes.
- N. May vote on administrative motions only.
- 0. Care for and maintain the laptop provided for the Area Secretary position.
- P. Maintain the supply of ASC forms (subcommittee report, motion, and announcement) and makes these available at the ASC meeting.

Qualifications of the ALTERNATE Area SECRETARY:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Six (6) months continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Adequate secretarial skills.

Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE SECRETARY:

- A. Assist the GPA Area Secretary in performance of all previously stated responsibilities.
- B. In the absence of the Area Secretary, and at the direction of the Area Chair, perform the ASC Secretary responsibilities.
- C. Is not required to relinquish concurrent GSR position (if applicable).
- D. Attend all GPASC meetings.

Qualifications of the Area TREASURER:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Three (3) years of continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Bookkeeping and/or accounting skills.
- D. Ability to organize and keep financial records.

Responsibilities of the Area TREASURER:

- A. Accept Group donations during Literature Sales prior to the GPASC meeting.
- B. Accept the money from sales during Literature Sales prior to the GPASC meeting.
- C. Report at the GPASC on donations, other revenue, and expenditures from the previous month's ASC meeting. Provide a written copy of said report for inclusion in the ASC minutes. (E.g. June ASC minutes will contain May ASC Treasury report.)
- D. Maintain and keep an accurate balance on the ASC checking account.
- E. Pay all bills as needed.
- F. Keep accurate and careful record of all Area financial transactions, including receipts of all monies paid and collected.
- G. Care for and maintain the laptop provided for the Area Treasurer position.
- H. Coordinate with the Finance Subcommittee Chair as needed. (Tax filing and payment, yearly budget, etc.)
- I. Prepare an Annual Budget for the GPASC.
- J. Collect mail from the GPASC PO box prior to the monthly ASC.

Qualifications of the ALTERNATE Area TREASURER:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Two (2) years of continuous clean time from all drugs.
- C. Bookkeeping and/or accounting skills.
- D. Ability to organize and keep financial records.

Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE TREASURER:

- A. Assist the GPA Treasurer in performance of all previously stated responsibilities.
- B. In the absence of the Area Treasurer, and at the direction of the Area Chair, perform the ASC Treasurer responsibilities.
- C. Attend all GPASC meetings.

Qualifications of the REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (RCM):

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Three (3) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Prior experience as a GSR and/or completion of one or more terms in an area-level elected office.
- D. Communication and organizational skills and has displayed significant leadership skills.
- E. Objectivity and tolerance with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their areas.
- F. Working knowledge of GPA Guidelines and the N.A. 12 Traditions.

Responsibilities of the REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (RCM):

- A. Attend each meeting of the Regional Service Committee (RSC) and GPASC.
- B. If unable to attend an RSC or GPASC meeting it is essential to ask the Alternate RCM to assume said responsibilities.
- C. Suggested involvement with a Regional Subcommittee to promote the RCM participations with the region.
- D. In keeping with the Seventh Tradition of N.A., deliver the Area donation to the Region.
- E. Carry Greater Providence Area Conscience on all matters affecting the GPA or N.A. as a whole.
- F. Keep the Region informed in a written report of all GPA activities, strengths, and problems.
- G. Inform the G.P.A. in a written report of all business, activities, and special needs discussed at the R.S.C. meeting.
- H. Coordinate accommodations for GPA N.A. members who are required to attend the RCS meeting for both days.
- I. Chair a special session of the ASC to vote on the World Service Committee (WSC) agenda report.
- J. Distribute informational flyers at the ASC meeting (Distribution thereafter is left to the discretion of the RCM.)

Qualifications of the ALTERNATE REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (ALT RCM):

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Two (2) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Previous GPASC service experience.
- D. Communication and organizational skills and has displayed significant leadership skills.
- E. Objectivity and tolerance with those who are unable to see beyond the needs of their areas.

Responsibilities of the ALTERNATE REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER:

- A. Attend each meeting of the RSC and the GPASC.
- B. Suggested participation with a Regional Subcommittee to promote the Alternate RCM involvement with the Region.
- C. Vice Chair a special session of the GPASC to vote on the WSC Agenda Report.
- D. In the absence of the RCM, assume the responsibilities of the RCM stated above.

Qualifications of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEMBER:

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. Five (5) years continuous abstinence from all drugs. [Motion 5-25-97-3]
- C. Bookkeeping and/or accounting skills.
- D. Ability to organize and keep financial records.
- E. A Board Member may not hold another area-level financial position.

Responsibilities of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEMBER:

- A. Make sure that the GPA tax returns are filed.
- B. Take care of legal problems/fund misappropriation.
- C. File yearly RI state sales tax.
- D. Receive the monthly report from the Finance Subcommittee Chair (or Area Treasurer if there is no Finance Chair).
- E. Attend an annual BOD meeting.
- F. Coordinate storage and maintenance of legal documents.

Suggested Qualifications of the GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR):

- A. The stated qualifications of general service apply to this position.
- B. One (1) year continuous abstinence from all drugs.
- C. Prior service experience serving as an Alternate GSR
- D. Active participation in the group they are representing.
- E. Knowledge of the GPANA service structure.

Suggested Responsibilities of the GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR):

- A. Attend each meeting of the GPASC.
- B. If unable to attend the ASC meeting, asks the Alternate GSR, or in the Alternate's absence, another group member to assume the GSR responsibilities.
- C. Suggested participation with and Area subcommittee to promote the GSR involvement with GPA.
- D. In keeping with the Seventh Tradition, and Second Concept of N.A., bring group donation to the ASC Treasurer
- E. Carry Group Conscience on all matters affecting their group or N.A. as a whole.
- F. Inform the GPA of all Group activities, strengths, and problems.
- G. Inform the Group of all business, activities, and special needs discussed at ASC meetings.