

*The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of
NA
July 2007 Minutes*

Meeting was held on July 22, 2007
Next meeting will be held on August 19, 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 Twelve Concepts
3. Introduction / Roll Call / GSR Reports
4. Secretary Report
5. Treasurer Report
6. Chair Report
7. Vice-Chair Report
8. RCM Report
9. BOD Report
10. Subcommittee Reports Including:
 Activities, Finance, H&I Literature, Phone Line, Policy, PI, RCM, Convention
 Committee and Ad Hoc Outreach
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Motions
14. Open Forum

ROLL CALL AND GSR REPORTS:

Groups in Attendance: (18)

Total Area Meetings (41*) * Please note that this number is updated and correct as of 3-25-07 for Rhode Island meetings listed on the Meeting List. (Previous months have shown 62, but this was in error and based on a combination of Free Spirit, Greater Providence, and South Eastern Massachusetts Area meetings.

ADMINISTRATIVE BODY REPORTS:

Chair Report-Susan W.:

Not present. No report.

Vice-Chair Report- Robert S.:

Present but no report at this time.

Secretary Report- Cathy A. (alternate)

Problems:

I apologize for the tardiness of the minutes. Due to the problems with the laptop, I am forced to do the Minutes at my job, along with the fact that we are a week early I was unable to get them out timely this month. Please accept my deepest regrets. I am trying to do my best.

Unfortunately, we were experiencing some computer down time at work and there was a problem with the printer as well. Further, when I began serving as alternate secretary performing the duties of the secretary, the materials, files, motions, etc. were in a deplorable order to say the least. It has been difficult to distinguish between a visitor, subcommittee member or GSR based on the sign-in sheets. Further, through the election process, I have been frustrated not knowing who the members are that actually have a vote, as well as when the voting process is happening, people are not keeping their hands raised long enough for me to actually count the votes.

Committee Update:

I am in the process of organizing the records of the Area Service Meetings. My plan is to maintain clear concise records until either a secretary is elected, or I acquire the clean time to hold that office. Should a secretary get elected, it would be nice to have things in order so that the new secretary is not overwhelmed. I am now using a sign in sheet that allows me to know what your title is, to what group you belong, as well as having an area for your name, address and phone number. Please try to give me all the information that I need so that I can do a good job. My goal is to get names and addresses of all members holding a GSR position to world (with their permission of course) so that they would receive announcements from WSO.

Please write yes or no next to your name on the sign in sheet to let me know if you would like your information forwarded to world. Also, please make sure that your contact information is correct and I have your accurate telephone numbers. On October 8th, I will be celebrating my 1 year and will be able to meet the clean time requirement to hold the Secretary office. It is my hope that the position will remain open until then so that I can continue to get the records in a clear concise order. In Loving Service, Cathy A.

Announcements:

Elections were held and the results are as follows:

Finance:	Open
Phone Line:	Lewis S.
Secretary:	Open
RCM:	Open
Activities:	Cindy
Literature:	Tim
Hospitals and Institutions:	John D.
Phone Line:	Lewis S.
Public Information:	Robin D.
Policy:	Kim

Treasurer Report-Paul F.:

Please see attached report.

Newly elected officer: - Sully D.

BOD Report- Kevin V.:

Problems:

The South Side NA picnic will be held August 26th which conflicts with Area Service Meeting.

Committee Update:

Those in attendance were: Robert S., Daryl F., Cindy W., Sheelah M., Mike G. was absent. 2006 Tax Status was discussed. Robert sat in Susan's absence. He states that Susan is working with the accountant. Convention fundraiser was discussed for the event scheduled Friday, July 27th. 8:00 speaker jam – 10:30 live entertainment and dancing from 10:30- 2 am at Platforms Night Club.

In Loving Service, Kevin V.

RCM- Lewis S.

Present. No report at this time.

Note: This term was up and the position is now open.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

H & I – Celia W.:

Problems:

If you've accepted a panel leader position, please show up for your commitments. We are still struggling with commitments not being filled. Anyone who is showing up for commitments, should show up 15 minutes early and panel leaders, please call the group the night before to remind them

Committee Update:

Thank you H & I and all subcommittees for allowing me to serve our area. It has been a learning experience. I have learned a lot. Thank you. I, Celia W. received a call from Zambarano Residential Treatment Facility in reference to a commitment. I, Celia W. will revisit this again.

Announcements:

Anyone needing information about commitments can call "Barefoot Bob" who is Vice Chair of H&I. The subcommittee's recommendation for new H&I Chair is John D. Thank you again to the Ad Hoc Policy Committee and thanks to all who accepted alternate panel leader positions. In Loving Service – Celia W.

Literature Report- Jim S.:

Problems:

The hard drive for the computer needs to be repaired.

Literature Order for July: \$ 540.66
Sales for June: \$1,042.30

See attached report. In Loving Service, Jim S.

Finance- Susan W.:

Not present. No report at this time.

No new officer elected at this time – Position open

Phone Line- (Position Open) was covered by Susan W.

Not present no report.

Newly elected officer: Lewis S.

Activities – Sheelah M.:

Not present. No report.

Newly elected officer: Cindy

Policy- Kim L.:

Problems: None.

Committee Update:

We reviewed the H&I Subcommittee Policy revisions and turned our feedback to the Chair of that Subcommittee.

Announcements:

Thanks for letting me serve. In Loving Service, Kim L.

Note: Kim was re-elected to service as this officer.

PI – Claude J.:

Not present. No report.

Note: Newly elected officer: Robin D.

Convention- Daryl F.:

Problems:

A need for the removal of a subcommittee member and there are problems with the Chair that need to be discussed.

Committee Update:

Meeting was held on July 1, 2007. 16 addicts were in attendance. Reports were given by Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, A&G, CI, F&E merchandise and programming. An event was held on June 30, 2007. We collected \$649 at the door, \$14.00, \$823.00, raffle, \$100 registration a profit of \$323, Final treasurer report, \$4,736.64, Final report, \$4105.67. Next fundraising event will be held July 27th, at Platforms, a speaker-jam and live entertainment. In loving service, Daryl F.

OLD BUSINESS

11 GSR representatives took the policy changes that were voted on and the rest voted for their groups. Vote on changing the clean time requirements and responsibilities of Subcommittee officers took place. Results are: Passed

Qualifications for GPASC Subcommittee Officers (except Convention Officers: Item B.
Addition: Finance Chair has different clean time requirements: RESULTS: YES

Responsibilities of the ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE:

Item C. Edit: Vice Chair is responsible for subcommittee reports

Item F. Addition : RESULTS: YES

Responsibilities of the FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Item c. Edit: reflects similar wording change in the responsibilities for Area Treasurer

Item g. Addition RESULTS: YES

Responsibilities of the HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS H&I SUBCOMMITTEE:

Item G: Addition RESULTS; YES

Responsibilities of the LITERATURE SUBCOMMITTEE:

Item B. Edit

Item C. Deletion: responsibility moved to PI Subcommittee

Item D. Edit

Item G. Deletion: There isn't a literature newsletter

Item I. Addition: reflects the purchase of a laptop for this position.

Item J. Addition: RESULTS: YES

Responsibilities of the PHONE LINE SUBCOMMITTEE

Item D. Addition: Moved from the PI Subcommittee

Item G. Addition: RESULTS: YES

Responsibilities of the POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Item A. Edit

Item D. Addition: to create an ongoing record of the area policy.

Item G. Deletion Policy has already been created.

Item H. Reflected today in item a

Item I. Addition RESULTS; YES

Responsibilities of the PUBLIC INFORMATION PI SUBCOMMITTEE

Item B. Deletion: a. moved to Phonenumber Subcommittee responsibilities

b. responsibility is reflected in other items under Public Information
subcommittee responsibilities

Item F. Deletion: Obsolete meeting lists should be destroyed: sending an addict to a meeting
That doesn't exist is a disservice.

Item F. Addition: Reflects recent policy change. RESULTS: YES

Qualifications and Responsibilities of the CONVENTION (GPACNA) SUBCOMMITTEE

All Addition: the existing and approved convention requirements to the Subcommittee
Officer Positions Qualifications and Responsibilities document. The Convention
Subcommittee Officers (Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer) are
Elected by GPASC. RESULTS: YES

PASSED PROPOSED CHANGES

NEW BUSINESS

Elections were held for Subcommittees. Please see results above.

MOTIONS:

72207-01

Submitted by: Sully

Seconded by: Dave A.

Motion: To change policy for all subcommittee chairs from one year to Two years, except Finance.

Intent: So as not to contradict our current policy, or responsibility. For those chairs 1 year Panel Leadership Learning Day.

Passed:

#72207-02

Submitted by: Kevin V.

Seconded by: Tyrone M.

Motion : To change the Area Service Meeting from the 4th Sunday to the 3rd Sunday for this month only.

Intent: Southside NA Unity Day is hosting it's 18th annual picnic on August 26th, the 4th Sunday which would conflict with ASC meeting.

Passed:

#72207-03

Submitted by: Jackie L.

Seconded by: Dave

Motion: To fund flow \$500 to Region and \$500 to World.

Intent: To support fund flow.

Passed:

OPEN FORUM:

There was conversation about how members should not be talked down to that we should remember our purpose here and keep an atmosphere of serenity. It was also mentioned that we should set up a couple of extra tables next month because we will grow by two groups and this would help keep uniform the meeting. Questions on Finance will be tabled till next month as we are waiting for information from finance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WEBSITE:

www.gpana.org

The Greater Providence Area Convention 5
The Miracle Continues

Date: March 21-23, 2007
Time: Providence Biltmore Hotel
Providence, RI
Location: More will be revealed for Contacts of Executive Committee and Subcommittee,
Registration and Upcoming Fundraisers

GPANA Fundraising Event

Date: August 31, 2007
Time: 9:00 pm – 2:00 am
Location: Club Platforms
165 Poe Street
Providence, RI (off Allens Avenue)
Donation: \$5
Directions are on the flyers, for more information, please contact Donna W.
(401) 497-4285

NE Regional H & I:

Chair: Hal B.
PO Box 175
Cranston, RI 02910
Email: hniguy@aol.com

Regional H&I Subcommittee has a committee (separate) that writes Steps In Recovery to incarcerated addicts within the New England Region. The writing is totally anonymous. A PO Box is used and pen names are also used within the fellowship. For more information, contact: NA Writing Steps in Recovery, New England Region, PO Box 1469, North Falmouth, MA 02556.

Jug R. (401) 487-2507, and Jeff N. (401) 207-5619

Southside NA Picnic

Date: August 26, 2007
Time: 12:00 noon – until ?
Location: Lincoln Woods State Park, Sites A&B
Lincoln, RI

Admission is free, however donations are always welcome. Contact Kevin V at (401) 480-3837, e-mail: kevee1959@yahoo.com, or contact Peter R. (401) 331-428

CONTACT INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATIVE BODY:

Position	Position	Phone Number
Chair:	Susan W.	(401) 438-2375
Vice-Chair:	Robert S.	(401) 339-7347
Treasurer:	Sully D.	(401) 954-8745
Alternate Treasurer:	Joe M.	(401) 284-2015
Secretary:	(Open)	
Alternate Secretary:	Cathy A.	(774) 526-6861
Board of Director:	Kevin V.	(401) 331-2871
Regional Committee Member:	(Open)	
Alternate RCM:	Jackie L.	

SUBCOMMITTEE:

Position	Position	Phone Number
Activities:	Cindy	
Convention:	Daryl F.	(401) 226-2556
Finance:	Open	
Hospitals and Institutions:	John D.	
Literature:	Timmy C.	(401) 497-3718
Phone Line:	Lewis S.	
Policy:	Kim L.	(401) 419-1976
Public Information:	Robin D.	(401) 345-5776