

## September 23, 2007 Minutes

The next meeting is October 28, 2007

### Area Meeting Times:

Administration	12:30–1:30 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
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 (15)*

*Total Area Meetings (41\*)*

*Groups that made a donation are marked with \$*

*Groups that attended ASC meeting marked with @*

A Better Way .....  
Choose Life.....\$  
Drug Buster ..... @  
Faith in Recovery..... @.....  
Gimme Shelter .....  
Hardcore Recovery ..... @..  
Hole in the Wall.....  
Keep it Simple Saturday ..... @...  
Loveline ..... @...\$  
Lie is Dead..... @...\$  
Meeting Street Meeting ..... @...\$  
Narragansett Recovery Systems.. @..\$  
Never Alone Again ..... @...\$  
Opt For Life..... @..\$  
Positive Steps ..... @  
Primary Purpose ..... @.  
Ray of Hope..... @...  
Recovery and Beyond.....\$  
Recovery in the Chapel ..... @  
Recovery in the Country ..... @...  
Recovery in the Lake ..... @...  
Recovery is More Than Abstinence @ .....

Ressurrection..... @...  
Sister's in Recovery ..... @..\$  
Smith Hill NA..... @... \$  
Stepping Out Wednesday ..... @..  
Starting Over.....  
Straight Forward .....  
Straight Today ..... @.....  
Sunday Serenity/Insanity .....\$  
Surrender of Die ..... @... \$

**Reports:**

**Activities: Cyndi W**

The committee met and we will be having a Halloween Speaker Jam on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2007 starting at 6:00om until 12:00am at John Hope Settlement House. We will be requesting out \$500.00 seed money to put on this event.

**Board of Directors: Kevin V.**

The BOD met today at 2:00pm. There were 3 members present. We discussed insurance issues and that the Area will need to have an estimate to begin saving for 2008 cost which should total \$2081.00. It was also discussed that we are a non profit organization however we do not have tax expect status. I recommend the area look into obtaining tax except status.

**Finance: Open Position**

No Report

**H&I: John D**

We visited Urban League on 9/20/07 with the chair of PI, regarding the request for an H&I commitment for Women only. The request is for a Women Only Commitment meeting Bi-weekly on Mondays.

The new H&I policy was handed out to each member of the H&I body today. Today I will appoint an ADHOC to review the DO's and Don't of H&I. Included in the minutes will be an attachment with all of the H&I open positions and list of open commitments for the month.

**Phone Line: Lewis**

Hi Family I presently received the information on phone line. I am setting up a meeting with Free Spirit and I will be updating out list for phone line volunteers. I will have more information at the next meeting. Love and Service Lewis s

**Policy: Kim L**

Over the past month a few GPASC members have requested policy information, which I have provided. Over the next month I will be updating the qualifications & responsibilities documents for both Subcommittee Chair positions and Administrative positions.

**PI: Robin D**

On September 15, and 16 2007 the GPA and Free Spirit Area had an information table at the Healthfit Expo which was held at the Providence Convention Center. We handed out over a 100 meeting list and other IP's. On 9/20/07 PI visited the Urban League with H&I regarding a request for a commitment. The meeting list are in and updated. If you have any changes for the meeting list PI would like to receive them at the Area Service Meeting or the first Friday of the month. For meeting list changes contract either Robin D @ 345-5776 or Claude @ 432-4054. On September 29<sup>th</sup> PI will be having an information table at the Recovery Month Celebration put on by the RI Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Recovery Month Planning Coalition. PI is looking for active members.

We have voted in a Vice Chair for PI- Claude. In loving service Robin D.  
Convention Committee: Chair Daryl F.

**Treasurer: Sully D**

As of Today all bills are paid except prior Taxes  
See attached sheet for report.

**Literature report: Tim C**

September 2007,

Sales for the month of August	
H&I sales	\$139.20
PI sales	\$22.50
Sales total w/o tax:	\$1079.70
Sales total w/tax	\$1155.28

Total RI meeting lists sold: 625  
Total N.E region meeting lists sold: 160

The literature restocking order for the month of September was \$ 589.01

**Inventory balance:** After sales in the month of August I came in to hand count the inventory. I found it to be severely out of balance. I have a low count on some critical items, and a high count on some items we may not sell many of.

**Possible Solution:** Set my inventory at specific restocking levels. Then order items as they are sold.  
{Par inventory system}

**Possible theft of literature:** Last months inventory numbers do not match the numbers I received when I took this position over. There are two possible reasons for this. The inventory numbers I received were not accurate or things are being taken and not being paid for.

**Possible Solution:** I would like to eliminate the plastics bags from the literature room. I think it would help to see the literature they are buying if that literature isn't inside a plastic bag. I would be happy to give them a bag once there literature has been tallied and paid for. More people in the room to hand out literature wouldn't hurt either and I am working on getting some volunteers together.

**Broken laptop:** the laptop I received at the start of my position is non-functional

There are also two things I would like to discuss with this body. There are several pieces of new literature available for purchase on the world website. I would like the Body's opinion on possibly ordering a stock of these items. Also I need to discuss the fixing of the unbalanced stock of inventory. I set some new restocking levels based on what we have sold over the last 6 months. In order for me to bring the inventory to the restocking levels I set I would need to purchase about fifteen hundred dollars worth of literature. I kept my order relatively small this month because I wasn't exactly sure of what I could or could not order. I attached a copy of the inventory to this report. I would like to discuss the issue today.

In loving service Timmy C.

**RCM: Open Position (Alt- Jackie, filling in)**

Nothing to report, Regional Service has not met since the last ASC meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> 2007.

**Convention Committee- Daryl F**

Convention Committee held a mtg on 9/9/07, 18 addicts were in attendance, 16 voting members, 2 non voting members. Next meeting will be held on 10/7/07 @ 6<sup>th</sup> ward Atwells Ave from 12:30pm to 2pm. Next fundraising event will be held @ Silver Lake Community Center, Plainfield Street Providence, RI it will be a speaker jam/ dance from 12pm to 12am. Asking for food donations contact Wayne G for more information 401 473-1744. Opening Balances 5,272.46, registration 610.00, totaling 5,882.40- total after payouts totaled 5,136.88.

## ***Old Business: Elections:***

**RCM:** Hal B- nominated: and elected.

**Finance:** no nominations- **OPEN POSITION**

## ***Motions:***

**Motion- 72207-01:** To change policy for all subcommittee chairs from 1 year to 2 years, except Finance.

Intent of motion- to have the ASC policy match not contradict with the Subcommittees Policy.

Example: H&I Subcommittee Policy for Chair position is to have 1 year experience as panel leader before being Chair of H&I. In order to be a panel leader one must have at least one year. So this would equal one year clean for panel leader and then serve as a panel leader for 1 year= 2 years clean.

***This motion needs to be brought back to groups again. Not enough informed GSR's present to vote.***

**Motion 042207-04:** GPASC Administrative Positions: Qualifications & Responsibilities.  
All nine proposed changes were passed.

**Motion 08192007-1:** The area stop printing it's own meeting list and sell Regional Meeting List instead.  
Intent: Stop the current inefficient, flawed and impudent printing of meeting lists and provide more accurate and a greater volume of meeting information to our area in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

***This motion was table for one month on 08/19-2007  
The following information was reported by the PI chair:***

Changes to the Regional meeting list can take up to one month and new meeting list are printed every 2 months. We are still not clear on how we would be able to order more Directory's if we were to run out between RSM's. Communication for updates for Regional Meeting Directory are via: email, website or phone. The information on ASC meeting times and places would not be included on the Regional Meeting list. The print on the Regional Meeting Directory is small and does not include the name of the group/meeting name.

If we go forward with using only the Regional Meeting Directory Free Spirit will be left on our local meeting list alone. Other areas such as Cape Code have both the Regional Directory and their own local meeting list.

***This Motion is to be brought back to groups for a vote.***

**Motion 08192007-02:** To create an ADHOC committee responsible for recruiting new members to be involved at the area level and to make suggestions to GPASC in how to retain those in service.  
Intent: Personal recovery depends on NA unity.

***This motion has been tabled indefinitely.***

## ***New Business:***

***Motion 092307-01:*** out of order

***Motions 092307-02:*** To bring literature levels up to meet policy on amount of stock to be on hand. To place a literature order to total around \$1800.00

Intent: To have a balanced inventory. To better serve the area by being able to meet literature sales.

***This motion passed.***

***Motion: 092307-04:*** To have a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual GPA Men's meeting. Held @ John Hope Settlement House on 11/03/07 from 1:00pm – 7:00 pm. Requesting \$500.00 seed money to host the event, all proceeds will be donated to area.

Intent: to show that Men in Recovery do Recover.

***This motion was tabled until for one month.***

## ***Open Forum:***

Discussing was around the need and purpose of a Convention Fundraising and Entertainment Committee.

## ***General Announcements:***

***OPEN POSITIONS: Finance Chair***

The Following meetings are in need of support:

Resurrection meets Sunday from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm at First Tabernacle 105 Dodge St Providence- corner of Dodge and Cranston St.

The Saturday night meeting OPT for Life.

The Narragansett Recover Systems that meets Monday nights at 7:30pm at St Peters By The Sea Narragansett, needs support.

Our Regional Service Body is in need of support. There are several positions open, Treasure, ALT Treasure, Finance Committee, and Activities Chair. The next Regional Meeting will be on October 13 for all Subcommittees and October 14 for the Regional Body. Please support your Region.

GPA Hosting a Speaker Jam/ Halloween Dance on 10/27/07 at John Hope Settlement House from 6:00pm- 12:00. Suggested donation \$5.00.

Smith Hill NA- Celebrating a group anniversary 18 years of experience, strength , and hope on 10/22/07 at 244 Smith Street Providence RI from 7:30pm- 10:00 pm.

Regional H&I Subcommittee as a Subcommittee "Writing Steps For Recovery". This subcommittees purpose to provide step writing for addicts behind the walls for more information contract Subcommittee Chair Hal B at [HniGuy@aol.com](mailto:HniGuy@aol.com) or WRS PO Box 1469 North Falmouth MA 02556.

	Income	Expenses	Check#
Literature Sales	476.47		
RI State Sales Tax Received	68.35		
Group Donations	437.27		
Free Spirit Area			
Church Hall Rental (2months)		50.00	1756
Verizon		68.96	1789
Answering Service (NE in Touch)		103.72	
Regional Phonenumber		71.10	
Secretary Expenses			
Secretary Returned			
Treasury Expenses		50.00	
Literary Purchase		589.01	
Meeting List Purchase			
H&I Subcommittee			
PI Subcommittee			
Activities Subcommittee			
Literature Subcommittee			
Policy Subcommittee			
RCM Expenses			
Sales Tax (Balance:)			
Other Tax Responsibilities			
Convention Committee			
Region or World Donation			
Corporation Fee			

Previous Balance	19191.52
Monthly Income	1482.09
Monthly Expenses	1003.30
Final Balance	10670.31
Area Prudent Reserve	3500.00
Activities Prudent Reserve	500.00
Area Insurance Reserve	693.80
Available Funds	5976.51

Contact Information

Administrative Body:

Position	Name	Phone Number	Subcommittee Chairs: Subcommittee	Name	Phone Number
Chair	Susan W	438-2375	Activities	Cyndi	286-4906
Vice Chair	Robert	339-7347	Convention	Daryl F	432-6291
Treasurer	Sully D		Finance		
Alternate Treasurer			Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)	John D	952-9658
Secretary	Delia F	463-8029	Literature	Tim C	497-3718
Alternate Secretary	Cathy A	256-8569	Phone line	Lewis S	473-5403
			Policy	Kim L	419-1976
Board of Directors	Kevin V.	331-2871	Public Information (PI)	Robin D	345-5776
Regional Committee	Hal B	578-4888			
Member					
Alternate RCM	Jackie L	215 4467			