

The Greater Providence Area (GPA) Service Committee of NA
October 23, 2011

The next meeting will be held on November 27, 2011

Area Meeting Times:

Administration 12:30–2:00pm
Literature Sales 1:45 to 2:45 pm**Note time change
H & I Panel Leaders 1:30-2:00 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. Alt RCM
9. BOD Report
10. Subcommittee Reports including:
Activities, Finance, H&I, Literature, Phone Line, Policy, PI, Convention, Adhoc phonenumber
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Motions (submitted at beginning of ASC meeting)
14. Open Forum

Roll Call and GSR Reports:

Groups in Attendance 18
Total Area Meetings 43
* = GSR representation

Addicts "R" Us	New Way of Life
Better Way	Opt for Life
Breakfast Club	Ray of Hope
Choose Life* open thanksgiving	Recovery and Beyond
Clean & Crazy* In need of support	Recovery in the Chapel*
Dig Deep	Recovery in the Country*Needs support
Faith in Recovery*	Recovery in the Lake
Gimme Shelter	Recovery is More than Abstinence
Hardcore Recovery* In need of support	Resurrection
Jamestown NA	Road to Recovery*-In need of support*
K.I.S.S*	Sisters in Recovery
Living Clean Spanish Speaking	Smith Hill NA
Late Nite	Start your Nite Right*
Living Free* In need of support	Starting Over*
Loveline*	Step Sisters needs support
Lie is Dead*	Stepping into Recovery
Meeting Street Meeting* open thanksgiving	Straight Today needs support*
Men on the Rise*	Stepping Out Wednesday
NA in the day in need of support	Sunday/Insanity*
Never alone again	Surrender or Die
New Associations	We do Recover*
	Why are we here* open thanksgiving

Administrative reports

Chair: Mike G no report

Vice Chair: Cindy W. **no report**

Secretary: John C. **contact info :** phone # 401-644-6381 ; **E-mail:** bigjohnciotti@yahoo.com

Alternate Secretary: open

BOD: Wanda B. no report

Treasurer : report attached

Literature: open



GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA LITERATURE

REPORT

October, 2011

Literature Sales for the month of September, 2011

HI:	\$ 86.80
Rent:	\$ 29.18
PI:	\$ 49.15
New Mtg:	\$ 14.55
Group Sales total:	\$ 1,761.00

Literature restock: \$ 1,703.02

GPANA meeting lists restock: \$ 62.10

RMD meeting lists restock: \$ 10.63

Total Costs for literature restock: \$ 1,775.75

Literature Committee Donation back to Area: \$

In other news, the soft cover Miracles Happen book including bonus audio CD has been released. It will be available to the groups starting next month for \$11.00. I have

made a list & 5 pre-orders were placed for this book today. They can be picked up at the November ASC meeting.

ILS, Ned

Hospitals & Institutions: Steven C

Meeting opened with attendance there were 5 PL's & 6 gr reps present. Reports were given. 4 commitments were not filled due to PL's being irresponsable. Both of those PL's have resigned from their positions. Corrections is going threw some changes more will be revealed how it affects H&I. Corrections H&I is asking for women to step up to fill PL's positions. John D. is the new PL at min security. H&I vice chair has resigned, that position remains open. Joe F. resigned as PL RWH Psyc. Jermiah H was elected to that position. Frank O. resigned as PL for RWH detox, Kevin B was elected to that position. Commitments were given out of the 36 commitments, 19 were taken by groups, H&I can allways use help carrying the message. No money motion this month from H&I. In Loving Service Steven C

Good morning! Below are the changes we have to adhere to as part of the new regulations for obtaining clearance to enter any of the prison facilities.

1. Any new applicants submitted will have to attend a mandatory orientation given by the DOC. This orientation is approximately 3-4 hours long. After completing the orientation they will notified when to get their picture taken to complete the clearance process. This is a onetime mandatory requirement.
2. Applicants that have already been approved have been given a pass on this but will have to attend the orientation next time they re-submit their application.

I was informed that a night time orientation is possible if we have a minimum of 7 attendees. This would require some coordination between me, the attendees and the DOC. I did inquire about the possibility of holding an orientation at an NA H&I learning day as suggested by our H&I Chair Steven and this is being looked into by our contact Lauranne Howard. I informed Lauranne that this mandatory orientation will impede our ability to provide NA members to come and share their experience, strength and hope and the meetings and it may cause the meetings to be more of a topic meeting or step study meeting. Our main objective is to ensure that a panel leader is provided so that a meeting can take place. The short term goal at this point is to coordinate a night time orientation and have at least all current panel leaders attend and any other that would be interested. We have also begun discussing starting a meeting at the Maximum facility. I already have two addicts that have expressed a

willingness to be a panel leader at this facility.

I attended that last Regional H&I subcommittee meeting and plan on attending the next one if distance and weather permits. I would like to provide some basic information to the regional chair pertaining to our area. For example the current number of commitments, upcoming events such as the next H&I learning day.

That's all for now ! *More will be revealed* – In loving service John F.

RCM:John D GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA RCM REPORT

October, 2011

Hi Family,

I was able to attend the last Regional Service Meeting in the Cape Cod Area. 10 out of 11 areas were present. As of the start of business on Oct. 9, 2011 the Western MA Area has joined the New England Region, bringing with it 28 meetings & increasing the number of areas in the NERNA from 11 to 12.

The next regional subcommittee meeting will be December 10th at 12:00 at the First meeting will be December 11th at 11:00, in the same location.

At the RSC there are open subcommittee positions for Activities chair, Public Information chair, & Finance member at large.

You can find a calendar of all regional events on www.NERNA.org

SUBCOMITTEES

Treasurer- Starting Balance \$-413.36 Prudent Reserve \$1,552.50

Finance- Reconciled 2 months worth of bank statements. Discussed Mass DOR sales & use taxes

Convention- 3 open positions- Ast. Secretary, F&E chair, Registration chair. Logo & Theme selected "Freedom to Choose"

H&I- All is well

Literature- Discussed NA World service system project, new web page on NERNA.org, review Living Clean Project, Review of NAWS position paper on Social Media

Insurance- GPANA insurance portion is \$229.25

Website- Renewed domain name of NERNA.org for 5 years at a cost of \$41.70

RD/RDA- CARR report available 11/21/2011. East Coast Recovery Convention raised enough \$ to buy 23 cases of Basic Texts (28 per case). 1 case donated to each region involved. Our case went to the NERNA H&I subcommittee.

NON MONEY MOTION TO GO BACK TO AREAS

Submitted by Central MA Area. Motion reads: "Central MA Area of NA has asked region to stop sending world any money till world convention can provide financial statements concerning loss of money from 2007 and 2009 World Conventions" Intent: "To hold NAWS accountable for reporting funds and loss of funds."

ILS,
Ned

Phone Line: Mike C

Policy: Lewis S. **no report.**

PI: John N This month there is only one thing to report that the Wednesday Woonsocket meeting has moved to a new location and is going to be starting up again on November 2nd 2011. The new location is

Holy Family Parish

414 S. Main Street

Woonsocket,RI

7:30pm-9pm

Wheel Chair accesible

I would also ask that anyone wanting to get active on the Public Information Committee please contact me. We have more that can be accomplished with YOUR help

ILS, John N

Convention Committee: Dave A

Hello everybody: We had our 32nd meeting. We have a thanksgiving fundraiser, flyers are here. Please help support our convention. Open positions are fundraising and entertainment, arts and graphics, and merchandising. We have 36 rooms reserved so far. Please if you can, Please reserve a room. Our next meeting is at the hotel Crowne Plaza Warwick November 13th at 3:00 pm Our closing balance is 3,405.39. In Loving Service Dave A

Finance: open

Activities: open

New Business:

Motion 102311-01: Passed

Maker: Mike C Seconded by John D

To supply Intouch answering service with updated meeting list.

Intent: Carry the message.

Old Business: no old business

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Convention Committee has the following position open:

Fundraising chair person, Chairperson for Arts and Graphics, and Merchandising. next meeting. our next meeting is at the hotel CROWNE PLAZA Warwick. November, 13th at 3:00pm

Road to recovery 26th Anniversary December 13th 2011, Tuesday 7:30-9pm.

Riverside Congregational Church , 347 Bullocks point ave. Riverside R.I. All are welcome !

Raffles ! Food, Fun, Fellowship. Contacts Brian C 401-252-1321, Mike C 401-588-9869

Straight Today moved to Holy Family Parish. 414 S.Main St. Woonsocket R.I. November 2nd 7:30-9pm

Elections:

Current Vacant Administrative Positions : Activities, finance, literature, Convention Committee vacant positions, Fundraising and Entertainment, Arts and Graphics , and Merchandising

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
 - Vice Chairperson Three (3) years
 - Secretary One (1) year
 - Alternate Secretary Six (6) months
 - Treasurer Three (3) years
 - Alternate Treasurer Two (2) years

RCM Three (3) years
Alternate RCM Two (2) years
BOD Five (5) years

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

Responsibilities of the LITERATURE SUBCOMMITTEE:

- A. In keeping with the Sixth Tradition of N.A., maintain an accurate inventory of literature on hand to supply all the needs of the GPA.
- B. Coordinate the sales, and inventory count and reorder, of the literature inventory.
- C. Meet prior to the GPASC meeting to sell literature to groups and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary.
- D. Review and supply input on literature submitted by the World Service Committee Literature Committee (WSCLC).
- E. Submit literature to the WSCLC from Area groups and individual addicts.
- F. Make the starter kit:
 - One (1) of each IP
 - One (1) NA Way Magazine
 - One (1) Group booklet
 - One (1) group starter kit checklist
 - Fifty (50) meeting lists
- G. Maintain and care for the laptop provided for the Literature Subcommittee Chair position.
- H. Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

Responsibilities of the FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE:

- A. Review all financial statements—past, present, and future—to help guide the Area to financial responsibility.
- B. Assist the Area Treasurer in compiling quarterly balance sheets, profit and loss statements.
- C. In keeping with the Seventh Tradition of N.A., works with the Area Treasurer to formulate an Area budget, with expenses not to exceed the income generated by the Area.
- D. Oversee all expenses and research alternatives in order to curtail unnecessary expenses.
- E. Fulfill all other responsibilities that the GPASC deems necessary.
- F. Meet one hour prior to the GPASC meeting and as often as the Finance Subcommittee deems necessary.
- G. Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

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

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.

Responsibilities of the ACTIVITIES

SUBCOMMITTEE:

A. In keeping with the 12 Traditions of N.A., provide celebrations of recovery in order to promote unity throughout the Fellowship.

B. Proceeds from all activities are placed in the general ASC treasury.

C. Provide a calendar of upcoming activity events for inclusion in the Area minutes.

D. Inform surrounding Areas and Regions of upcoming major events planned by the GPA.

E. Meet one hour prior to the ASC meeting and as often as the subcommittee deems necessary.

F. Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes