

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

The next meeting will be held on: February 25, 2024

Area Meeting Times:

- Literature Sales: 1:00 to 2:15pm
- **H&I Subcommittee: NOW MEETING FROM 2:30 to 3:30 HYBRID**
- **PR Subcommittee: NOW MEETING VIA ZOOM NEXT MEETING:**
- Activities Subcommittee: 2:30 to 3:15pm
- Convention Subcommittee: 12:30 to 2:30
- New GSR Orientation: 3:15 to 3:30pm
- Area Service Meeting: 3:30 to 5:30pm

Area Service Meeting Agenda:

- Meeting called to order / Moment of silence / Service prayer
- Reading of the Concept of the Month
- Officers reports including: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- Regional Committee Member Report
- Board of Directors Report
- Subcommittee Reports: Activities, Convention, Hospitals and Institutions, Literature, Policy, Public Relations
- Group Concerns
- Old Business
- New Business
- Motions (submitted prior to ASC meeting)
- Open Forum

Administrative bodies contact

- **Chair: Sandy (858) 353-2443**
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- **Website: OPEN**
- **Treasurer: Peter R. (401) 525-1916 treasurer@gpana.org**
- **Board of Directors: Carrie**
- **Regional Committee Member (RCM): Gail L.**
- **Activities: Lizzy (774) 274-7844**
- **Policy: Open**
- **Convention Chair: Susan W. 401-480-4835**
- **Convention Vice Chair: Cindy W.**
- **Hospitals and Institutions Chair: Mike (619) 347-9425**
- **Area Literature Chair: Arrianna literature@gpana.org**
- **Public Relations: OPEN gpanapublicrelations@gmail.com**

GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE FOR GROUPS ARE HIGHLIGHTED

GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE: 20

Back 2 Basics	New Normal
Basic Text Message	Recovery at the Beach
Better Way	Opt for Life
Breakfast Club	Recovery in the Chapel
Clean and Serene	Recovery in the Country
Cookies and Recovery	Recovery is More than Abstinence
Dedication	Regardless of Sexual Identity
Dig Deep	Serenity/Insanity
Edgewood NA	Serenity Maniacs
From Active to Action	Spiritual Solutions
Hope in the Dark	Step Sisters
Hope Not Dope	Steps to Freedom
IP Time	Start Your Night Right
KISS	One Day at a Time
Learn to Live	Steps to Freedom
Living Free	Straightforward
Loveline	Surrender or Die
Men with a Vision	The Journey Continues
NASA	The Lie is Dead
New Llife	Warehouse Meeting
New Freedom	Why are we Here?

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Chair (Sandy) No vaping in the building, we will get in trouble.

Vice Chair (Thom) We have a new GSR today so please be patient. If you have questions please feel free to ask. H&I will be putting in a motion, they are still in their meeting.

Secretary (Chelsea) If you have not received the minutes, please feel free to email me throughout the month and I will send them over.

Literature Report: (Arrianna B.):

Literature Sales Report	
EXPENSE BREAKDOWN	
AREA	\$0.00
ACTIVITIES	\$0.00
CONVENTION	\$0.00
BOD	\$0.00
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS	\$176.75
PHONELINE	\$0.00
POLICY	\$0.00
PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$0.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$0.00
INCOME BREAKDOWN	
GROUP SALES	\$1,217.72
NAWEARS	\$5.40
TOTAL SALES, EXPENSES & MEETING LISTS	
EXPENSES	\$176.75
GROUP SALES	\$1,217.72
MEETING LISTS	\$93.75
TOTAL GROUP SALES & EXPENSES	\$1,488.22
RESTOCK COSTS	
NAWS RESTOCK	\$1,581.14
NAWEARS RESTOCK	
GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK	\$120.00
TOTAL LITERATURE RESTOCK	\$1,701.14

Treasurer's Report: (Peter R.)

GPANA Treasurer's Report			
03/24/24			
Opening Balance			\$7,629.13
Plus Income:			
	Literature Sales	\$1,216.00	
	Contributions	\$522.36	
	Activities Refund	\$167.60	<u>\$1,905.96</u>
			\$9,535.09
Less: Prudent Reserve		\$1,700.00	
Set Asides:	Activities	\$250.00	
	Hospitals & Institutions	\$150.00	
	BOD Insurance	\$500.00	
	Public Relations	\$300.00	
			<u>\$2,900.00</u>
Operating Balance			\$6,635.09
Minus Expenses:			
	Printing	\$120.00	
	Zoom	\$17.11	
	Rent	\$50.00	
	Literature	\$1,581.14	
	H&I Learning Day	\$250.00	
	NERNA Fund Flow	\$4,000.00	<u>\$6,018.25</u>
Ending Balance			\$616.84
Note: \$4,300 Convention Set-Aside returned to General Fund			

RCM Report: (Gail)

no report, off month for region. I was unable to attend last meeting and did not receive the minutes.

BOD (Carrie)

Apologies for no report in February. The BOD met twice in February.

- We finalized some contracts for the convention
- Filed our annual report with the secretary of state
- All completed contracts for the convention have been uploaded to the GPACNA google drive for future reference

- We're in receipt of profit and loss statements from both the area and convention treasurers (thank you both) for tax filing purposes
- A meeting is scheduled via zoom for April 11th to complete tax filing with the IRS

We are due to perform the annual audits of area and convention books in April. We'll make arrangements going forward to complete the audits.

Activities Report (Lizzy)

The Activities Committee met 3/8 with 5 people in attendance & 3/24 with 7 people in attendance.

We have decided to postpone Coffee Hours for the temporary future due to lack of participation, but do plan on re-starting them when the weather improves & bringing them back to Roger Williams Park. More information to follow in the coming months.

Our St Patty's Day Open Mic Event was a great success, although it turned into more of a karaoke event than a traditional Open Mic. It seemed to be well received which will now most likely lead to more karaoke events in the future. Of the \$175 we received from the ASC as seed money, there was \$1.39 left over. The event raised \$166.21 in donations, raffle ticket sales, & milkshake sales, so a total of \$167.60 was given back to Area on 3/24. A broken down financial ledger was emailed to the ASC Treasurer on 3/28.

We have begun the planning of our next event which will be a "Summer Olympics". We are hoping to hold this sometime in late June, but more information will follow pending confirmation.

As mentioned previously, the GPA Activities Facebook page may be difficult to locate, so this is the HTML for anyone looking to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/553764073604401> PLEASE make sure you answer all of the entry questions in entirety or we will not be able to allow you access. This is for the safety of the anonymity of everyone within the group.

Unfortunately we have been having a large number of people that are getting denied to the facebook events page because they are not answering the entry questions in entirety, or checking off that they agree to the group rules. The requests to be added to the event group is automated by facebook pending the answers to the questions & agreeance of the group rules. The way this is set up is the page gives you 1 hour after your initial request to join the group to answer the questions/rules. If this is not completed within the hour, it will automatically deny you entry. Answering a question with any variation of the phrase "no response" will automatically be filtered as unanswered, & you will be denied entry.

This page is the best way to also contact any of our Activities Committee members if needed. If you are having difficulty gaining access to the page with all security questions answered, please contact me directly.

-Lizzy F

Convention report (Susan W.)

Convention Comm Report
Chair Susan W
V Chair Cyndi W

We met today with 8 members in attendance. We went over some final reports but are still working on completing final reports. We will have more information next month.

Treasury info from the end of February is starting balance \$20752.26 - expenses \$28181.86 + income \$19443.18 = ending balance \$29490.94.

We were overall pleased with the convention weekend. Things went well and hotel was accommodating.

There was 848 registrations sold, including 190 newcomer packets.

Merchandise started with 350 items and have 71 items left. We are discussing possibly giving remaining inventory to Area to sell if Area thinks they would be interested in it.

We are also looking into prices & information for a storage unit for remaining convention items.

The committee would like to know if the Area has any interest in using a storage unit again.

We will be meeting 2x in April to gather final report information and go over the convention committees guidelines for needed updates. Our next meeting is 4/14, 1-3 at 12 Bassett St, Providence & then at Area 4/28, 12:30-2:30.

ILS

Susan W

H&I: (Mike M)

Marissa and Stephanie from PI did an incredible job with the presentation at Fuller Hospital on 3/19. The first commitment is scheduled for 3/28. We will be scheduled to for twice a month and will add commitments ASAP.

I spoke with Johnny F (Wheels) after last months area and welcomed him to join us at the H&I meetings. He stated he would email me his report. Johnny is currently processing applications for the prisons. I also spoke with Rod the regional corrections coordinator concerning how H&I can work better with the individuals who currently now go into prisons.

An H&I learning day is scheduled for 4/20 at 1 pm and will conclude at 5pm the address is 765 Commonwealth Ave in Warwick. We will be requesting funds for this event. We are also requesting a copy of the Basic Text, Just for Today, It works How and Why, and Living Clean. Please join us for this free event, there will be food, several speakers, fun and fellowship.

The next regional meeting will take place on 4/13 at 11 am. It will be a Zoom only meeting. Attached is the flyer.

We are currently going into seven facilities. Just just voted to enter Bridgemark. Our first commitment into Fuller Hospital will take place on 3/28.

The subcommittee continues to grow. We just voted in two new members.

Thanks so much!

-Mike M

Policy (OPEN)

Public Relations Report (Open)

Melinda took the PR chair at the February ASC and I spoke with her that weekend about what PR is and what we do in this subcommittee. Melinda informed me later in the month she would be stepping down from the position so I have been filling in for the month while the body is active without a chair.

Presentation at Fuller Hospital 3/20/24 ahead of an H&I commitment to start at the facility. The presentation was received well and they seemed eager for commitments to start. Thanks to Mike and Steph for taking time in the middle of a Tuesday.

PR also spoke with on 3/12/24 Bridge Mark for the H&I committee to explore the possibility of doing commitments at the facility so I gathered information on the facility and presented at the 3/24 H&I subcommittee meeting. Also we received a request via the PR email for a new commitment at MAPs treatment facility.

The committee will participate in the H&I learning date on 4/20 by giving a PR presentation. Thank you to Annie and Chelsea.

ILS,
Marissa J.

Website Chair (OPEN): www.gpana.org/wordpress

Administrative Motions

- **Motion:** 20240324-01
Date: 3/24/24
Maker: H&I
Seconded By:

Motion: \$301.90 for H&I learning day for 4 books and pizza, water and paper goods and rent.

Intent: To provide literature and food for the H&I learning day

Count:24 Yes:24 No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSES

- **Motion:**
- **Date:**
- Maker:**
- Seconded by:**
- Motion:**

Intent:
Count: Yes: No:0 Abstain:0

- **Motion:**
- Date:**
- Maker:**
- Seconded by:**
- Motion:**
- Intent:**
- Count: Yes: No: 0 Abstain: 0**

Motions to Groups:

- **Motion: 20240128-04**
Date: 1/28/2024
Maker: Policy Subcommittee
Seconded by:
Motion: That online literature orders must be completed by 2:15 on the day of the ASC. Completed is defined as ordered, paid, and picked up.
Intent: To facilitate an accurate and timely treasurer's report at the ASC.

motion passed

- **Motion:**
- Date:**
- Maker:**

Seconded by:
Motion:

Intent:
Count: Yes: 0 No: 0 Abstain:

Group Concerns

Living Free 44 year anniversary 4/16 7:30pm

Hope not Dope 4 year anniversary 6/7 5:30pm, flyer to come.

Old Business:

OPEN POSITIONS:

- **PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR:**
- **Website Chair**
- **Alternate Secretary - Annie nominated and voted in**
- **Policy Chair**

New Business:

Steps to Freedom would like to form an adhoc to discuss a campaign in the providence area with the \$4300 held that the convention didn't use. It was determined that the \$4300 should be fundflowed as it has not been for the last year, but the adhoc should form and come up with an idea and ballpark figure for the body with the funds expected to be returned at the close of the convention.

Fund Flow suggestion: \$4,000 to region. Lizzie inquired about raising set asides while we have excess funds. There was some discussion about how set asides work and if things are tight within a subcommittee they are welcome to make a motion to expand their setaside. \$4000 fund flow suggestion accepted

Convention: Would like a storage unit, does the area have a need for one? Activities confirm the need for a storage unit. There was some discussion about who was responsible purchasing the storage unit, it was decided that Area should be responsible. Gail will look into what size and location for a unit and bring it back to the area.

765 Commonwealth ave in warwick for new area location. Earliest we can get in is 12:30, which literature can accommodate. Suggesting that we do a site visit to determine the viability for

the hosting of area. Marshall suggested 30 Jackson Road would be another option. Marshall appointed the new Ad Hoc chair.

Open Forum:

circling back to activities inadvertently advertising a members company by using their equipment to make custom clean date mugs.

It was asked if covering the logo was possible, it is not. it was clarified that the logo would not be imprinted onto the item, merely just visible on the equipment. there was some discussion on the difference between fundraising and it was assured that the activities items would be sold at cost, not for fundraising. Activities proposal reached positive consensus.

Meeting Adjourned