

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

The next meeting will be held on: **AUGUST 18th, 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: 2:00-3:00**
- 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

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- **Convention Vice Chair: Roz M**
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GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE FOR GROUPS ARE HIGHLIGHTED

GSR'S IN ATTENDANCE: 16

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)

Even though we are moving on next month, how we carry ourselves when we interact with the public is important. We are all the face of NA. We must follow the rules so we can stay on new terms with our renters. Let's start off next month strong in our new facility and let our behavior reflect our recovery.

If we use a room in a facility please return it to it's original state when finished.

Vice Chair (Thom)

I gave a new GSR orientation today

Secretary (Chelsea)

no report

Literature Report: (Arrianna B.):

Literature Sales Report	
TOTAL SALES	
TOTAL OF ALL SALES	\$1,479.40
INCOME BREAKDOWN	
Total of all meeting lists SOLD	\$0.00
Total of all NA WEARS items Sold	\$2.70
Total of all NAWS items sold	\$1,476.70
RESTOCK COSTS	
TOTAL COST OF ITEMS PROVIDED TO SERVICE/SUBCOMMITTEES	\$163.45
NAWS REORDER WITH SHIPPING (VALUE OBTAINED FROM NA.ORG)	\$2,494.96
GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK (750 MEETING LISTS)	\$0.00
NA WEARS ITEMS EXPENSE	\$123.44
TOTAL LITERATURE RESTOCK	\$2,618.40

Treasurer's Report: (Peter R.)

GPANA Treasurer's Report			
01/28/24			
Opening Bank Balance			\$6,932.63
Plus Income:			
	Literature Sales	\$1,920.82	
	Contributions	\$874.05	
	Contributions - Online	\$57.78	<u>\$2,852.65</u>
			<u>\$9,785.28</u>
Less: Prudent Reserve	\$1,700.00		
Set Asides:	Activities	\$250.00	
	Hospitals & Institutions	\$150.00	
	BOD Insurance	\$500.00	
	Public Relations	\$300.00	
	Convention XI	<u>\$4,300.00</u>	<u>\$7,200.00</u>
Operating Balance			\$2,585.28
Minus Expenses:			
	Printing	<u>\$120.00</u>	
	Zoom	<u>\$17.11</u>	
	Rent	<u>\$50.00</u>	
	Literature*	<u>\$1,836.18</u>	
	Activities	\$250.00	<u>\$2,273.29</u>
Working Balance			\$311.99
Notes: Literature made two purchases in the month.			
Activities received money for February Sock Hop Event			

RCM Report: (Gail)

Much has gone on since the last Regional RSC. There were a few emergency Regional BOD and NERCC Corp. meetings held to determine if the Convention will go on in 2025 or not.

First Email received July 18th

The New England Regional Convention Corporation (NERCC) BOD has met 4 times since the June

RSC. Most of the discussion has focused on our current contract with the Sturbridge Host Hotel.

The contract for NERC XX which is scheduled for March 2025 was signed in January of this year. The bid

process/hotel selection did not follow procedural requirements laid out in our policy/guidelines.

Upon review of the signed contract in June, it was determined the contract is not fiscally viable. This is primarily due to a non-negotiable meeting space cost of \$28,750. Members of the NERCC met in person with the Sturbridge Host Hotel, requesting the hotel provide certain concessions to allow us to

proceed with plans for the event. Despite our over 17-year history with the Sturbridge Host Hotel, they are under new management and have rejected all our attempts to re-negotiate a contract we are able to fulfill. The hotel did provide an offer that we can cancel the contract, but that requires forfeiting our \$5000 deposit which was paid earlier this year. If we do not accept this offer, the cancellation policy in the contract 6 months prior to the event will be subject to a penalty of approximately \$10,000. Review of the NERC XX budget and income generated at previous NERC conventions, suggests we would owe between \$11,000 and \$35,000 at the end of the convention. We would be unable to return the \$14,000 seed money allocated for convention and corporation.

As RCMs you are voting members of the New England Regional Convention Corporation. This is a decision which needs to include our RCMs, however it is imperative we make a decision as soon as possible to avoid further financial consequences. Due to the urgency of the matter and need for a vote, the BOD is calling an emergency corporation meeting to be held via Zoom Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 7 p.m. We will be sending a link shortly. I'm sure many of you will have similar questions, so please make a list of your questions and they will all be addressed at the meeting.

Thank you for your service and understanding with the short notice for this meeting.

Sincerely,

Brenda Vigue

NERCC BOD President

Second Email received July 25th

Hello RCMs/alternates,

In follow-up to Tuesday night's meeting and the email sent last Thursday, there are several updates and clarifications. The check from Citizens has been received (\$10,001.23) and the signatories of the BOD

and convention committee will be getting together in the near future to open a new bank account.

For

those who attended Tuesday night's meeting, you know the registration income calculations I presented

were low since they did not reflect the registration cost of \$35 set for general registration. I have recalculated the projected income which improves our chance of showing a profit at the end of the

event. I have attached a spreadsheet with the initial and the most recent calculations included.

Presenting only these 2 scenarios simplifies things and reflects where we are now with the negotiations.

The convention committee is also reviewing the budget for areas there can be additional savings. I sent out an email to the BOD and the NERC XX subcommittee members Wednesday asking if they

recommend continuing with NERC XX at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in March 2025 or if we should cancel and forfeit the \$5000 deposit. The results are: three of four BOD members recommend going

forward with NERC XX as planned for March 2025. The other BOD member did not respond. Seven

of nine convention committee members recommend moving forward. Two believe we should cancel

the convention and forfeit the \$5000 deposit. In full disclosure, 2 of the BOD members are also convention committee members.

Please respond to this email by Monday, July 29, 2024, with one of the following:

1. Move forward with NERC XX as planned for March 2025 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel.
2. Cancel the convention and forfeit the \$5000 deposit.
3. Abstain from vote.

I realize this is short notice however we need to provide an answer to the Hotel ASAP. Delaying a response and canceling at a later date would result in penalties of approximately \$10000. Please let me

know if you have any questions.

In Service,

Brenda V.

NERCC BOD President

During open forum I would like to discuss this and get a vote from this area.

Thank you Chelsea for emailing everyone the final Regional spending plan. I hope everyone got a

chance to look it over as we will also be voting on that during open forum.

I do have a copy of the last meeting minutes and I already covered the proposals in my report last

month. My alternate RCM has resigned so that position is open and I really would appreciate if someone would step up to that position. The next Regional meeting will be held via zoom on August

10th for subcommittees and August 11th for the main body. The zoom ID is 916 0314 0581 and the

passcode is, NA1953. Just a reminder that anyone is welcome to attend the RSC meetings. If you are

curious as to what happens at Region or are thinking of getting involved in Regional Service please

join us.

ILS,

Gail L.

BOD (Carrie)

No Report

Activities Report (Lizzy)

The Activities Committee met 7/28 with 6 people in attendance.

We had a very disappointing turnout for the "NA Summer Olympics" which we equated possibly to the scheduling being the same day as June ASC as well as the 102-degree weather with 90% humidity the day of. We did manage to raise \$137.35 in addition to the \$22.65 of left-over seed money, so \$160 was given back to the ASC on 7/28. We still have all of the supplies for the field day games that were ordered using the initial seed monies, so we are looking at doing a potential "do-over" sometime in early October when the weather is much cooler.

We are still in discussion about holding a "5¢ Beach Party" sometime in August or possibly early September, weather permitting. The premise of the "5¢" part would be that our "entry fee" would be at least 1 empty redeemable beverage container (i.e. cans or bottles). All containers will be placed in a collection that would then be recycled, & the proceeds would be given back to the ASC. There is no limit to how many containers you may bring, but please make sure they are empty & redeemable.

Redeemable containers would be glass, plastic, metal, aluminum, and bi-metal containers holding carbonated soft drinks or mineral waters.

Non Redeemable containers would be dairy products, natural fruit juices, non-carbonated drinks, and containers holding more than two gallons of liquid.

Our next large event that we have started discussion about is holding an NA prom. There are so many addicts in recovery that dropped out of school & never got to experience a prom as well as those who just want to get dressed up & dance! We are looking to hold this event potentially at the end of January, but official details have not yet been decided. This would likely be a ticketed event as we are looking to have a true sit-down dinner prom, but no decisions have been finalized. Should this end up being a ticketed event, we will release the information as soon as possible in order to give as many people the opportunity to participate as possible.

We have decided to postpone Coffee Hours for the temporary future due to lack of participation, but hope to bring them back in the future.

During our 7/28 committee meeting we were joined by Kevin P. from the South-Side Unity Day Picnic, to discuss their participation as an official Ad-Hoc of the Activities Committee. He explained to us that there

have been some substantial changes for the event made by the RI Parks Association. These changes include:

- No more than 150 present at a time (regular counts will be made during the event)
- No more than 90 vehicles (so please carpool if possible)
- Must have Parking Attendants
- Amplified music must not disturb other park users (so the committee has forgone a DJ this year & will instead be using a boom-box controlled by the committee)
- Must have identifiable "security" to contain the crowd (Committee members will be wearing badges during the event)
- Must have insurance (the committee has gotten with the ASC to procure this)
- An additional \$200 park fee

It is important to point out that these additional measures have been put in place due to the activity that has happened at past events for the South-Side Unity Day Picnic & the lack of respect shown to the public park & its workers. It would serve everyone well to remember that when we are at these events, we are representatives of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole & our behavior is a direct reflection. Because of past unfavorable behavior at NA events at this park, Narcotics Anonymous has now been flagged by the RI Parks & Rec, meaning it will be likely that additional regulations will be continued in the future for all NA events that take place at public parks in RI that are managed by the RI Parks & Rec Association.

Our next meeting will be held Sat. August 17 @ 10am at 42 Commonwealth Ave Bay 4 Attleboro Falls, MA 02763

-Lizzy F

Convention report (Cyndi W.)

Convention committee had a meeting today and our opening balance is 16,231.07. We did receive the check from the hotel for 860.13. We still have open positions - Alt- treasurer, Secretary, Alt- Secretary, Registration. There is required clean time for each position and they are in convention guidelines. We will be going to the bank tentatively August 17th at 9:00 am to update signage. 11 member's in attendance. There was a motion passed to purchase new laptop for treasurer. Convention committee will meet at 1:00 pm on August 25th at our new location.

In loving service

Cyndi W convention chair

Roz M convention vice chair

H&I: (Mike M)

Good afternoon,

All continues to go well with H&I the GPA. We are currently giving presentations at 8 facilities plus the prisons fulfilling over 25 commitments in July.

John F, the H&I Corrections Coordinator has submitted a report that is added below. My sincere thanks to John for doing a great service and a great job keeping the subcommittee informed on what's going on at the prisons. Your help is greatly appreciated by all of us.

We have one open service position, vice corrections coordinator. For more information on this position, please join us at the next meeting.

The subcommittee has voted to change the time of our meeting. Please see the attached flyer. We will be meeting at 1:45 to 2pm to introduce ourselves and answer questions about H&I to new prospective members of H&I. The regular meeting will follow and run from 2pm to 3:15 pm.

Faculties continue to request additional commitments on a regular basis. We continue to explain that more commitments can be added only when additional members of NA join the subcommittee.

ILS,

Mike M

Policy (OPEN)

Public Relations Report (Open)

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

ADHOC - Marissa

I have tried to contact RIPTAs bus company to find out about a bus campaign. I have hit the end of the road, there is no response. Unless anyone has any ideas?

Pride- I have a contact at RIPTA advertising. let's get together, he may have better contacts.

ADHOC - Marshall

I got the lease agreement from Lesley and gave it to Carrie. My job here is done. 😊

Administrative Motions

- **Motion:** 2024-07-28-01
Date: 7/28/24
Maker: Arrianna
Seconded By: Susan/Brian
Motion: extend literature sales to 2:30

Intent: give groups more time to pick up their orders

Count:19 **Yes:**16 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 3 **MOTION PASSES**
- **Motion:** 2024-07-28-02
• **Date:** 7/28/2024
Maker: Susan
Seconded by: Gail
Motion: For area treasurer and literature chair to go back to reporting financials with previous months information.

Intent: to better serve our groups.

Count: **Yes:** **No:**0 **Abstain:**0 **MOTION TABLED**
- **Motion:**
Date:
Maker:
Seconded by:
Motion:
Intent:
Count: 15 **Yes:** 15 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0
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Seconded by:

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Intent:

Count: 16 Yes:16 No: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION PASSES

Motions to Groups:

- **Motion: 20240623-5**

Date: 06/23/2024

Maker: Gene

Seconded by: Chelsea

Motion: To move area to the third sunday of the month rather than the 4th

Intent: to avoid ASC falling on holiday weekends, (memorial day, christmas, thanksgiving)

MOTION PASSES! discussion was had about when to start, it was voted that this will take place in August.

Group Concerns

Edgewood NA 5th anniversary July 31, 2024. 7-8:15 George Street Providence.

August 27th Recovery at the Beach 30th anniversary little white church on oakland beach warwick. Flyer on website.

Serenity Maniacs September 24th 15 year anniversary Tuesday night in Cranston.

Old Business:

OPEN POSITIONS:

- **PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR:**
- **Policy Chair**
Alternate Secretary
Alternate RCM

New Business:

Open Forum:

NERC contracting issues, working on resolution. Looking for whether the areas would like to continue on with NERC as planned with the idea that the convention will be much less profitable, or to cancel the convention at a \$5000 loss. GPANA votes to move forward with NERC.

Motion to contribute \$2,000 to region. motion passes.

Regional Spending plan was sent to the area and out to the groups for approval. plan was not approved by GPANA.

Meeting Adjourned