

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

The next meeting will be held on: September 15, 2024!

Area Meeting Times:

- Literature Sales: 1:00 to 2:30pm
- **H&I Subcommittee: NOW MEETING FROM 12:45- 2:30 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

Administrative bodies contact

- **Chair: Sandy (858) 353-2443**
- **Vice Chair: Thom Thomdovidio@gmail.com**
- **Secretary: Chelsea B. secretary@gpana.org**
- **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: Cyndi W**
- **Convention Vice Chair: Roz M**
- **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: 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)

No Report

Vice Chair (Thom)

Sent around Sign-in Sheet

Secretary (Chelsea)

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no report, not present.

Literature Report: (Arrianna B.):

Literature Sales Report	
TOTAL SALES	
TOTAL OF ALL SALES	\$1,260.12
INCOME BREAKDOWN	
Total of all meeting lists SOLD	\$0.00
Total of all NA WEARS items Sold	\$5.40
Total of all NAWS items sold	\$1,254.72
RESTOCK COSTS	
TOTAL COST OF ITEMS PROVIDED TO SERVICE/SUBCOMMITTEES	\$156.30
NAWS REORDER WITH SHIPPING (VALUE OBTAINED FROM NA.ORG)	\$1,109.76
GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK (750 MEETING LISTS)	\$127.50
NA WEARS ITEMS EXPENSE	\$0.00
TOTAL LITERATURE RESTOCK	\$1,237.26
<p>HUGE THANK YOU TO: Rick, Brett, Marshall, Thom, Sandy, and everyone who was willing to step up and help me out this month. I could NOT do this without you!!!</p>	

Treasurer's Report: (Peter R.)

GPANA Treasurer's Report			
08/28/24			
Opening Balance			\$14,233.47
Plus Income:			
	Literature Sales	\$1,260.12	
	Contributions	\$439.65	
	Activities Refund	\$83.00	<u>\$1,782.77</u>
			\$16,016.24
Less: Prudent Reserve	\$1,700.00		
* Set Asides:	Activities	\$250.00	
	Hospitals & Instit	\$200.00	
	BOD Insurance	\$500.00	
	Public Relations	\$300.00	
	Reg'l Service Re	<u>\$800.00</u>	
			<u>\$3,750.00</u>
Operating Balance			\$12,266.24
Minus Expenses:			
	Printing	\$240.00 *	
	Zoom	\$17.11	
	Rent	\$100.00	
	Literature	\$1,109.76	
	Storage	\$88.00	
	Rally 4 Recovery	\$500.00	
		\$0.00	<u>\$2,054.87</u>
Ending Balance			\$10,211.37
* Note: Printing (Meeting List) payment was for two months (July & August)			

RCM Report: (Gail)

August 18, 2024 – RCM Report to Area

There is always a lot going on with the Northeast Zonal Forum and there is a lot of good informaton on their website nezf.org.

The majority of areas in the Region voted to go forward with the Regional Conventon in Sturbridge in March of 2025.

Two areas of upcoming H&I learning days. SEMA on 9/28/2024 and Central Mass on 9/7/2024. Places and

contact informaton is listed in my writen report.

UPCOMING H&I LEARNING DAYS

The SEMA Southeastern Mass Area H&I (Hospitals and Institutions) subcommittee is having an H&I learning day on 09/28/2024 from 1pm-5pm at 1507 Pleasant St in Fall River. I have included the flyer with my report.

The Central Mass Area H&I subcommittee is holding an H&I learning day at the Spur-Of-The-Moment Campout located at Camp Marshall 92 McCormick Rd. Spencer, Ma 01562 on 09/07/2024 from 12:30pm-2pm complete with an ice cream bar and multiple speakers.

The PR subcommittee is very active and has a ton of stuff scheduled. See the PR report in the regional minutes.

The Helpline currently operates from 7am – 11pm. The committee has decided filling nights is worthwhile and

important and therefore are searching for 1 or 2 qualified individuals able to cover those hours.

Fellowship Development is still working on collecting Environment Scans (survey we did last month) from the

Areas. They are busy working on the next NESSNA, RCM Training / Regional Orientation and a strategic plan.

Open positions at region: Asst treasurer, finance chair, 2 finance members at large, website

Areas need to check the regional calendar so as not to double book events on the same day

The delegate team is working with website to have a tab on the regional website in the near future. Hear you

will find everything that they are doing in representing us at world forums.

Our Area was the only area to not approve the final spending plan and our main concern was that the same

people always go to these forums and that we do not see a direct result going back to groups. FD decided not

to attend the next WSLD and PR put forward a proposal to send 2 people. It is good to see talk and discussion

put into action.

After doing a quick poll of how many RCMs actually discussed the spending plan with their areas it was

disheartening to see that our area and only one other area had actually discussed it. The remainder of the

RCMs felt that they were trusted by their areas to decide for them. This led to a discussion about the

importance of involving the areas especially in financial matters and hopefully this will bring a positive change

in the future.

Below is the Regional Treasurer's Report VerBatim – All money motions passed and there was an additional

money motion of \$2553 to send the 2 PR representatives to WSLD which also passed.

Regional Treasurer Report August 2024

Committee met on 8/10 with 2 members in attendance: Treasurer and one finance committee member. The

assistant treasurer position is open as well as finance chair. These are important positions for the region and it

is important a candidate would have the appropriate time to train with another member.

Starting balance for the day is \$3,573.88. Final balance for the day is \$1,827.61 (operating balance minus

money motions not covered by set asides) set asides were funded as if spending plans were approved for

planning purposes. Leaving a \$1,777.61 contribution to NAWS and a \$50 operating balance to start next month

(not including prudent reserve/set asides).

Area Contributions Received:

Area Contribution Notes

SEMA 1,123.92 Online

transfer

Metro West 832.68 Check via mail

Providence 2,000.00 Check

South Shore 1,069.35 Check

South Shore 93.12 Check via mail

Western Mass 730.22 Check via mail

NEMA Convention 500 Deposit

There was a \$50 contribution received by deposit into the bank account on 7/29, waiting for someone confirm

receipt to know who it is from.

Current Money Motions

1. RD NEZF - \$695 travel and accommodation

2. AD NEZF - \$695 travel and accommodation

3. NEZF contribution - \$400

4. PR - \$1,000 for NEARCP registration

5. Treasury- \$1,746.27 move to prudent reserve buffer for convention

Other Treasury and Finance items

1. We filed the taxes for FY 2023

2. We set the new prudent reserve in accordance with the finance policy, the new prudent reserve is \$4,425

3. Finally the finance committee discussed the financial uncertainty of the upcoming convention.

Although current projections show the convention turning a modest profit the committee is suggesting

setng aside funds at the regional level incase of any shortalls due to the increased contract pricing.

There is already a prudent reserve bufer from a projected shortfall in FY 23, my suggeston is to repurpose that set aside for the conventon and add \$1,746.27 for a total set aside of \$5,000.

ILS,

Marissa, Regional Treasurer

The next Regional Service Commitee meetng is scheduled for Oct. 12th & 13th in person in Lynn, Mass and is

will be hosted by the North East Mass Area.

As always thank you for allowing me to serve.

ILS,

Gail

BOD (Carrie)

No Report

Activities Report (Lizzy)

The Activities Committee met 8/18 with 5 people in attendance.

During our committee meeting we met with Kevin P. from the South-Side Unity Day Picnic. There was clarification & an apology made by the Parks Service to the Picnic committee surrounding the previously mentioned bad behavior. It turns out that every year there is an event put on by an unrelated organization the day before the South-Side Unity Day Picnic with a similar name & we had taken the brunt for their unruly behavior in error. The park did not reimburse any of the additional fees imposed on the committee for the behavioral mark & this was not recognized until after the committee had to purchase an additional 9 parking sites the morning of the event for \$5 each (\$45.00 total). We are unsure how this will affect NA as a whole going forward with the RI Parks Service, but we are hopeful to not run into these issues in the future, now that it has been recognized that we are not related to the other event. The SSUDP at the end of the event had a surplus of \$83.00 which was returned to the ASC on 8/18. This was after settling all receipts & filling their prudent reserve of \$700.00 (\$450.00 to start T-Shirts, \$255.00 for site rentals). There was an issue raised during the ASC meeting on 8/18 if the committee will be allowed to continue to hold their own prudent reserve now that they are an official ad hoc committee of the Activities Committee,

whose set aside is also held by the Area Treasurer. This will need to be followed up on during the September ASC when there are more committee members of the SSUDP present.

We are continuing to plan a re-do field day event sometime in early October, with a potential date of October 5th, but more information is to follow as final decisions are made.

We are also continuing the planning for an NA Prom to be held sometime in January. This will end up being a ticketed event, we are hoping to keep costs around \$50 a ticket or lower, but exact numbers will follow as more research is done on exactly what financial measures will be needed. We are also looking into a way for people to purchase tickets online once they are ready to be sold to hopefully make this event accessible to as many people as wish to attend, with a certain number of tickets set aside to be gifted to newcomers.

We have spoken with the Convention Fundraising Committee regarding their upcoming events to make sure we are in communication so as to not overlap events. With this being said, it appears that they will not be holding their usual NYE party, so the Activities Committee is looking into holding one in its absence.

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, September 15th @ 2pm at 225 Main St. Pawtucket, RI (Area Service Subcommittee time).

-Lizzy F.
Activities Chair

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 Evening,

All is well with H&I in GPANA.

H&I will be meeting from 2-3:15 with an introduction to H&I aimed to answer questions and give a brief overview of H&I will begin at 1:45.

Steph, the H&I policy chair, has been helping out tremendously and her help has been incredibly appreciated. She put together an excel spreadsheet with the panel leader's phone number, name, time, and day of all commitments in an effort to attract additional support for H&I. Also, a pamphlet for members interested in joining H&I, filled with useful information is in the works.

There is an open service position, Vice Corrections Coordinator.

There is an open commitment the first Monday of the month at CSU on the Butler Campus from 7-8pm.

Faculties continue to reach out requesting additional commitments and new facilities continue to reach out hoping for NA commitments. We need additional panel leaders in order to do this. If you're looking for great service work please call Jenn V or myself or join us at the next meeting.

Last month 22/23 commitments were filled with one being canceled due to COVID. We are currently in 8 facilities plus the prisons.

Attached is John F's report from the prisons.

ILS,

Mike M

CORRECTIONS:

Greetings

We added 2 more men to our small speaker pool of 9, bringing us to 11 members who are currently cleared to go into DOC. This continues to be a challenge because of the mandatory process for a member to be cleared.

I have not made any progress with getting NA back at the women's facility. Meeting with the DOC to discuss anything is also a challenge.

We recently received an email from the program director of the Wyatt Center in Central Falls. This is a Federal facility. We were going into that facility about 15 years ago. She expressed interest in having us put on a meeting. She let me know that AA is currently hosting a meeting there. I had a phone call with her and I explained that I would bring her request to our monthly sub-committee meeting. We talked about the clearance process to enter that facility because it is different from the process for the State DOC. The main difference is that the orientation is a one-day event whereas the DOC is a two-day event. She will get back to me with possible days and times when we could have a commitment.

On this subject, I have an idea I would like to run by you all. I think we should encourage them to take advantage of NA using Zoom as an option for members wanting to attend an NA meeting.

We could share with them that they have two options for addicts at their facilities.

They would have to manage this with their staff and I'm sure they have the equipment that is needed.

- We could offer a commitment via Zoom. Because we would not need to be cleared for

this, we would have a much larger pool of speakers and the Zoom meeting would be managed by an H&I member just like a panel leader. The speakers would only be the NA members who were scheduled to share by the panel leader that night.

- They could attend any NA meeting that currently is available via Zoom. They could simply keep their camera off to maintain anonymity.

I Finally got a contact for the libraries at the DOC and will be contacting them so that I can give them the NA basic text we received in the last 2 months.

In loving Service - John F. (wheels)

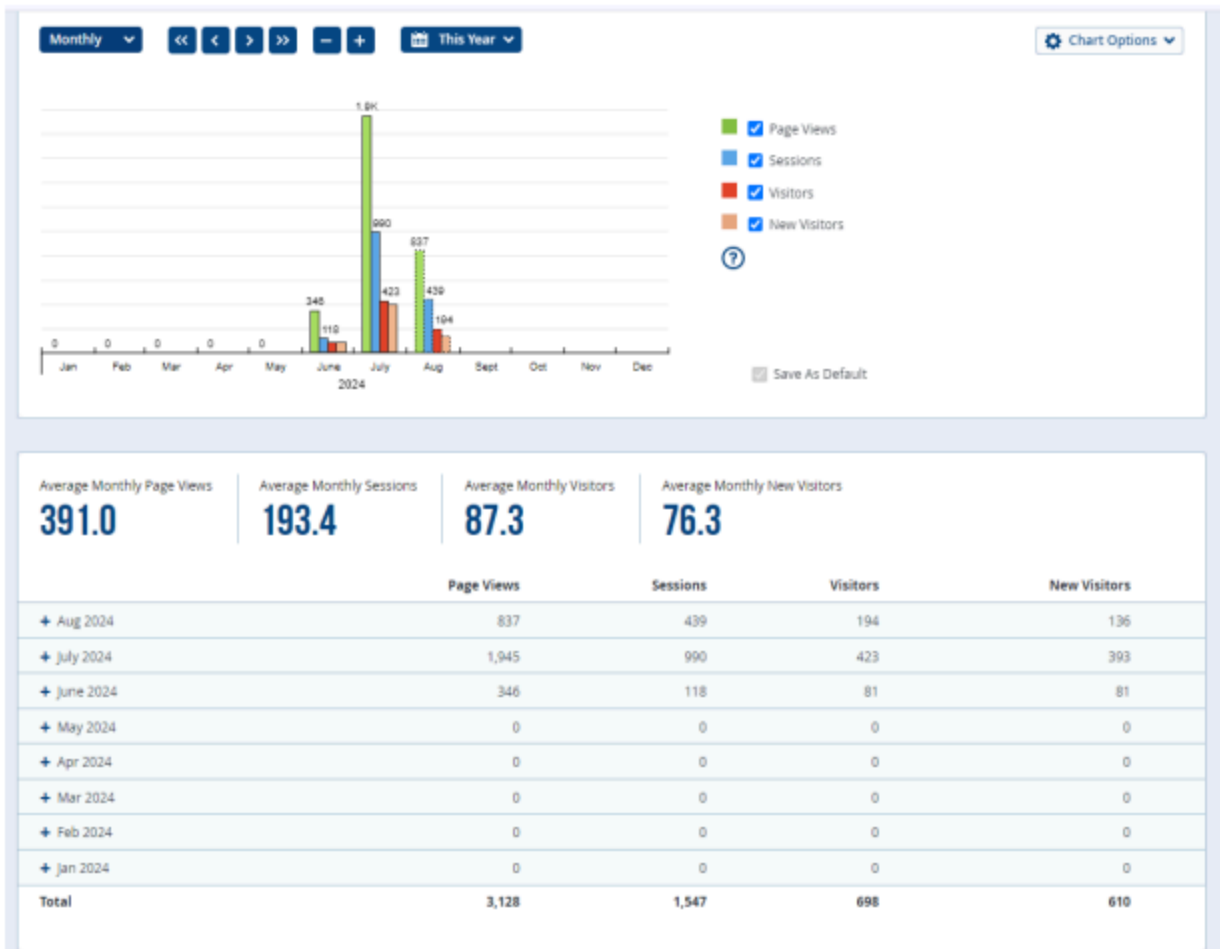
Policy (OPEN)

Public Relations Report (Open)

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

Greetings

Here are some numbers in case you were wondering



I was thinking of adding a new page to the site. Titled “Service Opportunities” or “Service Corner”

On this page, I would like to display information on all the service opportunities currently available at the Area level.

We could constantly list open positions available at the Area level and on the convention committee.

We could also display sub-committee flyers that would be provided by each sub-committee

ADHOC - Marissa

The Ad-hoc committee finally spoke with Bernie at RIPTA advertising.

There are 2 decisions needed from this committee: 1. If we want to pay the price needed for advertising

and 2. If we want the ads targeted towards the general public or the ridership (or both).

Overall the ads will cost \$2,800 - \$6,500 depending on the package. All of the packages are calculated

with 4 week run time, outside ads are based on a 12-bus price the ridership ads are based on a minimum of 100 bus ads.

General public outside advertising:

1. Side of the bus - \$5,000 run fee with \$1,500 production fee
2. Super Tail- \$2,000 run fee with \$2,400 production fee

Ridership advertising:

1. Inside traditional interior ads (above seating) – minimum 100, maximum of 230. \$2,000 run fee with \$1,000 production (increases with number purchased)
2. Digital Screen advertising \$2,800 run free, minimal set up would run on all 230 buses

These were all preliminary numbers just to get an idea of what we might be interested in. Any contract

for ads will be sent to the BOD prior to signing. We look forward to feedback from this body and getting

a campaign up and running!

ILS,

Marissa Johnson

Administrative Motions

- **Motion:** 20240824-1
Date: 08/24/24
Maker: Marissa

Seconded By: Thom

Motion: to write a check to the Rally 4 Recovery for our \$500 table

Intent: to pay for the table we signed up for.

Count: Yes:15 No: 0 Abstain: MOTION PASSES

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

Intent:

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Motion:

Intent:

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

Motions to Groups:

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

Intent:

Group Concerns

Keep it Simple Saturday needs support. 1-3 St. Pat's Church room 104 Providence Saturdays

Old Business:

OPEN POSITIONS:

- **PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR:**
- **Policy Chair**
Alternate Secretary - Edison volunteered and voted in
Alternate RCM

New Business:

Open Forum:

Please remind groups of the specialty keytags from the literature committee. Committee also has convention merch available for purchase.

Meeting Adjourned