

## THE GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA (GPA) SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETING MINUTES

### **KEY TAKEAWAYS, ACTION ITEMS, MOTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ● AREA ELECTIONS ARE AT THE NEXT AREA MEETING ON 10/19

- [Click here to register for the convention](#)
- [Click here to book a room at the Omni for the convention](#)
- Convention Fundraiser 10/31 from 6PM to 11PM at 225 Main Street in Pawtucket. \$10 suggested donation.
- [Motions are here](#)
- Please complete this short survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JDBYMWK>
- If you need literature that is NOT in English, please let Arrianna know. She can order it.
- The "Capture the Flag" is still in play (pun intended) & we encourage others to join the GPANA Activities Facebook group so they can track its location & join in on the fun. We also remind everyone that anyone requesting access to the group MUST answer the security questions & agree to the group rules so we can protect the anonymity of everyone in the group as well as the image of GPA & NA as a whole. The URL for the facebook group can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1BfV1Jc2cQ/>

## MEETING TIMES

- Literature Sales: 1:00 - 2:30
- Convention Subcommittee: 1:00 - 2:30
- H&I Subcommittee [HYBRID]: 1:45 - 3:15
- PR Subcommittee: 2:00 - 3:00
- Activities Subcommittee: 2:30 - 3:15
- New GSR Orientation: 3:15 - 3:30
- Area Service Meeting: 3:30 - 5:30

## 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

## CONTACTS

- **Chair: Thom O. [Thomdovidio@gmail.com](mailto:Thomdovidio@gmail.com)**
- **Vice Chair: Marshall H. - 401-470-0739**
- **Secretary: Robert R. - 401-316-4206; [secretary@gpana.org](mailto:secretary@gpana.org)**
- **Alternate Secretary: OPEN**

- **Website: Johnny Wheels 401-714-9765**
- **Treasurer: Brian F. 401-225-2452; [treasurer@gpana.org](mailto:treasurer@gpana.org)**
- **Alternate Treasurer: Rick D.**
- **Board of Directors: Robin B.**
- **Regional Committee Member (RCM): OPEN**
- **Alternate Regional Committee Member (RCM): OPEN**
- **Activities: Lizzy F. 774-274-7844**
- **Policy: Gene F. 401-358-8313**
- **Convention Chair: Cyndi W.**
- **Convention Vice Chair: Candida F.**
- **Hospitals and Institutions Chair: Jenn V.**
- **Area Literature Chair: Arrianna B. [literature@gpana.org](mailto:literature@gpana.org)**
- **Public Relations: Pride I. [gpanapublicrelations@gmail.com](mailto:gpanapublicrelations@gmail.com)**

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

18 Voting Members, including 16 GSRs in Attendance [Highlighted]

<b>MEETING GSR</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>
Back 2 Basics GSR	
Basic Text Message GSR	

Better Way GSR	
Breakfast Club GSR	Brian F.
Clean And Serene GSR	
Cookies And Recovery GSR	
Dedication GSR	Taylor H.
Dig Deep GSR	
Edgewood NA GSR	
From Active To Action GSR	
Hope In The Dark GSR	Jenn V.
Hope Not Dope GSR	
IP Time GSR	Jared C.
J.J.D. GSR	
Journey of Hope GSR	Rene G.
Keep it Simple Saturday GSR	Linda R.
Learn to Live GSR	
Living Free GSR	Rick D.
Loveline GSR	Joey M.
Men With A Vision GSR	
Meeting In The Bucket GSR	
NA In The Bucket GSR	
NA In The Day GSR	
NASA GSR	
New Freedom GSR	
New Llife GSR	
New Normal GSR	Linda R.
One Day At A Time GSR	
Opt For Life GSR	
Recovery And Beyond GSR	
Recovery In The Beach GSR	

Recovery In The Chapel GSR	
Recovery In The Country GSR	
Recovery Is More Than Abstinence GSR	
Regardless Of Sexual Identity GSR	
Room To Grow GSR	
Sunday Serenity Insanity Group GSR	
Serenity Maniacs GSR	Marshall H.
Serenity Seekers GSR	John M.
SPA Day GSR	
Spiritual Solutions GSR	
Start Your Night Right GSR	
Step Sisters GSR	
Steps To Freedom GSR	Lindsay S.
Straight Forward GSR	Ron R.
Surrender Or Die GSR	
The 3rd Tradition Meeting GSR	
The Journey Continues GSR	Arrianna B.
The Journey Of Hope GSR	
The Lie Is Dead GSR	Gene F.
The New Normal Group GSR	
The Offshore Meeting GSR	
Warehouse Meeting GSR	
Why Are We Here? GSR	Michele R.
<b>OTHER ROLE</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>
Chair	Thom D.
Vice Chair	Marshall H.
Secretary	Robert R.
Alternate Secretary	
Literature	Arrianna B.

Treasurer	Brian F.
Alternate Treasurer	Rick D.
Convention	Cyndi W.
RCM	
Alternate RCM	
BOD	Robin B.
Activities	
H&I	Jenn V.
Policy	
PR	
Website	

## REPORTS

### Chair (Thom O.)

Worked with convention and treasurer this month. Coordinating with the Vice Chair to put on a regional event on 10/11-10/12.

### Vice Chair (Marshall H.)

Worked with H&I and PR to put together the Learning Day on 9/27.  
Coordinating with the Chair to put on a regional event on 10/11-10/12.

Ad Hoc committee on hold until regional event is done

**Secretary (Robert R. )**

Colzie C. resigned as Alternate Secretary.

**Literature (Arrianna B.)**

<b>Literature Sales Report</b>	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	
TOTAL OF ALL SALES	<b>\$1,597.37</b>
<b>INCOME BREAKDOWN</b>	
Total of all meeting lists SOLD	<b>\$1.50</b>
Total of all NA WEARS items Sold	<b>\$0.00</b>
Total of all NAWS items sold	<b>\$1,595.87</b>
<b>RESTOCK COSTS</b>	
TOTAL COST OF ITEMS PROVIDED TO SERVICE/SUBCOMMITTEES	<b>\$392.31</b>
NAWS REORDER WITH SHIPPING (VALUE OBTAINED FROM <a href="http://NA.ORG">NA.ORG</a> )	<b>\$1,584.45</b>
GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK (750 MEETING LISTS)	<b>\$195.00</b>
NA WEARS ITEMS EXPENSE	
TOTAL LITERATURE RESTOCK	<b>\$1,779.45</b>

**Treasurer (Brian F.)**

**GPANA Treasurer's Report**

09/21/25

Opening Balance

\$3,450.52



Storage	\$176.00	
Regional Hosting		
Rental	\$200.00	
Area		
Refreshments	\$50.00	
NA Bus.		
Cards/Rally4Rec	\$105.69	
		<u>\$2,421.65</u>
Ending Balance		\$321.85

### **Convention (Cyndi W.)**

Convention balance -12,170.64

Convention Committee has handed out Registrations to GSR's as well as flyers for our next fundraiser which will be October 31st. We sold merchandise at our last event and will be selling merchandise at our October Event. Next meeting we will be discussing vendors. I know there has been some confusion around this but our Merchandise Chair is on top of reaching out for contracts. Corey S was voted in as Fundraising and Entertainment vice chair. Convention committee has voted on entertainment for our convention and were sending contracts to BOD to look over. 127 registrations to date have been sold and 56 room nights have been booked.

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Cyndi W.

## **RCM (OPEN)**

- Please complete this short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JDBYMWK>

## **BOD (Robin B.)**

No meeting since last time  
Reviewing convention contracts

## **Activities (Lizzy F.)**

No Report

## **H&I (Jenn V.)**

The GPA H&I subcommittee met on 9/21/25 from 2:00pm to 3:15pm. We had 13 members in attendance in person and 2 members on zoom. We covered all commitments this past month. We are currently doing 27 commitments a month in 10 facilities plus Corrections.

We do have an open commitment the 3rd Thursday of every month at Fuller Hospital. Please share with your groups. We will be reassigning all Facility coordinator positions and panel leader positions in November. Please keep this in mind.

If you are interested in coming on a commitment or your group coming on a commitment, our commitment schedule with contact information is attached. Please reach out to us.

I would like to thank this subcommittee and everyone who attended our 2025 Learning Day on 9/27/25. It was a great event with amazing speakers and it was very successful.

We plan on partnering with PR to continue to get into more facilities in the coming months and we can always use more support and panel leaders. If you are interested our next subcommittee meeting will be 10/19/25 at 2:00pm.

Thank you,

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Jenn V.

### **Policy (Gene F.)**

No Report

### **Public Relations (Pride I.)**

1) Rally4Recovery - all volunteers showed. Great participation. Expenses totaled \$65.70

2) Received regional report and updated PR email. No inquiries to this point

3) Have three volunteers for RI Regional phone/helpline. Four calls were received in the last month

4) Expenses for 1,000 more business cards will total \$39.99

5) Preparing for presentation @ H&I/PR Learning Day 9/27/25

6) Preparing for Poster Day in November

7) Got 30 each of updated PR IP Pamphlet

### **Website (Johnny Wheels)**

No Report

## **MOTIONS**

### **Administrative Motions**

#### **MOTION PASSES**

**Motion Number:** 9.21.25-1      **Date:** 9/21/25

**Submitted By:** Marshall H.      **Seconded By:** Michele R.

**Motion:** To request \$200 for rent for the facility hosting regional service on 10/11 and 10/12. To be reimbursed by region at a later date.

**Intent:** To be able to host regional service at 460 Pint Street Providence, RI on 10/11 from 11AM-3PM and on 10/12 from 11AM-5PM

**Eligible Voters: 18    Yes: 16    No: 2    Abstain: 0**

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#### **MOTION PASSES**

**Motion Number:** 9.21.25-2      **Date:** 9/21/25

**Submitted By:** Pride I.      **Seconded By:** N/A

**Motion:** To request \$39.99 for another 1,000 NA Regional Helpline business cards

**Intent:** To further carry the message to those seeking recovery in NA and/or provide access to helpline phone number regional meeting list.

**Eligible Voters: 18    Yes: 18    No: 0    Abstain: 0**

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## MOTION PASSES

**Motion Number:** 9.21.25-3      **Date:** 9/21/25

**Submitted By:** Gene F.      **Seconded By:** Taylor H.

**Motion:** Add to the Vice Chair position the responsibilities of providing snacks at the Area meeting reimbursable up to \$50 each month.

**Intent:** Provide refreshments for people attending the ASC meeting.

**Eligible Voters: 18    Yes: 18    No: 0    Abstain: 0**

## Group Motions

None

## Group Concerns

Living Free (Tuesday nights) could use support

3rd Tradition meeting (Wednesday nights) could use support

Men With A Vision (Wednesday nights; Men) could use support

## Old Business

Hybrid Area meeting approved to move forward for a trial period

- Vote was 12 Yes 1 No and 2 Abstain
- Erica volunteered to use the Secretary laptop and oversee Zoom during the trial period
- TBD still is future equipment needs *if* a laptop and Zoom is insufficient

- TBD still if there is a need for a separate *elected* position to supervise Zoom and be the coordinator for hybrid.

### **New Business**

NE Regional Meeting to be held at 460 Pine Street Providence 10/11 from 11AM-3PM and October 12 from 11AM-5PM. All are welcome. If interested in helping out and/or bringing food, please reach out to Thom and Marshall.

### **Open Forum**