

THE GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA (GPA) SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS

ANONYMOUS MARCH 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Area Meeting Opened 15:30

Opened with Service Prayer & Concept of the Month

KEY TAKEAWAYS, ACTION ITEMS, MOTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcement: In May the area will vote on the next GPACNA Convention chairperson, vice chairperson, treasurer and alternate treasurer.

MOTIONS BACK TO GROUPS (2)

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OPEN POSITIONS:

Website - Open

Alt. Treasurer - Open

Alt. Secretary - Open

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: Marshall H. - 401-470-0739**
- **Vice Chair:**
- **Secretary: Robin B. ; secretary@gpana.org**
- **Alternate Secretary: OPEN**
- **Website: (Acting) Johnny Wheels 401-714-9765**
- **Treasurer: Brian F. 401-225-2452; treasurer@gpana.org**
- **Alternate Treasurer: OPEN**
- **Board of Directors: Robin B. ; bod@gpana.org**
- **Open Position BOD - General Member (1)**
- **Regional Committee Member (RCM):**
- **Alternate Regional Committee Member (RCM): Gene F.**
- **Activities: Rene G.**
- **Policy: Carrie B.**
- **Convention Chair: Cyndi W.**
- **Convention Vice Chair: Candida F.**
- **Hospitals and Institutions Chair: Jenn V.**
- **Area Literature Chair: Rick D. literature@gpana.org**
- **Public Relations: OPEN gpanapublicrelations@gmail.com**

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Voting Members, 28 including 19 GSRs in Attendance [Highlighted]

MEETING GSR	CONTACT PERSON (First Name, Last Initial)
Back 2 Basics GSR	
Basic Text Message GSR	
Better Way GSR	
Breakfast Club GSR	Brian F.
Clean And Serene GSR	
Cookies And Recovery GSR	Erica E.
Dedication GSR	Taylor H.
Dig Deep GSR	
Edgewood NA GSR	
From Active To Action GSR	Lizzy D
Hope In The Dark GSR	
Hope Not Dope GSR	Maxine
IP Time GSR	Jared G.
J.J.D. GSR	
Journey of Hope GSR	Rene G.
Keep it Simple Saturday GSR	
Learn to Live GSR	
Living Free GSR	Angel
Loveline GSR	Debbie L.
Men With A Vision GSR	Jim L
Meeting In The Bucket GSR	
NA In The Bucket GSR	
NA In The Day GSR	Peter
NASA GSR	Chris W.
New Freedom GSR	Melinda A.
New Life GSR	

New Normal GSR	
One Day At A Time GSR	
Opt For Life GSR	
Out to Lunch Bunch GSR	
Recovery And Beyond GSR	
Recovery In The Beach GSR	
Recovery In The Chapel GSR	Johnny F
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	Ross
Serenity Maniacs GSR	
Serenity Seekers GSR	
SPA Day GSR	
Spiritual Solutions GSR	
Start Your Night Right GSR	
Step Sisters GSR	
Steps To Freedom GSR	Rachel C
Straight Forward GSR	
Surrender Or Die GSR	
The 3rd Tradition Meeting GSR	Stacy K.
The Journey Continues GSR	
The Journey Of Hope GSR	
The Lie Is Dead GSR	
The New Normal Group GSR	
The Offshore Meeting GSR	
Warehouse Meeting GSR	Melanie M.
Why Are We Here? GSR	Crystal P.
AREA ROLE	CONTACT PERSON (First Name, Last Initial)
Chair	Marshall H
Vice Chair	Steve L

Secretary	Robin F
Alternate Secretary	
Literature	Rick D
Treasurer	Brian F.
Alternate Treasurer	
Convention	Cyndi W.
RCM	Thom D
Alternate RCM	Gene F
BOD	Lizzy D
Activities	Rene G
H&I	Jenn V.
Policy	Carrie B.
PR	Pride I.
Website	

REPORTS

Chair (Marshall H.)

Vice Chair (Open.)

Secretary (Robin B.)

Literature (Rick D.)

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GPANA Treasurer's Report

03/15/26

Opening Balance		\$3,023.15
Plus Income:		
	Literature Sales	\$1,422.16
	Contributions	\$407.32
	Contributions - On Line	\$190.14
	Total Income	<u>\$2,019.62</u>
		\$5,042.77

Less: Prudent Reserve	\$1,700.00	
Set Asides:		
	Activities	\$250.00
	Hospitals & Institutions	\$350.00
	BOD Insurance	\$500.00
	Public Relations	\$300.00
	Total Prudent Reserve and Set Asides	<u>\$3,100.00</u>

Operating Balance		\$1,942.77
Minus Expenses:		
	Printing (Meeting List)	\$165.00
	Zoom	\$18.18
	Rent	\$100.00
	Literature	\$1,562.63
	Snacks	\$42.48
	Storage	\$193.00
	Bluehost (Hosting)	\$5.99
		<u>\$2,087.28</u>

Ending Balance -\$144.51

Increase opening balance from last month's closing balance by \$7.00 due to anonymous contribution

Convention (Cyndi W.) Good afternoon,

The convention committee has been meeting and discussing policy and changes that we would like to adjust within the convention policy. We will be bringing the merchandise next month as it has been inventoried and currently in storage. Also we will be doing another inventory of everything the convention has in the storage. Prices also have been reduced for merchandise. We are also beginning negotiations with the OMNI Hotel for the next convention in 2028. There is only one weekend available in 2028 in February. Also we are still finalizing our books and we will have everything finalized by the 90 days out from the convention. Also if the area could announce in the minutes going forward that we will be voting in May for our executive body which is Convention chair, Vice chair, and Treasurer and alternate treasurer.

In loving service

CYNDI W

RCM

BOD (Lizzy D.)

Activities (Rene G.)

H&I (Jenn V.) Active Committee Contact Sheet Attached PDF

H&I March Subcommittee Meeting
3/15/26 2:00pm - 3:15pm

The GPA H&I subcommittee (hybrid meeting) met on 3/15/26 from 2p-3:15p with about 20 addicts in attendance and 1 on zoom. We are currently in 10 facilities with 27 commitments.

We welcomed back one panel leader and voted in 2 new panel leaders as well.

The **Policy Chair** position is still an open position so please share this with your groups if anyone is interested. Carrie helped us revise our policy (thank you!) over the last month and we plan on meeting at 130pm next meeting to review any changes.

We currently have 2 open commitments the **2nd and 3rd Thursday at Fuller Hospital at 7pm.**

We are still working on getting into the women's corrections so please submit applications if you are interested in speaking behind the walls. We are currently in intake, minimum and medium in the men's prison. Any questions or concerns about corrections please reach out to Tommy the Corrections Coordinator.

We talked about getting into more facilities and Pride (PR) was starting that process and had a couple inquiries from different facilities. A couple facilities would love to have more commitments from us and at this time we don't have the amount of panel leaders needed so we are trying to build this subcommittee

and continue getting more panel leaders. Please if you are interested in getting involved in H&I please come to our next meeting. If your group is interested in coming on a commitment please refer to the commitment list attached and reach out.

The next H&I subcommittee meeting will be **4/19/26** meeting at 1:30pm-3:15pm. We will be focusing on reviewing Policy. We would love to see you there!

Thank you

ILS,

Jenn V.

Policy (Carrie B.) Policy report 15 March 2026

Created a slack channel for Policy on GPANA Slack.

I am re-submitting the motion from January regarding the IT Committee as it was not included in the minutes. Please note that this is just to create the IT Committee (website) in policy as we have a committee, but no position is reflected in policy. The zoom overseer is another position altogether.

Policy met on 13 March with 5 in attendance. We had a thoughtful discussion about recent concerns with the motion process. We are submitting a motion regarding administrative vs non- administrative (back to groups) motions.

We have most of the subcommittee policies. Intent is to create a shared space (google drive maybe) where these policies and "How to" Guides can be maintained and accessed.

- Activities, Policy and zoom overseer work from ASC Policy no separate document required
- PR and maybe IT need guidelines
- H and I policy is currently under revision and as they do not have a policy person on H and I this committee has volunteered to help with finalizing their policy.
- Treasurer and Literature have How to documents which need updating

ILS,

Carrie B

Public Relations (Pride I.)

Website (Acting) (Johnny Wheels)

Ad Hoc Improving Area

Quick recap

The group discussed plans for an upcoming presentation on April 19th, including food arrangements and logistics for the potluck event. They agreed to create a food sign-up list and assigned members to bring main dishes, while also planning the setup of tables and seating for the 90-minute presentation. The conversation ended with discussions about scheduling a future service slam and addressing Wi-Fi connectivity issues for hybrid meetings, with plans to meet again in late March to finalize preparations.

Next steps

- Create and bring a sign-up sheet/list to the March area meeting for people to indicate what food/dishes they will bring for the April 19th event
- A member will bring plates, napkins, utensils, cups, and drinks (including soda and water) for the April 19th event
- A member will bring enchiladas (and possibly dessert) for the April 19th event
- A member will bring pulled pork for the April 19th event
- A member will purchase and bring disposable tablecloths for both food and seating tables for the April 19th event
- A member will coordinate with literature chair about when he will be at the venue to coordinate transport of tables from the storage unit for the April 19th event
- A member has offered assistance for transporting tables from storage to the venue on a Saturday night before the event
- A member will check with home group members to see if chafing dishes, sternos, or similar food-warming equipment are available for the April 19th event
- A member will ask in March Area meeting if anyone has food-warming equipment (sternos, chafing dishes) to bring
- All: Meet again after the March area meeting (tentatively March 28th) to coordinate logistics and confirm food/tables/equipment
- At the next area, inform everyone that per contract the group is responsible for providing Wi-Fi and encourage research into options
- All: Research and suggest possible Wi-Fi/internet options for area meetings (including non-profit discounts), to be discussed at next meeting

The Adhoc committee will meet again March 28th

Contact Taylor H for more information 4013695844

MOTIONS

MoneyMotions

2026-03-15-1

Submitted by Rene G. Seconded by Stacy K

Amount: \$250.00

Motion: Monies for April 24,2026 6-11pm Spring Fling Speaker Jam and Dance
DJ, Rental space
MOTION FAILED

Administrative Motions

N/A

Group Motions

2026-03-15-2

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- Flyer for event celebrating individual members questioned. To be revised.
- Treasury below prudent reserve, lots of discussion. Bills paid. Snowstorms may have impacted contributions. Could use some revision/clarity around customary expenses and set asides. BOD is the finance committee. Treasurer to follow up.

Area Committee Meeting Closed 18:00