

Hi

THE GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA (GPA) SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS

ANONYMOUS May 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Next meeting June 28 – Date change due to Father's day

Area Meeting Opened 15:30

Opened with Service Prayer & Concept of the Month

KEY TAKEAWAYS, ACTION ITEMS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Lie is Dead 25th anniversary. June 26th 7-8:30 500 Greenville Ave Johnston
- Hope Not Dope 6 year anniversary. June 5th 6-9pm 68 Falmouth st Attleboro
- Hope in the Dark (women only) 5 year anniversary. June 18 7-9pm Anchor recovery 310 Reservoir Ave Providence, RI
- Each One Teach One 3 year anniversary. July 21 7:30-8:45pm 1990 Elmwood Ave Cranston
- H&I is having a policy meeting (also in need of an H&I policy chair) on June 1 at 5:30pm on the area [zoom \(password 0000\)](#)
- Ad-Hoc committee on Area Improvements is meeting June 13th at 6pm at Roger Williams Park in the picnic area on [Pine Hill Ave](#)
- Open Positions at area are Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, Alternate RCM, Website, Convention Treasurer and 2 BOD members. Requirements and Qualifications can be found in the area policy on [GPANA.org on the Area Service page](#) or download here... [Current GPA Policy](#)

GROUPS NEEDING SUPPORT/ACTIVE MEMBERS

- Men With a Vision. Wednesday 7-8:30pm. 15 Valley Street Providence. Having trouble filling service positions
- Step Sisters. Monday 7-8:30pm. Amos House, 460 Pine Street Providence. Needs support
- Serenity Maniacs. Tuesday 7-8pm. Woodridge United Church, Congregational building 1st floor above Day Care Center - 30 Jackson Road, Cranston. Needs support

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

AREA CONTACTS

Those who were present are highlighted

- **Chairperson:** Marshall H. 401-470-0739 chair@gpana.org
- **Vice Chairperson:** Steve L
- Secretary: OPEN secretary@gpana.org
- Alternate Secretary: OPEN
- Website: OPEN Johnny Wheels filling in. 401-714-9765 web@gpana.org
- **Treasurer:** Brian F. 401-225-2452 treasurer@gpana.org
- Alternate Treasurer: OPEN
- **Board of Directors (BOD):** Robin B bod@gpana.org

- **Regional Committee Member (RCM):** Gene F. rcm@gpana.org
- Alternate RCM: OPEN
- **Activities:** Rene G. activities@gpana.org
- **Policy:** Carrie B policy@gpana.org
- **Convention Chair:** Rob S. conv.chair@gpana.org
- **Hospitals & Institutions:** Jenn V. handi@gpana.org
- **Literature:** Rick D literature@gpana.org
- **Public Relations (PR):** Pride pr@gpana.org

Voting Members, 30 including 19 GSRs in Attendance [Highlighted]

Back 2 Basics

Basic Text Message

Better Way

Breakfast Club

Clean and Serene

Cookies and Recovery

Dedication

Dig Deep

Edgewood NA

From Active to Action

Hope in the Dark

Hope Not Dope

IP Time

J.J.D.

Journey of Hope

Keep it Simple Saturday

Learn to Live

Living Free

Loveline

Men with a Vision

Meeting in the Bucket

NA in the Day

NASA

New Freedom

New Life

New Normal

One Day at a Time

Opt for Life

Recovery and Beyond

Recovery in the Beach

Recovery in the Chapel

Recovery in the Country

Recovery is More than Abstinence

Regardless of Sexual Identity

Room to Grow

Sunday Serenity Insanity

Serenity Maniacs

Serenity Seekers

SPA Day

Spiritual Solutions

Start Your Night Right

Step Sisters

Steps to Freedom

Straight Forward

Surrender or Die

The 3rd Tradition Meeting

The Journey Continues

The Journey of Hope

The Lie is Dead

The New Normal Group

The Offshore Meeting

Warehouse Meeting

Why are we Here?

REPORTS

Chairperson (Marshall H)

Chair Report for May '27

Hi everyone. In coordination with another trusted servant. I learned the next ASC. There will be an additional space for either convention or H&I so that they aren't in close proximity to each other. I also learned that the person responsible for restocking the bathrooms has fallen short recently. I will consider purchasing toilet paper and garbage bags if we need them come June ASC. Also thank you to the anonymous member who made a large donation to our area. It helped us get back in the black. Congrats to the person elected as Convention chair and people who are now trusted servants on that particular committee. I will be discussing a matter with policy at a later date. More will be revealed.

ILS,

Marshall H

chair@gpana.org

Vice Chairperson (Steve L)

Secretary (Open) No Report

Literature (Rick D)

Greater Providence Area P.O. Box 72792, Providence, RI 02907 GPANA.ORG	
NAWS NEWS	THE NA WAY
REACHING OUT	
Literature Sales Report	
SUB-COMMITTEE EXPENSES	
AREA	\$0.00
ACTIVITIES	\$0.00
CONVENTION	\$0.00
BOD	\$0.00
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS	\$173.15
PHONELINE	\$0.00
POLICY	\$0.00
PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$0.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$0.00
GROUP SALES	
GROUP SALES	\$1,631.25
NAWEARS	\$0.00
TOTAL GROUP SALES, SUB-COMMITTEE EXPENSES & MEETING LISTS	
EXPENSES	\$173.15
GROUP SALES	\$1,631.25
TOTAL GROUP SALES & EXPENSES	\$1,804.40
RESTOCK COSTS	
NAWS RESTOCK	\$1,654.39
NAWEARS RESTOCK	
GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK	\$195.00
TOTAL LITERATURE RESTOCK	\$1,849.39

Treasurer (Brian F)

GPANA Treasurer's Report			
05/17/26			
Opening Balance			\$2,693.35
Plus Income:			
	Literature Sales	\$1,631.25	
	Contributions	\$1,606.56	
	Convention Income	\$1,414.94	
	Online Contributions	\$113.20	\$4,765.95
			\$7,459.30
Less: Prudent Reserve	\$1,700.00		
Set Asides:	Activities	\$250.00	
	Hospitals & Institutions	\$350.00	
	BOD Insurance	\$500.00	
	Public Relations	\$300.00	
			\$3,100.00
Operating Balance			\$4,359.30
Minus Expenses:			
	Printing (Meeting List)	\$195.00	
	Zoom	\$18.18	
	Rent	\$100.00	
	Literature	\$1,654.39	
	Storage Fees	\$193.00	
	Activities	\$250.00	
	Non-Profit Filing	\$22.00	
	IP Address	\$5.99	
			\$2,438.56
Ending Balance			\$1,920.74

Convention (Cyndi W):

Today the Convention committee held our concluding meeting, we have booked our next date for the 2028 convention will be February 4th, 5th, 6th. A deposit has been sent for 6,000 to the OMNI Hotel. The seed money was changed from 15,000 to 9,000. The committee has put aside 500.00 for Banner stands and in the event that it is not used it will be returned to the area. 1,414.94 is being turned over to the area. The convention

committee revised the policy for the convention and it was voted on and it will be added to the web site. The convention has no recommendation at this time for a chair. The treasurer will make a deposit into the area account. The post office box will be closed this month. Lizzy from BOD has the conventions key to storage. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

cyndi
4/26/26

H & H final report for GPACNA XII
Chair Susan W
V Chair Deb L

Contract highlights;

Room rated \$134(single & dbl), \$164(triple).

Deposit \$5000, final payment due 10 days before arrival.

Food and beverage \$7000. Banquet meals, salmon \$53, chicken \$50, Veg \$46. Breakfast \$30.

Room flip after banquet \$1400.

Banner hanging \$85 each

One comp room per every 40 rooms booked.

Final bill from hotel.

Saturday banquet + \$7111.40

61 chicken, 35 salmon, 5 veg (one meal to DJ)

Saturday room flip after banquet + \$1736.00

Sunday breakfast + \$2790.00

75 breakfast meals

Total =\$11,637.40

*prices include service fees not sales tax

Audio visual(AV) + \$1563.15

12 banners hung, mic, podium,

2 speakers used Fri, Sat, & Sunday.

Porterage - hotel carts used to move things + \$80.00

Deposit. Ch # 1446 - \$5000.00

Payment 10 day prior. Ch # 1485 - \$6887.23

Balance after conv. Ch # 1489. - \$1648.74

Refund check from hotel \$255.40 rec'd 4/14/26

12 banquet centerpieces \$149.52

One case of NA recovery text purchased from area for banquet We had about 20 left over from previous convention also. Only 20 was used & the full case was placed in storage for next convention.

Comp rooms were assigned to: 2-DJ, 2-taping, 3 used- 1 night only to friday, saturday, & Sunday speakers.

Note-taping ended up canceling due to storm.

5 comp rooms were earned & 5 comp rooms were used.

RCM (alt. Gene F):

2026.04.28 Alternate RCM Report to Area

The Regional Service Committee met on April 12. Nine out of 11 areas were present.

Report Highlights

1. Spending plans for discussion at next ASC
2. Motions
 - a. Line of Credit - Did not pass
 - b. Travel Planning Motion - Did not pass
3. Money Matters
 - a. Fraud claim filed with police and bank for a NERNA check
 - b. Projected Cash Balance 5,989

Report:

1. South Shore Area has hired a special worker to be the Treasurer.

2. NEMA: \$23,907 Revenue from Convention
3. Chair: policy revisions regarding CBDM and counting abstentions or present not voting
4. Finance: A \$153 check for meeting lists was intercepted and doctored to \$8,553 after the printing company moved addresses. A fraud claim has been filed with the bank and the police.
5. Treasurer: Balances are estimates until the fraud claim is settled.
 - a. Starting Balance: 7,386
 - b. Contributions: 594
 - c. Paypal Cont: 307
 - d. Proj. Expenses 2,298
 - e. Proj Cash 5,989
6. Regional Delegate: World Service Conference Unity Day Flyer on NERNA.org
7. H&I: New chair Patti M
 - a. 220 Commitments in the Region
 - b. Sponsorship Behind the Walls position is Open
8. Public Relations:
 - a. Presentation at Brown Medical School was a success. Looking to make a presentation at other medical schools in the Region. Ad Hoc is working on this.
 - b. Spending plan (see below) reflects a 15% increase in literature prices from World
 - c. Together for Hope event April 29 and 30 at Hines Convention Center Boston
 - d. Cape Cod Symposium in August in Providence
9. Convention: Teresa Chair
 - a. 6 open positions
 - b. March 5-7, 2027
 - c. Ending Balance 7,803
10. BOD: Brenda
 - a. Convention has been approved for direct billing of \$30,000
 - b. Prepayment amounts due
 - i. \$2500 Paid
 - ii. \$5,000 June
 - iii. \$5,000 December
 - iv. \$9,000 14 Days before the event (Early February 2027)
 - c. **Line of Credit Motion - Motion fails 6-6**
 - d. 1 open position for at large member
11. Ad Hoc Travel Planning
 - a. **Motion fails 7-2, no consensus under CBDM**
 - b. GPANA and Metro West were opposed

Open Forum

1. RD/AD - please contact them (Jim and D'lanor) about the central question in the CAR.
 - a. Predatory behavior
 - b. Social Media
 - c. Perceived Gap between medical standard of care (DMT/MAT) and NA total abstinence
2. Is Region or subcommittee meeting hybrid in the future? Do we need an in person host in August? Table discussion until June
3. Voted to update the requirements for Regional service committee meetings to be accessible.

Subcommittee Spending Plans

In April, the subcommittee spending plans go back to Areas for review. Please review these plans for discussion at the next ASC.

Fellowship Development Delegate Team Spending Plan June 2026 - June 2029

Event	New England Zonal Forum	New England Zonal Forum II	New England Zonal Forum III	New England Zonal Forum IV	New England Zonal Forum V	MRLE	WSC

Date	10/23/26-10/25/26	4/23/27-4/25/27	10/22/27-10/24/27	4/28/28-4/30/28	10/27/28-10/29/28	12/1/28-12/3/28	4/29/29-5/6/29
Ask Date	10/9/26	2/14/27	8/15/27	2/13/28	8/13/28	10/15/28	2/11/29
Location	Portland, ME	Northern New York	Buffalo NY	Albany, NY	Central Atlantic	Nashua, NH	Los Angeles
Registration	0	\$70	0	\$70	0	\$70	0
Airfare	0	\$600	\$800	0	\$800	0	\$1000
Mileage	\$154	0	0	\$200	0	\$200	0
Ground	\$23	0	0	0	0	0	\$120
Hotel	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$2400
Per Diem	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$1350
Zonal Contribution	-\$500	-\$500	-\$500	-\$500	-\$500	0	0
Event Total	\$1,827	\$2320	\$2,450	\$1920	\$2,450	\$1420	\$4,870
Yearly Total		\$4,147		\$4,370			\$8,740

Public Relations Spending Plan 2026

Event	New England Association of Recovery Court Professionals	Cape Cod Symposium	Together For Hope	Other Literature Restock	Misc. PR Travel
Fees	\$1,000	\$0	\$400		
Travel	\$150	\$250	\$0		\$675
Hotel	\$0	\$440	\$0		
Literature	\$345	\$518	\$230	\$435	
SubTotal	\$1495	\$1208	\$630	\$435	\$675
Total					\$4,468

BOD (Robin B):

Activities (Rene G): note – late report with apologies.

Winter Wonderland event was held March 21, 2026 6-10pm. Free event with refreshments sold. Received \$250 for event in February. Spent: rent \$125, DJ \$100, Refreshments \$25. 25 people in attendance. \$30 sold in refreshments.

H&I (Jenn V): Contact list included in attachments GPANA H&I Subcommittee May Report

The GPANA H&I subcommittee met hybrid on 05/17/26 from 1:30pm-3:00pm with 18 addicts in attendance. We are currently in 11 facilities with 26 monthly commitments. We had one missed commitment last month but all other commitments were filled. We had elections for Literature Chair, Policy Chair and Secretary as well as all Facility coordinator positions and panel leader positions. The Policy Chair is still an open position. We have Facility Coordinator positions open at Fuller and ASU. We also have two open commitments; the 2nd and 3rd Thursday at Fuller from 7p-8p. Please bring these open positions back to your groups and if you are interested in getting involved in H&I and becoming a panel leader or taking any positions please come to the next subcommittee meeting. Also I have attached the updated commitment spreadsheet with facilities and names and numbers of the panel leaders. If your group would like to attend a commitment please reach out to the panel leader or contact me directly.

We will be having an ADHOC Policy meeting on Monday 6/1/26 at 5:30pm on zoom. (ID: 7190367110 Password:0000). All are welcome. The purpose of this meeting is to update and go through our current H&I Policy.

Pride with PR is in the process of reaching out to Butler in hopes of starting commitments there. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns regarding H&I. We are always looking for more panel leaders so we can continue to grow this subcommittee to get into new facilities and or get more commitments in our current facilities.

Our next H&I subcommittee meeting will be Sunday 6/28 from 2:00pm-3:15pm with a 1:45pm start time for Orientation for new members.

Thank you so much,

ILS,
Jenn V.

Policy (Carrie B): No report

PR (Pride I):

Website OPEN: No report

Ad Hoc on Area Improvements (Taylor H):

Four people met to discuss the event this past April and what the key take aways were that we could start implementing and making suggestions towards immediately; because we all know you eat an elephant one bite at a time, it's important to try and take small steps in improving our area as a whole.

We noticed that a lot of people talked about how long and drawn out the discussions were at area and there were suggestions made at the April event that seemed to be well received by the group in attendance. We broke the ASC meeting down to its agenda and different sections identifying what takes up the most time. And these are the suggestions we have to help speed things up.

Asking questions during the committee reports takes up a lot of time. The area chair will now ask that all questions be held until all reports are given. If you have to write your question down so you remember you are encouraged to do so. There will be pros and cons allotted if needed by the chair. And pre report discussion we will be reminded that if it has already been said that it doesn't need to be repeated. We want reports to be as brief as possible and talking points to be direct. If we go in circles the chair will decide to move on. We noticed that a lot of these topics could be left for open forum. But we never get a chance to get there because of all the discussion we have prior.

Other suggestions that we thought should be an open discussion with the entirety of the ASC body is having a time keeper. WE HEARD YOU!! 2min/person? When do we need the time keeper? Should there be a time kept for discussion instead of limiting how long someone can talk?

Motions, I think we can all agree this takes up an enormous amount of time. After a motion is read by the secretary, the chair will ask if anyone needs clarification. This is different than discussion. Discussion will only

open after everyone understands the motion that's on the table. Then, 3 pros and 3 cons will be allotted and you have to clarify if you are stating a pro or con. After the discussion is over we will take a vote, allowing the opposed to show their hands first.

GSR improvements- orientation pamphlets and area agendas laid out on table for new gsr's to view. The Chair will be there to help answer questions. But volunteers to help mentor new area members are wanted and appreciated. Who's up to the task?

Greeter? Should this be a rotating position? Who's willing?

We think these small adjustments made to the ASC are just the beginning of the future of our fellowship and the way we welcome new people into area service. There was so much said at April's event and we heard you loud and clear. We encourage anyone who has ideas to come join us at our next Adhoc meeting:

When?: June 13th 6pm

Where?: Roger Williams Park in the picnic area on Pine Hill Ave.

We will order pizza and enjoy the weather while we continue to come up with new creative ways to liven area up. (Rain day location TBD)

Any questions please contact Committee Chair: Taylor H 401-369-5844

Questions on reports:

Treasurer: Why did we go below prudent reserve? spending without having the funds to replenish, treasurer not aware that they could recommend not giving out some things like snacks or H&I literature. It turned around through a single contribution from an individual member and convention this month

H&I: How many facilities are we in? 10 plus corrections.

Why are we in a facility that can get out to meetings? We voted to go into that facility. There may have been a concern that some of the people in the facility can't go out. Also H&I has more members now than in previous years

Do you rotate or is the same person taking the commitment position? It should shuffle around but a lot of people want to keep what they had. We have elections every 6 months. There are a lot of the same people. The commitments are open every 6 months and anyone can run to hold any commitment.

Activities: When was the last activity that we had? The all white in March.

Was there a report and what was made? No, sorry was not in attendance at April ASC and did not send report.

The Valentines dance brought in \$194. The all white was free and not well attended

Is the upcoming event on the website? Thought it was but no it's not. Will get there asap. Flyers were distributed at ASC in March. Activities need support both on the committee and at the events.

BOD: Was annual report done for bod - yes it was done

GROUP CONCERNS

Several groups need support – List is at beginning of this document

Old Business

Elections:

Secretary – Remains OPEN

Alt Secretary Remains OPEN

Alt Treasurer Remains OPEN

RCM - Gene F. Passes

Website Remains OPEN

Convention Chair - Rob S. passes

Convention Vice Chair Celia - passes

Convention Treasurer Remains OPEN

2 BOD members Remains OPEN

Note that the alternate RCM was elected to the RCM position and next meeting the Alternate RCM Position is open

Motions that went back to groups (To view complete text of motion please see April 2026 minutes)

Motion # 2026-03-15-1 to change the new group starter kit.

Abstain 2 Against 0 For 13 MOTION PASSES

Motion # 2026-03-15-3 Motion to amend GPA policy regarding motions going back to groups and voting on motions

Abstain 1 Against 2 For 12 MOTION PASSES

NEW BUSINESS

MOTIONS

Money motions –

Motion # 2026-05-17-1 (admin note – this motion was submitted but withdrawn in March)

Submitted by Rene G Seconded by Stacy Mc

Amount: \$250

Motion: Monies for event being held on May 22, 2026 The Spring Fling Speaker Jam and Dance. \$150 for DJ, \$50 for refreshments, \$50 for hall rental

Intent: To bring members together

Abstain 4 Against 2 For 19 MOTION PASSES

OPEN FORUM

Where we hold ASC Meeting:

Contract with this facility ends in August - are we good here or do we want to look around? Is there anyone who is not ok with this facility?

- It was cold in the winter.
- Communication with facility can be difficult to get a response.
- Convention room is no longer available. As a result, 2 committees are meeting in the same vicinity and it gets loud. Did we address being locked out of the room? Yes. The room has been given to another group. We contracted for the space. Can we negotiate with the facility before the renewal?
- Often there's no tp.
- Is there a point of accountability with the facility. Yes. A couple people familiar with the contact offered to reach out or made suggestions for contacting her.
- Chair will get in contact with facility and facilitate the BOD discussing the terms for a new rental agreement
- It is difficult to find a facility that can meet our needs at our price point

Items raised in Ad Hoc Report:

- Where do we go next on motions being voted on with shorter time frame, and time keeper etc? Process raised in report about motions is already in policy just need to follow it.
- Having a timekeeper? Is it per speaker like 2 minutes or total discussion time is 10-15 minutes? There was a lot of support voiced at the April presentation for a time keeper. Concern raised today is do we really want to shut people down while they're speaking? How would limiting discussion affect the newer area members? Committee will continue to discuss at next meeting
- GSRs: When we get a new GSR what is the process? There was some new information made available today – set out for the GSRs. The chair runs the New GSR Orientation at 3:15 but this has not been happening. Chair will do in the future. Also it would be good if groups mentored their new GSRs.
- Having a Greeter? Maybe it rotates. Can help people find their way in the building and also help new GSRs arriving. Carrie B volunteered to try it out for next month.

Question as to when motions should be in? Ideally before the treasurers report.
 Will the chair be helping activities? Will be at the next event.

Area Committee Meeting Closed at 5:30 ish

ATTACHMENTS
H and I Commitment Contact List

Commitment	Week #	Panel Leader	Phone #
Bridgemark			
Mondays 7-8	1	Chris P	401-636-8602
	3	Rich W	401-585-2893
Coordinator		Chris P	401-636-8602
Zinnia			
Saturdays 2:45-3:45	1	Jim L	401-230-6519
	2	Med	401-204-6528
	3	Bill L	401-440-3141
	4	Al B	401-499-2744
	5		
Coordinator		Mike M	619-347-9425
Adcare			
Tuesdays 7-8	1	Jamie	401-999-5363
	3	Russ L	401-699-4885
	4	Bill L	401-440-3141
Coordinator		Bill L.	401-440-3141
ASU			
Wednesdays 7-8	1	Chris W.	781-975-2490
	2	Melanie M	401-523-4686
	3	Rich G	617-755-1628
	4	Garrick W	401-390-9165
Coordinator		OPEN	
CSU Butler			
Mondays 7-8	1	Marshall	401-470-0739
	2	Mike M	619-347-9425
	3	Steve L	401-332-6619
	4	Alex J	401-219-2703
Coordinator		Steve L	401-332-6619
Galilee Mission			

Tuesdays 7-8	2	Ray D	401-255-3414
	4	Ray D	401-255-3414
Coordinator		Ray D	401-255-3414
Eleanor Slater Hospital			
Thursdays 5-6	1	Jenn V	401-248-1727
	3	Angel	401-696-1173
Coordinator		Jenn V.	401-248-1727
Fuller			
Thursdays 7-8	2	OPEN	
	3	OPEN	
	4	Erika E	774-225-5513
Coordinator		OPEN	
Wilson House			
Wednesdays 7-8	2	Ed H	401-492-6151
Coordinator		Ed H	401-492-6151
Jellison House			
Wednesdays 7-8	2	Joe L	401-473-8588
Coordinator		Joe L	401-473-8588