

THE GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA (GPA) SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS

ANONYMOUS July 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Next meeting August 16

Area Meeting Opened 15:30

Opened with Service Prayer & Concept of the Month

KEY TAKEAWAYS, ACTION ITEMS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Groups and individuals can **order literature online** and it **reduces the wait time** when picking up as your order can be prepared in advance and waiting for you when you arrive. Place your order [HERE](#)
- One Day at a Time and Hope in the Dark (Women's meeting) are both **moving** from Reservoir Ave in Cranston to 790 N. Main Street Providence. One Day at a Time will meet at the new location starting Aug 1. Hope in the Dark will begin at the new location July 30th.
- Recovery and Beyond is **moving** Aug 1st to Bridgemont Church 1990 Elmwood Avenue in Cranston
- Recovery in the Bucket 4th Anniversary!!! 9-26-2026, 6-9pm. 225 Main Street Providence RI
- Men with a Vision 15 Valley Street in Providence looking for volunteers for their 7th anniversary (date TBD). Wed July 29th holding an adhoc meeting for the anniversary at 6pm.
- Open Positions at area are Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, Website, Convention Treasurer and 1 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](#)
- Volunteers needed for the Cape Cod Symposium. Need volunteers to table Saturday morning 7:30 to noon and Sunday morning 11am to close (should be a couple hours). Contact Pride if you're interested pr@gpana.org. Event is at the Convention Center in Providence.
- There is a **motion back to groups** please review motion section of the minutes



GROUPS NEEDING SUPPORT/ACTIVE MEMBERS

- NA in SA group needs support and members. Thursdays 7-8:15pm. 516 Newport Ave. South Attleboro MA 02704
- Third Tradition Group needs help. Wednesdays 7-8:15pm. 414 South Main St. Woonsocket

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): **Lizzy F** bod@gpana.org
- Regional Committee Member (RCM): Gene F. rcm@gpana.org
- Alternate RCM: **Mike M.**
- Activities: **Rene G.** activities@gpana.org
- Policy: **Carrie B** policy@gpana.org
- Convention Chair: Rob S. conv.chair@gpana.org **Celia W** vice chair reporting for the committee
- Hospitals & Institutions: Jenn V. handi@gpana.org **Stacy K** reporting for the committee
- Literature: **Rick D** literature@gpana.org
- Public Relations (PR): Pride pr@gpana.org

Voting GSRs- 15 in Attendance [Highlighted]

Back 2 Basics	Living Free	Sunday Serenity Insanity
Basic Text Message	Loveline	Serenity Maniacs
Better Way	Men with a Vision	Serenity Seekers
Breakfast Club	Meeting in the Bucket	SPA Day
Clean and Serene (Present not voting)	NA in the Day	Spiritual Solutions
Cookies and Recovery	NA in SA	Start Your Night Right
Dedication	New Freedom	Step Sisters
Dig Deep	New Life	Steps to Freedom
Each One Teach One	New Normal	Straight Forward
Edgewood NA	One Day at a Time	Surrender or Die
From Active to Action	Opt for Life	The 3rd Tradition Meeting
Hope in the Dark	Recovery and Beyond	The Journey Continues
Hope Not Dope	Recovery in the Beach	The Journey of Hope
IP Time	Recovery in the Chapel	The Lie is Dead
J.J.D.	Recovery in the Country	The New Normal Group
Journey of Hope	Recovery is More than Abstinence	The Offshore Meeting
Keep it Simple Saturday	Regardless of Sexual Identity	Warehouse Meeting
Learn to Live	Room to Grow	Why are we Here?

REPORTS

Chairperson (Marshall H) No report

Vice Chairperson (Steve L) No report

Secretary (Open) (Carrie filling in) Would like to suggest that if you are reading a report the day of area that you either email it then or hand in a paper copy (legibly written).

Literature (Rick D)

Literature Sales Report

7/21/2026

SALES					\$1,203.18
	GROUP SALES			\$1,203.03	
	NAWEARS			\$0.00	
EXPENSES					\$261.60
	AREA			\$0.00	
	ACTIVITIES			\$0.00	
	CONVENTION			\$0.00	
	BOD			\$0.00	
	H&I			\$261.60	
	PHONELINE			\$0.00	
	POLICY			\$0.00	
	PI			\$0.00	
	PR			\$0.00	
TOTAL SALES & EXPENSES					\$1,464.78
RESTOCK					\$2,155.49
	NAWS RESTOCK				\$1,975.49
	NAWEARS RESTOCK				\$0.00
	GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK (1200)				\$180.00
Various Publications and Subscriptions from Narcotics Anonymous					
	NAWS NEWS	THE NAWAY	REACHING OUT	NA ARTICLES	
	JUST FOR TODAY	NA SUBSCRIPTIONS	SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES A DAY		

Treasurer (Brian F)

GPANA Treasurer's Report				
07/19/26				
Opening Balance				\$5,906.08
Plus Income:				
	Literature Sales	\$1,202.06		
	Contributions	\$672.67		
				<u>\$1,874.73</u>
				\$7,780.81
Less: Prudent Reserve		\$1,700.00		
Set Asides:	Activities	\$250.00		
	Hospitals & Institutions	\$350.00		
	BOD Insurance	\$500.00		
	Public Relations	\$300.00		
	IT	\$300.00		
				<u>\$3,400.00</u>

Operating Balance				\$4,380.81	
Minus Expenses:					
	Printing (Meeting List)	\$180.00			
	*Bal. Due for June & July	\$30.00			
	Rent	\$100.00			
	Literature	\$1,975.49		-	
	Storage	\$193.00		-	
	RICARES Rally4Recovery	\$500.00		-	
	IP Address	\$5.99		-	
	Region	\$200.00		-	
	Snacks	\$46.07		\$3,230.55	
Ending Balance					\$1,150.26
June report's ending balance was adjusted due to literature and treasurer differences as well as on line contribution being reported twice. Original ending balance \$2,543.08, new ending balance \$2,506.08. The difference was -\$37.00					
* Missed normal folding fee of \$15.00 for June and July Mtg List					

Convention (Celia W)

Open positions – Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Hotels & Hospitality, Arts & Graphics. Fundraising and Entertainment are meeting next month, Programming is meeting this month. We had discussion regarding the theme and logo. Intend to bring a flyer to the next ASC about theme and logo.

RCM (Gene F): No Report

BOD (Lizzy F):

Has not formally met since last area. Storage unit - 3 quotes with prices obtained. Most go up in price every 6 months. Looking for 1 more board member. 5 years clean time. Looking to meet with treasurer about budgets and prudent reserve. Working to schedule audit with Convention

Activities (Rene G): No Report

H&I (Stacy K):

All commitments filled. We will be going into a new facility. Literature order was \$340.60.

Policy (Carrie B): Motion submitted from literature subcommittee was reviewed and clarified. Returned to chairperson and literature chairperson. No changes were made other than highlighting the changes compared to the current policy.

Those changes include using the NAWS starter kit (\$10.00) instead of individual items which would include the following items which are not in current policy

- Printed starter kit box
- 7th tradition box
- NA White booklet
- Disruptive and Violent Behavior
- NA Groups & Medication

- Leadership in NA Service

In addition, the starter kit comes with 19 specific IPs and current policy says 20 but does not define which ones.

We would also continue to provide a set of readings, 27 key tags (3 each) and meeting lists which current policy says 50 and motion is to change to 25

Besides the starter kit contents, the motion seeks to change literature sales from current policy which is 1-2:30 to 1:00-2:15. Motion also seeks to remove “maintain cutoff time for submitting literature orders that allows time to process orders”. This is not written in the policy manual as it was determined that literature may enforce whatever hard cutoff is necessary to facilitate completing the days business. (record is in the policy log)

Literature sales time has changed several times, Aug of 2022 it changed from 1:45-2:45 to 1:00 to 2:15. July of 2024 it was extended to 2:30. Now in 2026 we’re looking to change again. This seems to indicate that it changes when we have different literature chairpersons. This may indicate that the real issue is with the literature process as opposed to the time.

With the change in time of literature sales, it is recommended that this motion go back to groups as it clearly affects the groups.

There was discussion at the last area regarding budget. I met with the treasurer in part to review current financial policy. During that review we noted that there was a set aside policy passed in 2019 for website which is not in the policy. It was wrongfully determined during review of minutes that this set aside had been superseded. I did another review of the minutes against the log to double check for any other errors. A couple typos were noted in the log and adjustments were made. There was no effect on the policy manual.

PR (Pride I):

- 1- Still currently the only volunteer on the committee. Will be meeting with a potential volunteer this coming week.
- 2- Coordinating with Region coverage for the Cape Cod Symposium being held August 6-9 in Providence at the Convention Center. I will be setting up with region on Thursday. Time slots will be mornings, 7:30AM to noon and Noon to 5PM. All slots have been covered by at least 1 person. Could still use volunteers for Saturday morning and Sunday morning noon to close. Please contact me if you are available.
- 3- Registration has been done for Rally for Recovery which is Sat 9/19 at District Park in downtown Providence. Treasurer has sent the check.
- 4- Money motion for literature rack for Butler Hospital and Community Care Alliance in Woonsocket is \$68
- 5- Posters have been made which include QR code for GPANA. Still working on planning a specific event with a date.

Website OPEN: (Johnny F filling in) Please submit via website email any group changes. Subcommittee policies should exist somewhere central whether contained in the overall area policy or residing on the website.

Ad Hoc on Area Improvements (Taylor H):

6 people met on July 11th to discuss all the different avenues of improving our area as a whole, not only just making the ASC more attractive. This adhoc is more geared towards what the ASC can do to better serve the groups and get the groups more involved with area service work so we can have a robust rotation of new and fresh ideas in service positions.

Two new people joined us for our meeting and they helped the discussion ebb and flow into some avenues that we have never discussed. Many of them are wonderful ideas that our area can tackle in projects of the future. More will be revealed.

We discussed group outreach to attend group’s business meetings in a team of two and ask the group what area can do to better help them.

What're our strengths?
What're our weaknesses?

We discussed a possible mentorship program where more experienced members can help newer members learn about what positions they want to do but may not have the knowledge on how to do it properly.

Who wants to mentor?
Who wants to be mentored?

We discussed a packet to be able to hand out to groups and GSR's giving brief descriptions of what different positions at area entail.

Then, we realized in our group conscience that most of these questions and ideas could be handled during or after a service slam. Yes, we have been talking about having a service slam for some time and now we are finally ready to plan it.

Our next adhoc meeting will be primarily focused on planning the service slam, mentorship fliers and a rough draft of the position packet we want to hand out.

We will be aiming for winter so it will be something to do inside and stay warm.

Food?
Refreshments?
Speakers?
Workshops?
Raffles?
Games?

Perhaps all of the above.

Come and join us at our next meeting, enjoy some pizza and the outdoors and share your ideas with us.

When? August 1st @6:30pm
Where? Smithfield RI (address will be disclosed if you choose to attend)

Contact Taylor H. for more information 401-369-5844

Questions on reports:

PR - cape cod symposium aug 6-9 - what time slots are open, convention center providence - sat morning 7:30-noon and Sunday morning 7:30 to close (probably a little after noon).
Literature – H&I price of their literature order doesn't match what was reported, why is this? Subcommittees use the public order sheet however they are charged the price paid for restock only. The restock price reported is 33% more than the sales, why is this so high? ReOrder does not specifically match sales, there are some additional items that may be ordered.

GROUP CONCERNS

Steps to Freedom, some new members. Trusted servants that want to do area service but Sunday is not convenient. Literature and GSR are 2 positions due to the gap in time between literature sales and ASC Meeting. Right in the middle of Sunday, football and kids, busy lives is at issue.

Step sisters is struggling with members willing to serve in positions for longer than a month. Adjusted group conscience to fit that. From 6 months to less, changed cleantime requirements for positions. Not enough members to hold positions. Need support.

Clean and Serene Friday night - Members with 30 plus years, family days, grand kids and kids, events and ball games. Sunday is a tough day.

Old Business

Elections:

Secretary – Remains OPEN

Alt Secretary Remains OPEN

Alt Treasurer Remains OPEN

Website Remains OPEN

Convention Treasurer Remains OPEN

1 BOD members Remains OPEN

Motion tabled from June meeting **2026-06-28-3** Red text and cross outs are the updates being proposed to the current policy. This is being sent back to groups as the proposed change in literature sales times directly affects the groups.

Motion: To change the current GPA NA Policy manual section 7 “Responsibilities of the LITERATURE SUBCOMMITTEE” with the following changes

- In keeping with the Sixth Tradition of N.A., maintain an accurate inventory of literature on hand to supply all the needs of the GPA.
- Coordinate the sales, and inventory count and ordering/reorder, of the literature inventory.
- Meet prior to the GPASC meeting to facilitate literature sales (1:00 – 2:15) (to sell literature to groups)
- Meet at other times when the subcommittee deems necessary.
- Review and supply input on literature submitted by the World Service Committee Literature Committee (WSCLC).
- Submit literature to the WSCLC from Area groups and individual addicts.
- Make the starter kit: Inventory the starter kit received from NAWS and add the following:
 - One (1) of each group readings (7 card set)
 - ~~◦ One (1) Group booklet~~
 - ~~Fifty (50)~~ Twenty Five (25) meeting lists
 - ~~◦ One (1) Group Treasury book~~
 - ~~◦ Group Business Meeting IP~~
 - ~~◦ Group Trusted Servants Roles and Responsibilities~~
 - ~~◦ One (1) book of choice~~
 - ~~◦ Twenty (20) Ips~~
 - ~~27 Keytags~~ (3 each)
- To have access to a computer in order to maintain inventory.
- Facilitate literature sales prior to the ASC from 1:00 – 3:30
- Add a QR code to meeting lists
- Maintain cut off time for submitting literature orders that allows time to process orders
- Attend the GPASC meeting, provide a verbal subcommittee report to the service body and a written report for inclusion in the Area minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTIONS

Money motions –

Motion # 2026-07-19-1

Submitted by PR

Amount: \$64

Motion: Purchase 2 literature racks to be distributed to Butler Hospital and Community Care Alliance (Woonsocket)

Intent: To provide literature for inpatient and outpatient persons seeking recovery through NA

Abstain 4 Against 0 For 15 MOTION PASSES

Discussion regarding the motion: Literature clarified it is \$64 not the \$68 which was in PR report. As this committee has a set aside, the question is asked if a set aside exists can they just purchase or is a motion required? Motion is required. Is this PR or should it be H&I? PR is working with H&I to get the literature in the facilities. Is this a proposed commitment or a commitment? The day for the commitment isn't finalized but it's a commitment. In some facilities we've seen NA literature racks with multiple fellowship materials. Yes, that is seen sometimes. The literature for these racks has already been purchased, enough to fill all 16 slots. H&I will monitor all existing racks.

Motion # 2026-07-19-2

The agenda stated that a motion for contribution to Region is needed. This was on the agenda based solely on the fact that region occurs before the next area. Discussion ensued as this topic was discussed at the June ASC when a motion for funds to Region was presented and failed.

- Didn't we say last month that we are waiting for audits?
- Last month we decided to hold funds because we were recently at a negative operating balance
- Last month was voted on and failed because we wanted to make sure we have enough funds to cover the area needs. Therefore, this motion shouldn't be coming up.
- If we're participating at the region which has a cost associated and we're using services provided plus we're currently in a healthy financial condition why would we not contribute?
- BOD and Treasury were going to review our spending and work on a budget. Were we not going to wait for that to be completed before sending funds?
- It was a single donation that brought the area out of the red and we reacted with prudence on any new spending.
- We went into the red because of snowstorm impacts and we continued to spend set aside accounts with no contributions to replenish.
- Have we replenished all the set asides today? Yes.
- We have \$1328 in our working balance (Set asides and Prudent reserve full)
- We can still donate \$500 to region.
- We have a tendency to be fear based. If we hang onto funds until all our ducks are in a row we will always hang on to funds.
- We also discussed last month that region spends money to send a lot of the same people to events over and over.
- Another area recently revised their process to automatically send a percentage of the working balance every month.
- I am troubled by the idea that if we don't like the way another service body is spending their money then we don't contribute. We have a voice at that body and that's how we express our concern. A number of travel motions at region have not passed. We use the facilities, the phonline, the hosting expenses.

A motion was made to fund flow \$200 to region. An amendment was proposed to increase to \$500. Vote for \$500 failed 17 opposed, 1 abstention, 2 approve. Motion for \$200 was voted on with 3 opposed, 1 abstain and 15 approve. MOTION PASSES

OPEN FORUM

Literature sales times and ASC Meeting times have a large gap. Also Sundays are not convenient for some members.

- Can we make literature on another day and move area earlier in the day. We have talked about this over the years.
- Encourage groups to order online.
- Another day will increase the rent
- Would groups be willing to pay online if that were an option? 4 said yes so mostly no
- Would more online really change anything?
- Can we ask the ad hoc to come back with a more specific idea - dates times etc. Yes – **Ad Hoc to follow up on this.**

Maintain subcommittee policy somehow.

- On a specific policy page (as opposed to adding to the current ASC policy document)
- Include links to the specific policy on the subcommittee pages

- Current area policy links to a document on the google drive. This would allow the subcommittees to access their policy, maintain and update when needed and bypass having to send it to someone to have them update or place new version on the website. Also any links can go directly to that document on the drive to prevent having to update multiple links.

Area meeting not being held on Sunday

- Central MA used to hold area on Sunday and moved to a weeknight. More people came.
- How did they manage the homegroups that meet on that night? They would send a GSR who missed the meeting 1 week a month.
- Do we have a night where we have less meetings? Saturday
- They also started early 5:30 so that made it easier for a GSR to possibly do ASC and their group.
- This hooks into what the Ad hoc was tasked with. **Ad hoc can review this.**
- What does Ad-Hoc stand for? A temporary committee for a specific goal. It's Latin.

Convention has been looking for a secretary laptop. It was given possibly to literature a few months ago. Is it in with literature stuff? No. **Contacting prior literature chair. To follow up.**

We could use a volunteer to help with zoom - Chris B volunteered.

- Test speakers and camera, work well. But it's not our equipment.
- We used a tv before. The TV belonged to an individual not the area.
- Some in the room did not know there was a zoom going.
- A single person is on zoom. It was valuable to that person but is it worth the investment to purchase equipment?
- Yes, the ability to go to a meeting whether it's area or not is an excellent opportunity for members.
- If we get zoom very robust the discussion about when to have area may have more options.
- We already voted to be hybrid. We have done hybrid before and stopped due to lack of participation but it could be very useful on a different night.
- The individuals equipment was not expensive. A couple members have monitors they can donate.
- **ROSS is the man and he volunteered to research equipment.**

Meeting closed at 5:17

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
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		Chris W.	781-975-2490
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	Brian T.	401-516-8722
	3	OPEN	
	4	Erika E	774-225-5513
Coordinator		Erika E	774-225-5513
Wilson House			
Wednesdays 7-8	2	Mike G	401-524-1114
Coordinator		OPEN	

Jellison House			
Wednesdays 7-8	2	Ed H	401-492-6151
Coordinator		Ed H	401-492-6151