

THE GREATER PROVIDENCE AREA (GPA) SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS

ANONYMOUS June 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Next meeting July 19

Area Meeting Opened 15:30

Opened with Service Prayer & Concept of the Month

KEY TAKEAWAYS, ACTION ITEMS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Recovery and Beyond is postponing their anniversary. Will be relocating. Last meeting at Anchor on 310 Reservoir will be July 23rd. New location details to come.
- Recovery in the bucket 4th anniversary Sept 29th. Saturday from 7-9:30pm. Black Lives Matter building 225 Main Street Providence
- Ad-Hoc committee on Area Improvements is meeting July 11th at a members house – 6 stillwater rd smithfield at 6:30pm. We will have pizza
- New England Regional Committee October 10th and 11th. BCC Fall River, 777 Elsbree St Fall River, MA 02720 Subcommittee Saturday 11-3, Full meeting Sunday 11-5.
- Men with a vision 7th Group anniversary is tentatively set for sept 12th. Watch for more details. They are looking for volunteers for set up and clean up.
- 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](#)

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):** 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

Each One Teach One

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 June '26

Hello everyone. I want to thank those who attended the ASC in June. The space we were given in response to our concern was not sufficient for either H&I or Convention. However, those subcommittees continue to make due with what we do have. Also, I was able to give GSR orientations to new trusted servants, and there are GSR IP's available for free at area. It may be a good idea to grab one for your group to have so that future trusted servants can have a good idea of what they may be getting into. Another trusted servant was greeting people as they entered, and it's a role anyone can fill.

Congratulations to the member elected as Vice RCM. We also talked about mentoring to strengthen our unity. Anyone who is interested in a particular position of service can learn from the person currently active in that role. As well as others who've filled the role. We can't keep what we have unless we give it away! And I for one would love to see the spirit of rotation that has helped NA for the last 70+ years!

ILS,

Marshall H

chair@gpana.org

Vice Chairperson (Steve L) No report

Secretary (Open) (Carrie filling in)

I am passing around a sheet for announcements. Please add events, group anniversaries and groups that need support. Also the attendance sheet is going around. Please just check off your name if you are here for a group.

Officers and Subcommittee chairs do not need to do anything unless updating email address. Feel free to add email if you are not receiving minutes and would like to. Minutes will go out July 9th. Please hand in your reports today or email to secretary@gpana.org

Literature (Rick D)

Literature Sales Report		
6/28/2026		
SALES		\$2,257.75
GROUP SALES	\$2,266.45	
NAWEARS	\$85.25	
EXPENSES		\$200.90
AREA	\$0.00	
ACTIVITIES	\$0.00	
CONVENTION	\$0.00	
BOD	\$0.00	
H&I	\$200.90	
PHONELINE	\$0.00	
POLICY	\$0.00	
PI	\$0.00	
PR	\$0.00	
TOTAL SALES & EXPENSES		\$2,458.65
RESTOCK		\$2,231.54
NAWS RESTOCK	\$1,964.41	
NAWEARS	\$87.13	
RESTOCK		
GPA MEETING LIST RESTOCK (1200)	\$180.00	
 Various Publications and Subscriptions from Narcotics Anonymous 		
NAWS NEWS	THE NA WAY	REACHING OUT
NA ARTICLES	NA SUBSCRIPTIONS	

Treasurer (Brian F)

GPANA Treasurer's Report

06/28/26

Opening Balance		\$5,020.74
Plus Income:		
Literature Sales	\$2,257.75	
Contributions	\$954.84	
Activities from Prom	\$336.00	
Online Contributions	\$48.51	
		\$3,597.10
		\$8,617.84
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			\$5,217.84
Minus Expenses:			
	Printing (Meeting List)	\$180.00	
	Zoom*	\$36.36	
	Rent	\$100.00	
	Literature	\$1,964.41	
	Post Office Box	\$138.00	
	Reciept Book	\$17.84	
	NA Wears	\$87.13	
	IP Address	\$5.99	
	Storage Fees	\$193.00	
			<u>\$2,722.73</u>
Ending Balance			\$2,495.11

*Two Zoom payments due to ASC timing (4th Sunday)

**Added IT Set Aside According to 2019 Policy

Convention (Rob S):

Convention Chair report there were 14 people present at our meeting. Elections Were held for subcommittee F/E Cory S Merchandise Annette, E secretary Maldives T Programming Mona M Registration Susan W, public information alley open positions, IT art graphic treasurer alternate Treasurer Next committee meeting 1 PM on July 19 and lovely service Robert S

RCM (Gene F):

The Regional Service Committee met on June 14. 9 out of 11 areas were present.

Report Highlights

1. Motions

- Motion to change Policy allowing for 4 possible outcomes for proposals in Consensus Based Decision Making: Yes, No, Abstain, and Present Not Voting (PNV). Passes 9-0
- Motion for Subcommittees to meet entirely on Zoom. Passes 9-0
- Motion to meet in Person Only for Every RSC. Fails 5 yes, 4 no

2. Money Matters

- Fraud claim resolved with all money returned to NERNA.
- Operating balance \$0. Prudent reserves and set asides are full. Money motions were less than the set asides for those subcommittees

3. Many open positions for subcommittee chairs.

Reports:

- Chair: working on improving the flow and output of the RSC meeting. Present belief is that the Region is attempting to do too much at each meeting. Too many process improvements all at once.
- Finance: Fraudulent funds were returned in full.
- Treasurer:
 - Opening Balance \$ 0
 - Prudent reserve and set asides \$4288

c. Closing Balance \$ 0

4. Public Relations:

- a. Together for Hope April 29,30 was a success
- b. Cape Cod Symposium August 6-9 Providence. Working with GPANA PR to staff the table at this event.
- c. Elections: chair and vice chair are open positions

5. Regional Delegate: Please review the attached report from our delegate team covering the World Service Conference of NA

6. H&I:

- a. Sponsorship Behind the Walls position is Open
- b. Congratulations to Jenn V, Vice Chair, and Sam P, secretary

7. Convention: Many open positions

8. BOD: George

- a. Meeting monthly until convention in March 2027
- b. Michelle is elected at large member

Old Business

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Elections

- 1. Chair - Lindsey Vice Chair - Marissa J Secretary - Laura
- 2. Alt. Secretary - Noel Treasurer - James Alt Treasurer- Justin
- 3. Regional Delegate - Jim D Alternate Delegate - D'Lanor H

Subcommittee Chair Elections

- 1. H&I - Open
- 2. Fellowship Development - Open
- 3. Public Relations - Open
- 4. Finance - Jay Chair, Kevin at large; 2 at large positions remain open
- 5. Policy - Carrie
- 6. IT services - Open
- 7. Insurance - Matt P

Money Motions

- 1. \$39.84 Public Relations mileage, passed 9-0
- 2. \$221.76 Public Relations Literature Restock, passed 9-0
- 3. \$300 Fellowship Development Strategic Planning, passed 9-0
- 4. \$40 Fellowship Development Multi Zonal Service Symposium Registration, passed 9-0
- 5. \$1531.42 Western States Learning Day, No consensus, 6 in favor 3 opposed, 0 abstain, 0 PNV

Area Concerns

- 1. Providence raised concerns with the travel component of Public Relations spending plan
- 2. Several Areas expressed concern over the timeliness and accuracy of the minutes, and the anonymity of the google forms and email distribution lists

Next Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 916 0314 0581 | Password: NA1953

Subcommittees August 8 11am

RSC August 9 - 11am

BOD (Robin B): No Report

Activities (Rene G):

Income and Expense				✓	Money In	Money Out	Balance
5/22/26	Speaker Jam	D.J				\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
5/22/26	"	Bank Fee				\$ 8.00	\$ 92.00
5/19/26	"	Fliers				\$ 18.00	\$ 74.00
5/19/26	"	Rental fee				\$ 50.00	\$ 24.00
5/20/26	"	Ice				\$ 10.00	\$ 14.00
5/20/26	"	Food				\$ 78.09	\$ 64.00
5/22/26	"				\$ 400.00		336.00

Speaker Jam
+
Dance
May 22, 2026

Rene Guppin

H&I (Jenn V): Contact list included in attachments

GPANA H&I June Report

The H&I subcommittee met hybrid on Sunday 6/28/26 from 2p-315p with around 15 addicts in attendance. We are currently in 10 facilities plus Corrections. All commitments have been filled this past month.

We voted in 4 new panel leaders this month and filled some open commitments. Currently we have the H&I policy chair open as a position. We also have the Wilson House Coordinator position open and the 3rd Thursday at Fuller Hospital from 7p-8p as an open commitment. Please bring these positions back to your group. I reached out to Jellison house regarding the facility moving. This has not happened yet and they will reach out to us when they move locations. We are working on getting into Butler and hope to have more updates on this at the next Subcommittee meeting.

If your group would like to come on a commitment, we have attached our commitment calendar with days, times and panel leader and contact info. Please feel free to contact the panel leaders directly, or Rob or myself with any questions regarding H&I.

The next subcommittee meeting will be on Sunday 7/19/26 from 2p-315p.

ILS,
Jenn V.

Policy (Carrie B): Convention policy has been completed and is available online. Will continue to try and support H and I in their policy work. The ASC policy was revised with newest motions and is available on the website. There have been a few questions and comments from members regarding things missing from policy. The policy committee in 2019 revised the policy in its entirety. At that time, policy changes were reported on and sent back to groups for approval. The 2019 policy superseded any prior policy. All policy motions since that time have been logged and included if passed. If anyone feels the policy is missing something I would suggest they submit a motion to include it. The policy log of all relevant motions starting in 2019 is available on the website.

PR (Pride I):

Hi folks, Have spoken to Brian about my unavailability for Area Committee this weekend. Here is the Public Relations Report for June !.) Cape Cod Symposium will need coverage for Sat/Sun 8/8 and 8/9. Brian will pass out time slot sign-up sheet. Pride will set up with Region on Thursday. Thurs/Fri is covered by myself and Regional volunteers. Sat 7:30AM- Noon, Noon to 5PM need 2 volunteers each and Sun 7:30AM- Noon, Noon to Closing need 2 volunteers each. Will coordinate logistics at July Area Committee meeting. 2.) Money motion for \$500 for Rally for Recovery in Providence Sat., 9/19 3.) Posters being printed (100) and QR code changed for 50 existing posters Date for event has not yet been determined. 4.) Contact made with Butler Hospital for incoming H&I commitments. Still waiting for available dates requested. 5.) No requests through our Contact Gmail. In loving Service, Pride I. (401-742-8663)

Website OPEN: (Johnny F filling in) Updates to the website are being worked on. Mostly changes in the look and some functionality.

Ad Hoc on Area Improvements (Taylor H):
Adhoc June 13th

On June 13th there were 6 people in attendance. We discussed the small changes we made to the ASC meeting last month and weighed the pros and cons. The group conscious decided that it's going to take some time to find out what works and what doesn't; therefore trying something for one month and then getting rid of it doesn't make sense. We need to continue trying the small changes we made for a while to determine if they help or not. We reminded ourselves that the small changes we have made were only in response to the issues that the body brought to light at the presentation/workshop in April. Which one of the main concerns that was brought to light was how long and drawn out the ASC meeting was. This a trial and error type of progression and we ask the body to be patient while we continue to try and make improvements to our ASC meeting and our fellowship as a whole.

These small changes include:

- Holding all questions for committee chairs until the end of reports. (We encourage you to bring a notebook if you need to write your question down to remember it)
- Passing around a sheet to write group announcements/concerns
- Reminding people to think of open forum topics instead of turning it into a discussion during reports.
- Having a greeter than can direct them to where they need to go.

Other things that were discussed:

Timer for open forum? In open forum should there be a cut off time? Or if the chair or someone would like a 10-15 minute continuation before anything else gets tabled till the following month.

Chair remembering to ask for new GSRs.

Print out agendas and do a GSR orientation. Also remembering to use the pros/cons (AFTER the motion is understood by everyone in attendance) during discussion on voting for motions.

How do we get willing mentors? How do we get people willing to be mentored?

Packets of descriptions for ASC positions:

A packet of all ASC positions described to be distributed to groups or given to GSRs to bring back to groups.

Current Agenda items:

Developing a permanent packet of positions to be given to groups or ready for distribution at area.

Planning out Service slam and what it's actually going to entail.

Next meeting will be July 11th 6:30p @Carrie's house by the lake. With food and snacks. Please come join us and share your ideas with us. Communication is the only way to be heard. Closed mouths don't get fed!

For further information contact Adhoc Chair:

Taylor H 401-369-5844

Questions on reports:

Convention - I thought we were going to bring the leftover merchandise here to sell? New chair isn't sure. Previous merchandise chair, agreement is yes to bring the stuff to sell. PR may have brought some to an event. Should be able to get from the storage and bring it here. Agreement was not for the last convention but the one prior. Since those items were not really sold the last convention did not decide to automatically transfer merch to the area

What was the PR event coming up? Cape Cod Symposium august 6-9 at the convention center. Usually at a hotel in the Cape however it is under construction so being held in Providence. What is it? Addiction treatment conference. NA is ther to represent NA at a tabling event. It is not public. The attendees are medical and addiction professionals.

Activities receipts - do they go to the treasurer? Yes, they were given.

BOD on storage - isn't it actually pretty full? The floor space is full but due to the lack of organization it could be better. When convention is going strong a smaller space could be a problem? BOD will keep that in mind as they move forward to find a more affordable space. How difficult and time consuming would it be to get 2 or 3 people to go in there and straighten it out? That's not the issue, it's because its disorganized. Believe it's been organized previously, but we need to get out as it's not cost effective. Shelving may help. Someone is attending to this.

Concern about ad hoc - limiting information or knowledge is a slippery slope. Discussion is good. It is the chair and vice chairs job to shut down repetitive discussion. To put a timer on someone isn't great. We don't want to limit a speakers time but rather to have a hard cut off to end the time. Maybe we should vote or maybe we should get used to tabling things. Could we announce that questions are after reports - Was done. Well maybe we could organize the questions better so it's not random. Like the idea that questions are held, maybe to organize questions point by going report by report. Also planning a service slam and after that the committee will be disbanded. Join in. We want to make service attractive. Also feel free to join the slack channel for that.

GROUP CONCERNS

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

Why isn't the Rally for Recovery that we do every year a set aside?

Treasurer would like to figure out the finance thing, prudent reserve where does it come from? BOD with treasurer? Yes it is. BOD is responsible for budgets, they are the finance committee. Bod proposes to create initial budgets, set asides? Rally set aside? Convention set aside, fund flowing to region. Area is fall back for support to convention. Set asides are not that old. Current policy exists for prudent reserve and a separate policy for set asides but there is no actual budget process. These policies are not that old. We need to look at each set aside, activities is doing more events that has an impact, h and l , looks like it needs increasing. **BOD and TREASURER to move forward with this**

Old Business

Elections:

Secretary – Remains OPEN
Alt Secretary Remains OPEN
Alt Treasurer Remains OPEN
Alt RCM – Mike M Passes
Website Remains OPEN
Convention Treasurer Remains OPEN
1 BOD member – John F.
1 BOD members Remains OPEN

NEW BUSINESS

MOTIONS

Money motions –

Motion # 2026-06-28-1

Submitted by Handl
Amount: \$100
Motion: \$100 to make H&I Binders (6). 5 readings in each.
Intent: For panel leaders
Abstain 0 Against 1 For 14 MOTION PASSES

Motion # 2026-06-28-2

Submitted by PR
Amount: \$500
Motion: \$500 for the an ally level membership (cheapest) which gets us a booth at the Rally for Recovery in Providence on Sat 9/19/26
Intent: To carry the message
Abstain 0 Against 0 For 15 MOTION PASSES

Motion # 2026-06-28-4

Submitted by Brian F. Seconded by Carrie B
Amount: \$500
Motion: Contribute \$500 to region
Intent: Fund flow
Abstain 6 Against 8 For 0 MOTION FAILS

Non - Money motions –

Motion # 2026-06-28-3

Submitted by Literature
Motion: To revise current GPA Policy section 7 Literature Responsibilities.
Motion referred to policy

OPEN FORUM

Started at 5pm

Discussion about regional contribution - convention didn't bring money in so maybe we save. Convention is 2 years away and it is not a fundraiser. We tend to rely on convention; we can do a better job on budgeting. Fund flow is important. Maybe we need to review and hold the money until we are doing better at set asides and prudent reserve. Region has a lot of money that gets spent on travel maybe give directly to world.

Limiting individuals time to speak not aligning, what about open forum topics We have a cutoff time why don't we just enforce it? At 5:25 chair can ask if people want to extend. If not, everything remaining is tabled.

saving report questions to the end. Gets scattered. Feels fragmented. Managing the time better is maybe a better way. There are other ways we can do things. Like saying, "is your question different from what has already been said?" It's not easy to cut people off. What helped me was really communicating with vice chair a week before. Having the conversation immediately after the report creates creativity where everyone is being heard and invited. Agree the way the meeting is run, there may be some responsibilities in the policy but is there an sop that you could maybe have in front of you while the meeting is going on? Hearing that part of the solution may be Mentoring and creating Cheat Sheets which are also action items raised from the April event. We can work on this together. Hearing that time keeping is not well liked but also long meetings are not well liked. Please bring forward any ideas you have. Reiterating. It's very hard to control people in a meeting but most of us are guilty of "reiterating". If nothing changes, nothing changes. After reports are read maybe we highlight ea report for questions. Getting to open forum by 5 is a record so maybe the changes implemented are working. Continue to give these changes an opportunity. Process is not clear between implementing ideas or area members approving. No motion was made to make change. We may have been quicker because of low attendance. There was a lot of discussion anyhow. Some of it is the meeting facilitators redirecting discussion when it's happening by saying that sounds like an open forum topic or that's not new information. Maybe give it a chance to breathe. Area has always been not attractive. Hearing chair is responsible. GSR orientation should have been done all along, now we're doing it.

Area Committee Meeting Closed slightly after 5:30

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