

Montgomery County Area Service Committee Report

Meeting Minutes

The Montgomery County Area Service of Narcotics Anonymous was called to order on **April 27th, 2014** in Mercy Suburban Hospital's Conference Room by the ASC Chair at **12:00 PM**, and opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Tradition of the Month was read by: Kim D.

Concept of the Month was read by: John C.

ROLL CALL:

AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE														
<u>POSITION</u>	REPRESENTATIVE		ATTENDANCE 2014											
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME GROUP</u>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Chair	Alan C.	Peace in NA	P	P	P	P								
Co-Chair	Eric P.	Fresh Start	A	P	P	P								
Secretary	John C.	Welcome Home	P	P	P	P								
Co-Secretary	VACANT	-	V	V	V	V								
Treasurer	Amanda V.	A New Way	P	P	P	P								
Co-Treasurer	Todd S.	Get Well Soon	P	P	P	P								
Policy	AnneMarie G.	Go With the Flow	P	P	P	P								
Co-Policy	Jack A.	Some are Sicker than Others	V	V	P	P								
RCM	Kim D.	Get Well Soon	P	P	P	P								
Alternate RCM	AnneMarie G.	Go With the Flow	V	P	P	P								

AREA SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE														
<u>POSITION</u>	REPRESENTATIVE		ATTENDANCE 2014											
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME GROUP</u>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
PR Chair	Carley M.	Principles Before Personalities	P	P	P	A *								
PR Co-Chair	VACANT		P	V	V	V								
Literature Chair	Larry E.	Abington Hospital Group	P	P	P	P								
Literature Co-Chair	VACANT	-	V	V	V	V								
Unity Chair	Christy W.	Go With the Flow	A	P	P	P								
Meeting Lists	Andrew C.	Abington Hospital Group	P	P	P	P								
Unity Co-Chair	Kim F.	Go With the Flow	V	P	P	P								

New Groups: 1

First count of GSRs / Alternates / Proxies: 19

Reading of last month's minutes was read by Area Secretary, John C.
Kim D. motioned to accept the minutes, Randy N Seconded.
Vote was unanimous, motion passes.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER (RCM) REPORT

RCM <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Alternate RCM	Kim D. <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> AnneMarie G.	<p>Region was held on Sunday, April 6. Region would like to change the phone line works. Right now, we use two services: one for the number itself, and than an answering service with an operator. This would all change, and it would be an addict-based phone line. Which would mean that we would need volunteers to help run the phone line. Those volunteers would sign-on for an allotment of time, and attend an phone line orientation. It would go in conjunction with our 5th and 7th traditions. The Region is asking that the respective Areas in the Region, that all home groups discuss this further, and to get feedback.</p> <p>Due to recent events, as we very well know from last month: The Philly RSO is cloed, and an addict has stepped up and willing to make a EPARNA Regional meeting list. More on that to be brought up by Literature Chair, Larry E.</p> <p>Other than that, bills are paid. We donated \$145.70 to NAWS, and all is well!</p> <p>I have expressed an interest in attending the Autonomy Zonal Forum (AZF) in July. Unfortunately it will fall on the last weekend in July, and more will be revealed as if I will for sure be attending...it all depends on my work schedule.</p> <p>Lastly, I regret to inform the Area that I will not be at Area next month, due to a wedding. As well as for the next Region meeting. Which is scheduled to be held June 1, subcommittees at 12:30pm and Region meeting at 2pm. AnneMarie has willing shown interest to step up and take the reins, as per her position of Alternate RCM. Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Loving Service, Kim D.</p>
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AREA SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Literature Chair <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Literature Co-Chair	Larry E. <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> VACANT	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Starting Balance:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2010.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H+I FEB:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">+ \$115.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Freestate Order:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- \$577.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NAWS Purch -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- \$17.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">= \$1531.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sales:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">+ 1707.95 = \$2239.36</td> </tr> </table> <p>This committee is now working with EPARNA to develop a regional meeting list as the Phila Region has no immediate plans to print regional meeting lists.</p>	Starting Balance:	\$2010.13	H+I FEB:	+ \$115.85	Freestate Order:	- \$577.44	NAWS Purch -	- \$17.13		= \$1531.41	Sales:	+ 1707.95 = \$2239.36
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PR Chair <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> PR Co-Chair	CarleyM. <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> VACANT	<p>PR subcommittee met and we had a productive meeting. We are requesting \$142.40 in total from treasury. One check of \$42.40 made out to Andrew C, for meeting lists and also \$100 transferred from the AREA account to the Literature account for H+I literature. 5 Basic Texts were given to our Drug Court Rep (Chris L) to be redistributed to D.C. participants who have a desire to be involved. Andrea Q was voted in as CO-H+I Coordinator. Most of the commitments are going extremely well. All are being filled and attended. There are a couple minor issues that will be addressed by phone. Dave F, and myself (Randy N) will be going into St. Gabes which is a treatment facility to do an H+I presentation on May 7th. I will report back next month on what happens at that meeting. As always we could use more support for the womens prison.....we have applications available for those that have not applied.</p>												
Policy Chair <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Policy Co-Chair	AnneMarie G. <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Jack A.	<p>Policy was revised as voted upon to amend the ASC meeting format to move the literature report to the end of the group reports to allow the literature chair time to get their report together.</p>												
Meeting Lists	Andrew C.	<p style="text-align: center;">Treasury Request: \$42.40</p> <p>I purchased 500 meeting lists this month. I added Get Clean or Die Trying Group meeting to the list and treasury request is 42.40 for 1000 meetings lists for next month.</p>												
Unity Chair	Christy W.	<p>We held the 3rd annual NA's Got Talent Show event 4/26 – It was a very well</p>												

----- Unity Co-Chair	----- Kim F.	attended, great talent, and a really fun time was had by everyone. Our next event is the Reading Phillies game. July 3 rd . It is a really fun event and fliers have been passed out. Also note we received so much help from NA members with setup and clean up for talent show and would like to thanks everyone for their support and help.
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GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) REPORTS

GROUP:	GSR:	AREA DONATION:	LITERATURE PURCHASE:	COMMENTS:
A New Way	Amanda V. (alternate)	\$0	\$0	Meets Sunday @ 8:30 @ Eagleville Hospital. Amanda V. celebrated 8 years and homegroup anniversary is at the end of May. More will be revealed, look out for flyers.
Abington Hospital Group	Andrew C.	\$0	\$0	Friday night Abington Hospital Group is doing great. Large Attendance and always welcoming newcomers. We are celebrating our 33 rd year anniversary on May 16 @ 7pm in the beardwood auditorium in the Wydner Building.
Bring Your Basic Text	Zahirah M.	\$0	\$0	Group is doing good. We have a new treasurer, Joe B. Membership is well. No May anniversaries.
Built to Last	Michael M.	\$0	\$0	We are doing great. We meet every Monday from 8-9pm at the Jenkintown United Methodist Church. Walnut and Summit St in Jenkintown PA
Campus Choice	Dave F.	\$20.00	\$0	Small meeting – looks to grow as word gets around.
Complete Abstinence	Brian C.	\$0	\$0	ABSENT
Courage in NA	Joseph C.	\$29.25	\$18.75	Group is doing good.
Fresh Start	Eric P. (proxy)	\$0	\$44.50	Group continues to carry the message but is in need of trusted servants to chair meetings. Deb H celebrated 3 years on April 23 rd
Friday at 7:30	Mike B.	\$11.86	\$49.00	Meeting is still carrying the message. Reggie celebrated 21 years and Bernice celebrated 3 years.
Get Clean or Die Trying	Josh H.	\$21.05	\$87.45	Get clean or die trying is doing well. We meet every Wednesday night from 6-7pm to further carry the message of NA. We can be found at 2941 Lutheran Rd. Gilbertsville, PA. Please come out and support.
Get Well Soon	Kim D. (proxy)	\$0	\$83.75	The Get Well Soon group continues to meet every Thursday at 8pm in Conshohocken at St. Cosmas and Damian church. Still carrying the message to the still, suffering addict. Come join us, Todd S. will be celebrating 29 years on May 29!
Go With the Flow	Chris H.	\$26.05	\$23.95	All is well. Homegroup members Kim F, Lisa B, both celebrated 1 year clean. We will be celebrating our 10 th anniversary on June 6 th . Food, Fun, Fellowship at 7pm. 2 speakers @ 8pm.
Grateful Living Group	Andrea Q. (alternate)	\$0	\$11.00	Group is doing well. 4 th annual memorial day picnic. May 26 th from 11am-5pm, and a meeting @ 12pm @ Lower Perkiomen Valley Park. Food after meeting. Meeting is doing well, lots of newcomers. Paulie celebrated 38 years and Andrea 2 years.
Helping Addicts Lose the Obsession (HALO)	N/a	\$0	\$0	ABSENT

Learning How to Live	Jeff G.	\$0	\$45.00	Learning how to live group is doing well. Anniversary Sunday June 22 nd 2014
Living Clean: The Journey Continues...	Dustin R.	\$11.00	\$30.00	Group is still growing, a lot of newcomers. Dustin new GSR. Meets in Royersford at Christs Church of the Valley @7pm.
Men and Women Stepping Up Group	Hadi	\$0	\$0	ABSENT
Peace in NA	Alan C. (Proxy)	\$57.00	\$0	All is well and we still carry the message of NA
People in Recovery	Terry P. (Proxy)	\$4.00	\$17.50	Group is doing well. Our new facility is helping us with attendance. We are still in dire need of committed homegroup members and support. We are located at the church off Airy St. at St. Johns soup kitchen.
Principles Before Personalities	Kim R.	\$0	\$62.00	We meet Sundays @ 5pm. Still carrying the message of recovery.
Recovery First Group	Matt F. (Alternate)	\$15.00	\$0	Group is doing well. We just celebrated 42 years. Thanks to everyone who supported us.
Regardless Group	James C.	\$28.30	\$20.70	Regardless group is doing well. Attendance 15 or less. Atmosphere of recover and message carried. Meet Saturday night @ 7:30 pm – 9pm on Jacoby and Swede St in Norristown, come join us.
Saturday Night Alternative	Courtney K.	\$20.00	\$62.00	Sat. Night Alternative meets Saturday night @ 10pm-11:15pm. Group is doing well. Continuously carrying the message. We have trouble fulfilling commitments within the homegroup. Frank C celebrated 90 days last month.
Simplicity is the Key	Ben Y.	\$0	\$1.50	Meeting is carrying the message. 2 anniversaries. Lost 2 members, gained one. 6pm Wednesdays. Low attendance but steady.
Some Are Sicker Than Others	Jon C.	\$0	\$33.30	Still a fairly young meeting. Excellent attendance and newcomer turnout. Looking for more women to attend. We have newer younger women in attendance and more experienced women would be helpful.
Step Working Guide Group	Brooke S.	\$20.00	\$0	Step working guide group will not be moving locations. We will stay here @ Mercy Suburban Hospital on Saturday morning @ 10am. Please come out, we could use your support.
Step Writing Meeting of NA	Marie M.	\$0	\$0	ABSENT
Steps Ahead		\$0	\$0	ABSENT
Stop the Vicious Cycle	Randy N. (Proxy)	\$0	\$0	Group is well.
Surrender to Win	Doug L.	\$70.00	\$0	Group is doing well. The whole month of April, we have speajers from out of the area with the beautiful weather, attendance has been lacking. Still averaging 15-20 epeople.
Unconditional Recovery	Ashley D.	\$31.00	\$0	Uconditional Recovery continues to hold its meeting on Thursdays @ 7:30pm carrying the message to the newcomers. Welcoming new HG members and getting big attendance from the pure and simple area. Jake L celebrated 3 years last week.
Unconditional Recovery Two	Ashley D.	\$31.00	\$0	Saturday night meeting being held at 7pm @ the same location as the Thursday meeting. Always welcoming new HG members. Melissa B celebrating 3 years in May. Good attendance @ the Landsdale Methodist Church.
Wake Up to Recovery		\$0	\$0	ABSENT
We Recover on Wednesdays	Jacob S.	\$26.00	\$43.15	Our groups meeting place and time is

				Hawes Ave in Norristown PA from noon to 1:15pm. Attendance at our group is steady. Things are going well with our group members. We could use any support of whoever would get involved. Our attendance has increased over last few months. Would love to see that continue as its a Noon meeting.
Welcome Home	John C.	\$22.00	\$ N/A	Group is doing amazingly well. Message Carried.
We Walk by Faith	Walter E.	\$0	\$0	There will be a new meeting starting May 15 th , 2014 @ 251 Perkiomen ave schwenksville PA @ 6:30pm. The name of the group is We Walk by Faith Group of NA. All are welcome to attend. Please come out and join us.

Re-count of GSRs / Alternates / Proxies (for voting purposes): 27

OLD BUSINESS:

-Discussion about the necessity and importance of having a PO BOX, keeping anonymous the people involved in AREA and not using personal mailing addresses. We receive information from other areas about events and information from world. No other new business discussed besides open forum and announcements, Check previous months minutes for more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business brought to ASC body.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OPEN FORUM:

New Group: We Walk by Faith meets @ 251 Perkiomen Ave. Schwenksville PA @6:30pm on Thursday May 15th

New special interest group is seeking feelings on a Women focused meeting called Women In The Solution. Will be starting June 1st. Meeting @ 21 N York Rd, Hatboro Baptist Church – 4-5pm on Sundays. Men will be welcomed as well.

The Almost There Group is no longer meeting.

RCM will be absent from ASC for month of May.

IMPORTANT!!: addict based phone line will need huge support if we change to it. region needs to know if we can be helpful to integrate a change. we need to voice whether we would be available as an area to either help and participate or not we dont agree, but this is being addressed and implemented by region with or without our support.

GSR's take discussion to your HG members

Motion: made by Eric P. and seconded by Randy N. Refer back to the groups whether to change the structure of the Regional Phone Line.

Intent :To ensure that we fulfill our primary purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering addict.

Kim D motions accept treasurer, Randy N seconded motion to hold balance for next month to maintain balance for region donation. seconded by randy n.

Jack A discussed we need to make sure we know what we are talking about in terms of meetings folding and/or not part of our area anymore. Monday built to last is here and participating.

Mike B discussed we need to be mindful of how we treat the hospital grounds by sitting on heaters and making sure we understand we represent NA as a whole and our behavior needs to be checked.

Amanda V discussed in open forum, has this area ever considered moving to an area where we would carry a world vote.

Follow up discussion involved our attempts in the past to consider moving and what the best interests of our area was.

Bottom line, our voice is believed to be heard even without carrying a vote.

New world service structure is discussed in previous CAR report, so this could end up being a moot point.

-Throw out old meeting lists to ensure accurate information for newcomers and anyone relying on that information to get to a meeting.

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-Have lit orders in by 10th of month for your groups orders

The Area Secretary reviewed the Business of the Day.

Eric P. motioned to close, seconded by John C.

Vote was unanimous, motion passes.

*** Next ASC Meeting – MAY 25th, 2014 ***

2014 MONTCO ASC CALENDAR:

January 26
April 27
July 27
October 26

February 23
May 25
August 31
November 24

March 30
June 29
September 28
December 29