



## **TBRNA Regional Service Committee Meeting**

**February 12, 2011**

**Host CBANA**

**\*\*\*The next RSC will be May 14, 2011 at SETANA**

### **Meeting opened at 9:15AM with Serenity Prayer**

**Service Prayer: Read**

**12 Traditions: Read**

**12 Concepts: Read**

<b>Facilitator: Present</b>	<b>H&amp;I: Present</b>
<b>Co-Facilitator: Present</b>	<b>AAI : Present</b>
<b>Treasurer: Present</b>	<b>CAC : Present</b>
<b>Co-treasurer: Open</b>	
<b>RD: Present</b>	<b>BVANA: Not Present</b>
<b>RDA: Present</b>	<b>CBANA: Present</b>
<b>Recorder: Present</b>	<b>CTANA: Present</b>
<b>Policy Facilitator: Present</b>	<b>EANA: Present</b>
<b>Literature Review : Not Present</b>	<b>HCANA: Present</b>
<b>PI: Present</b>	<b>HASCONA: Present</b>
<b>Convention Chair 2011: Not Present</b>	<b>NASCONA: Present</b>
<b>Convention Chair 2012: Present</b>	<b>SETANA: Present</b>
<b>Web Dude: Present</b>	<b>TTCANA: Present</b>

Facilitator ask for new RCM's

TBRSC welcomes Gary Y. from HCANA

RCM Orientation by Co- facilitator Allen E.

**Corrections to Previous Minutes: none**

**Recordings were read and approved**

### **Administrative Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:**

First, I'd like to say that I had a blast at this year's convention in College Station, and would like to thank everybody on the committee for letting me be a "part of". Regardless of the financial outcome, I think the convention was a great injection of experience, strength and HOPE for the Brazos Valley Area!

Service Committee Financial Report – I am still working on some Year End Financial Reports, so I will bring Financial Statements with me on Saturday. The bank account has been reconciled as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Below are funds available:

Starting Bank Balance on November 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	\$ 7,197.26
Donations	\$4,532.25
Expenses	<u>\$(3,751.26)</u>
Bank Account Ending Balance as of Feb 09, 2011	\$ 7,978.25
AAI portion	<u>\$ (661.64)</u>
General Fund Balance	\$ 7,316.61
Prudent Reserve	\$(1500.00)
WSO Travel Reserve	<u>\$(1,500.00)</u>
<b>Working Capital</b>	<b>\$ 4,316.61</b>

Late Deposit – A check that was sent by SE Texas accidentally got stuck with the regular mail I picked up from the mailbox around the holidays. I just now found it this past week. I have deposited the check. I did communicate with the SE Texas Treasurer, and the late deposit should not be a problem. I posted the deposit for December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010, since I had received the check prior to the end of the year. It just shows as an outstanding deposit on the Bank Reconciliation.

I sent a check from the General Fund for the deposit on the Hotel for TBRCNA XII. This needed to be sent to secure the hotel for the date scheduled, and I didn't want to pull it from the current convention fund while TBRCNA XI was in progress. As soon as I get the books back from the Convention Treasurer, I will reimburse the General Fund the \$1,000.00 out of the Convention account, but the check was included in the Expenses to date.

I have one check outstanding, and that is the one sent for \$100.00 to the Southern Zonal Forum. I contacted the Treasurer, and it looks like she has not received the check. I sent it out around the time I sent the NAWS check (which cashed Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011). I e-mailed the SZF Treasurer back and told her I would give it another week before I put a Stop on the check. I will e-mail her when I do.

Plains Area outstanding check – I mailed a new check for \$1,000.00 to the Plains Area, to replace the check that never cleared from 2009. This payment doesn't show up on the reports because it was a wash after I made a journal entry to void the 2009 check. The check was mailed in December, because I didn't realize Tom K. had sent me the mailing address months prior. Tom's e-mails had been going in my junk box, and I didn't realize he had sent it to me. After talking to him, I found the e-mail, right about the time I got a call from one of the Plains Area members, and I confirmed the address. The check *has* cleared the bank!!

I received an accounting from Tom K. for his expenses for the October 2010 Southern Zonal Forum, which reflects \$191.93 due over the amount I advanced him. I still owe him this money.

Treasurer's Contact List - As a result of the found check from SE Texas, I thought it might be a good idea to create a contact list of all the Area Treasurer's. This way, if I have a similar problem, or get a receipt mailing back, I can try to contact the Area Treasurer directly. If you have your Treasurer's contact information, please write it down for me, or e-mail it to me. Please feel free to also give your Treasurer my contact information in case they see that a check has not cleared the bank.

Deposit Receipts – I've set up a mail merge program to generate donation receipts that I receive. This way I just have to select what group/area that I've received a donation from, and it will spit out a "Thank you" letter and an envelope. I'm hoping this will help in my getting receipts out quicker to everyone, but I will no longer be holding them until the RSC. I will be mailing them to the address on the check, unless there is a note saying to mail them to a different address. I have some checks that have a different address on the check than what is on the mailing envelope. I'm hoping the Treasurer's list will help me make sure I'm sending the receipt to the right address. So please ask your treasurer to note what address the receipt needs to go to, unless the address on the check is correct. I have mailed out ALL donation receipts I had as of Thursday.

AAI – the current fund balance for the AAI account is \$661.64. The only donations I've received have been from the Nothing to Fear group in Amarillo. I have not received any invoices from World in the last quarter, but I believe Greg just recently sent in some requests.

Convention Account – I was going through the previous years Convention box, and I stumbled across some software! Yeah!! Unfortunately it did not include Quickbooks....Boo!!

I received a copy of the Convention Treasurer's Worksheet through January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. I was able to reconcile the Check Register through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. I had a little difficulty matching up the registrations to the deposits. After speaking with Michael, he thinks that there may be some registrations he added in, but didn't transfer the funds over to the bank until after he sent me the file. I'm not off by much, so I'm sure we can figure it out once we do the audit. Michael and I both agreed that it might be helpful to add another column to the Registration Worksheet that correlates each Registration to the Date in which the deposit was made. I think this would be of great use. All the checks were entered in the breakdown worksheets, with good explanation of what they were for. Just so you know, I am keeping track of what is going in and out of the account online. I haven't seen anything questionable. I believe the Convention Treasurer is doing a great job.

Although this is an extremely busy time of the year for me, I tried to make as many of the Convention meetings as possible. I spent most of the time at the Convention in the Merchandise Room, and tried to back up Jim V. with the Cash Register. I've taken some notes, and would love to get with Ray so that we can document, and pass on, what we've learned. My goal is to be a backup for how the registers work, so that each new Registration/Merchandise chair doesn't have to relearn the process each time. I loved the Colored Sticker Keys and Legend Sheet. We definitely need to do that again. I definitely would like to continue being a part of the Convention Committee and offer what help I can. I think it's important that there is some consistency in regards to how the funds are handled, and I hate to see each new chairperson have to learn from scratch every time we have a new committee. I definitely learned a lot, but feel I can learn a whole lot more.

Sales Tax & Merchandise – Prior to the Convention, I spoke with the Comptroller's Office, and they stated that, since we were using the Convention as our two day tax-free days, that it might be a good idea to wait on getting a Sales Tax Permit until we figured out if we actually had left over merchandise to sell. So I spoke to a couple of people, and decided to wait on the permit until after the Convention. If we do have left over merchandise, and we want to sell it, I can go ahead and submit the application for a Permit. This will more than likely be a report that will need to be completed on a Quarterly Basis. We will need to discuss how we want to go about doing it, and the controls we need in place, but it can be done. It is just important to note, that once we get the permit, the reports must be done on a timely basis. I've done them before, so I don't have a problem doing them. It's just keeping track of the sales, since I don't expect to be the one selling the merchandise....at least I hope not!

Unclaimed Property – as I was rummaging around in the files, I found a card from the Texas Comptroller's office dated April of 2008, which notified us that there is unclaimed property under the name of Narcotics Anonymous. I went to the website and found two items, both look like items for a group. I printed out the Property Details, but need to know who to give it to. Here are the lists of items:

- Cleveland, TX, 312 Dunnam, c/o Milton Newman - \$114.99 reported by First B&T of East Texas in 2004 (I think B&T means Bank & Trust).
- Port Lavaca, TX, PO Box 1272 - \$44.55 reported by IBC Port Lavaca in 2003.

In loving service,

LeAnn K.  
(210) 862-7301

#### **Discussion:**

Leanne stated she as treasurer has not been audited in a year and a half

Discussion on how Region Treasurer helps with Convention.

Mention of issue with zeroing out cash register at register.

Question was raised what role does Region Treasurer plays into the Tresurary of the convention.

Member states in our policy that Region Treasurer is automatically nominated as Co-Treasurer of convention, and helps .....

#### **RD Report:**

Much to report, so I will get to it! I want to start by thanking Central Texas Area and Brazos Valley Area for the AWESOME convention they put on in spite of the crazy weather. It was the place to be: a nice warm hotel enjoying the company of so many friends and wonderful speakers. Great job!

\*The focus of the last quarter has been getting the Service System Proposals out to as many members as possible. We have held at least 6 workshops that I am aware of: Beaumont, Conroe, Corpus Christi, Regional Learning Day in San Antonio, Tri County Area Convention in Lake Jackson, and TBRCNA last weekend. We had another one scheduled but was canceled due to lack of location to host. The Service System Proposals were also presented at the Southern Zonal Forum in Austin.

We are starting to get input back from the Service System Workgroup which includes that they have received over 100 pieces of input from various sources. This includes our input that I submitted mid-

December. With the unexpected amount of input the release of revisions has been moved to March. We need to attempt to set some tentative workshop dates to present the new information today. The workgroup, in keeping on track with the goals they were asked to meet, is still planning to have these proposals in some form in the next Conference Agenda Report. Our input is being reviewed, considered and utilized. We need to continue to be a part of this process. I want to thank all of you that have participated in a workshop somewhere along the way.

\*We already have one workshop scheduled for March 20th in Hill Country Area. Please get with Tom or I and schedule a tentative date for workshop in your area before the end of the day or very soon. Please and thank you. Also, we will be presenting this information at the Southeast Texas Area Convention on April 2nd. Hope to see you all there!

\*I also want to remind everyone that anyone can submit input on the Service System Proposals, participate in dialogue online on posting boards and get the latest up to date info at na.org under NAWS projects and surveys.

\*Nominations for World Board members, World Service Conference facilitator and Human Resource Panel are fast approaching as I believe August is the deadline. If an Area wants to nominate a member they may also want to consider bringing that member here for the regional nomination. The member also MUST complete a service resume online at na.org.

\*The World Convention of NA is being held in San Diego, California September 1-4, 2011. Pre-registration fees vary by how early you register. The earlier you register the less money you will spend and it helps support our World Convention. This is a pre-registration convention only. This convention is being set for 16,000 members. The only registrations that MAY be available onsite at the convention will be how many are left following pre-registration sales. Please pre-register if you plan to attend. You must be registered to participate in this convention as it is required by the facilities for all those entering these buildings to be wearing badges. As always at WCNA, there will be newcomer registration packets available for those newcomers with 30 days or less.

\*The Living Clean Project is also moving along and plans are to have the approval form of this book out for fellowship consideration by April 2011.

\*There is also currently online at na.org a literature survey that ends April 30, 2011. Also found under services to members on home page then under NAWS projects and surveys. This helps the board make a priority list of what the members want to see new in literature or revised like say in older pamphlets. The last time this was done was about 8yrs ago.

\*With the downturn economy many areas at NAWS have been slowed in their efforts to represent us in carrying the message here and around the world. Fellowship Development has slowed, however, with NAWS efforts to be prudent they have not stopped. Two World Wide Workshops were held: one in Peabody, Massachusetts, and one in Nagoya, Japan. NAWS also participated in approximately 13 zonal forums and 15 Regional/Area Conventions and Learning Days around the world. This included 22 events inside the United States and 14 outside including Nepal, Spain, Pakistan, India and Venezuela. This also included participation in the 5th Hispanic Convention in Kissimmee, Florida.

\*Currently there are approximately 58,076 meetings weekly around the World. With the USA reporting 26,397 and the Middle East reporting 17,252.

\*Public Relations efforts were also hampered with the economy in down turn state. NAWS continues to get more and more requests to present public information/public relations and the members continue to step up. The PR Basics and H&I Basics were created to help with these efforts. NAWS was able to participate in 4 national conferences and 2 international conferences as they partnered with Canada and Portugal. They also attended, a roundtable meeting hosted by the National Association of Drug Courts which also included AA representatives. Efforts in Spain seem to show successful as the fellowship has held a presentation to the senate in Spain, new local meetings have started and a large Spanish

treatment provider has encouraged clients to attend NA meetings.

\*2009 Membership survey has provided useful information when presenting to professionals as it reflects a fellowship with an average clean time of 9.01 years and improvement in 4 basic domains including work, family, social, and hobbies. This information goes a long way in dispelling the myth that is held by some professionals that there is "no recovery" in NA.

\*Fellowship Services is direct services to the fellowship that are provided by every team at NAWS. During the 2009-2010 fiscal year (July09-June10) NAWS teams:

Compiled 345 group starter kits; responded to over 4200 H&I requests; 8500 phone inquiries; 6000 email and letters and 416 other misc. requests for a total of nearly 21,000 communications. Also available to us on the web site is a huge amount of information that other regions and areas submit. We can submit everything from minutes to policy to anything else we think someone might be able to benefit from.

\*Also available include Reaching Out, which is a publication primarily for members that are institutionalized; NA Way, which if you haven't already please go online and subscribe to your electronic subscription (the online version is enhanced and has things the paper copy does not have and is still free.) These can be located at [naway.org](http://naway.org). Also available is NAWS News which is a key communication tool for the Board. In this newsletter the Board communicates all that has happened in the latest Board meetings. You can also get an e-subscription of that.

\*Translations! Arabic Basic Text is complete finally. Also the Basic text is available in Hindi; It Works How & Why is now in Finnish; For Today is now in Swedish; Step Working Guide is now in Russian and Lithuanian. There are currently at least 72 languages spoken in NA. There are 47 active Literature Translations Committees and 25 that are inactive. Due to shortage of financial resources the translations department took a cut in staff and is causing a revisit at priorities and support for translations projects. This especially includes book projects as IPs and booklets can be done more quickly and with much less expense.

\*Information Technology has also been hit by financial issues. The IT department struggles with staying up to date on many items due to the cost and feels it necessary to make difficult choices based on what MUST be done which includes attempting to stay on top of network security. Our website continues to become more and more viewed including June having had 9,000,000 hits with roughly 650,000 unique visits.

\*\*Ok, let's talk about money. NA World Services has been operating for the past 3 years at a loss which has depleted reserves to nearly nothing. Where expenses could be cut, they have been cut. Projects have been put on back burners and priorities have been revisited time and again. The next area to be effected is staff reduction. To date the only reduction has come when staff leaves in not replacing that position. Without serious changes in financial situation this will probably change this fiscal year.

\*There has been a continuing decline in book distribution with the most drastic decrease being our Basic Text with over 50,000 less distributed over the previous fiscal year even though the Hindi and Arabic Basic Text have been added this year. The only two core books that showed an increase in sales included Just for Today and The NA Step Working Guide. There was also a dramatic increase in sales of the Miracles Happen due to publication in Farsi for the first time. In total well over a million books total were distributed in the past fiscal year.

\*Also I think it's worth noting that since the office has worked at reducing expenses, the amount needed from each group to actually support the services that NAWS provides for us, has reduced from \$84.29 in 2008 to \$82.31 in 2010. However, our donations per group have also declined from an average of \$18.45 in 2008 to \$11.09 in 2010.

\*Tejas Bluebonnet Region contributed \$15,202.53 in the fiscal year of July09/June10. The groups, areas, region and members contributions total \$18,727.04. The previous fiscal year was \$9758.69.

\*If you are interested in more details about the monies and the current situation with NAWS please feel free to access this information <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-ar-2010-TOC> .

\* In closing let me review my finances. I was given \$250 to attend the SZF and I am turning in receipts for that event in that amount. Also, I am turning in a gas receipt for travel to workshop in the amount of \$45.00. I am requesting \$200 at this time to cover some of the future expenses including travel to the Hill Country Area and Southeast Texas Area for workshops.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve.

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### **Discussion:**

World is operating at a loss. If every group in the world was to donate \$88.00 per year this would nullify the loss.

World convention attendance limit to 16,000

Question regarding email's members are receiving in re guards to "US fellowship"

We will get back to this in open discussion.

Question re guarding the WSC being prudent with money example by member ordering a starter packet and the cost of shipping was \$8.00 (cost to WSC ) when we can get shipping for \$5.00 .

Question regarding the next CAR, "what format will be used and if there will be no proposals and if no proposals how will my groups voice be heard?" RD assures us the members voice will be heard and more information will be forthcoming.

### **RDA Report:**

Sorry about not attending the last couple of regions as I had a work commitment in August and vehicle problems in November.

I was in attendance at the last two Southern Zonal Forums, October in Clarksdale Mississippi and January in Austin. Actually attended the July Forum in Gainesville Texas, though I was not a appointed participant. As of three weeks ago, I had planned on coming here today and recommending that we discontinue our participation in the SZF. Let me tell you why and why I have changed my mind.

At the July Forum in Gainesville the hosting Red River Region had requested a workshop on the new Service System Proposals and that did not happen. The agenda called for an inventory of the Southern Zonal Forum from 10:45am until 2:15pm. After a lot of unnecessary rhetoric and lengthy discussion about the recording contractor, the inventory was finally stopped at 4pm and sent to committee. Something that might could been done earlier. This left 45 minutes for a presentation on the SS

Proposals and as any of you that have attended any workshops on this topic know, it was not enough time.

At the October session a similar situation occurred. Right after the representative from the Red River Region had made a statement about how his region felt slighted because the topic they requested was not suitably covered, an hour of discussion on how to better provide value to the hosting region followed with some good ideas like using our collective experience and direct early communication with the regions to determine their needs to efficiently provide a quality service. But, in the very next session, another Service System workshop, because the time was getting late, one of the larger personalities in the forum requested that we limit our discussion only to the State/Zonal Seating proposals. Because this person really did not seem to have a grasp of the total proposal package the discussion quickly drifted off topic and before Dawn (yes, Dawn accidentally showed up at this Forum) and I realized what was happening and that it was not what the Mississippi Region had requested, it was too late to stop that train. I left the Forum thinking that it was not worth the money we are spending to send a representative to each SZF. Dawn and I talked about this topic a few times and theorized that the downward spiral could be attributed primarily to the contributions of one member of the forum. There was one endearing session at the Mississippi event, though; The RD from the Lone Star Region presented the most focused "Building Strong Groups" workshop I had ever attended and I have attended a few.

The Forum in Austin was a different story. The early session titled "Service System: How Does It Help The Newcomer" presented by our own Dawn and Mike from Kentuckiana was focused on only the Group Support Unit and Local Service Unit. They presented the proposals as written and discussed the spiritual principles behind them. There was much participation from the forum members and several local members from both the Central Texas and Hill Country Areas. Very cool.

The second workshop was simply titled "PR Presentation" and was presented by Pat from Arkansas and our own Dianna. This was not a merely a reading of PowerPoint slides but a sharing of public relations experience and some basic suggestions on how to properly interact with the public. This nicely developed into a discussion of the concept of our service committees of Public Information, Phoneline, Outreach and Web Service all falling under the Public Relations "umbrella". The topic was brought up early by the Public Information Facilitator from Central Texas. An informative and mind opening open discussion.



The last session was an open discussion of the Service System Proposals. A heavily participated game of "What If" and "How Will It Be If". I felt a lot better about our participation after this forum. And "no", the member that seemed to run the show at the last two events was not in attendance at this one.

I have been very busy with real work and a new side business for the last several months and have not been able to attend all the workshops that should have been presented by me. I have only been at two of the seven that have been conducted in our region. Dawn has been taking up the slack where I have fallen short. I do think that my schedule should be more flexible in the near future, but I thought that I had a handle on it at the end of last year and it was not so. This should probably be discussed at this RSC as there will be another wave of Service System information published next month.

In Service

Tom

**Discussion:**

Member questions if he can honestly say he can fulfill the commitment to his position.

Tom says he can fulfill the commitment he feels this way today, unless unforeseen circumstances occur.

**Co-Facilitator Report:**

My report this quarter will cover both regional co-fac and TBRCNA11 co-fac. As regional co-fac I've kept in touch with our facilitator and the RD, and have conferred with them on issues regarding our region and TBRCNA. I did not make it to the TSC board meetings due to them either being too far away or conflicting with my work schedule. I have contacted them several times in attempts to get on their email list for announcements and recordings, still haven't been put on their list, Bob has emailed them also, but they keep sending the info to him.

The vast majority of my time has been spent working on TBRCNA11.

So we'll move on to my report from the convention. I'm not reporting on numbers or statistics, but rather on my overall experience with the entire process and my interactions with everyone involved in the process, and thoughts and observations that might serve to improve future conventions. I need to express my gratitude to the other members of the convention committee, EVERYONE who served on the committee went the extra mile and performed at 110% in a time crunch and in a less than perfect situation as far as logistics and travel distances. We started in August, with Bryan stepping up and becoming the Facilitator with me stepping in as Co-Fac, we put together a committee and got the ball rolling, but had to do so in a hurry, and with all of us wearing multiple hats through much of the process, traveled hundreds of miles holding convention committee meetings in Austin, Temple, College Station and Navasota. Not a single member batted an eye or hesitated in traveling where ever we needed to be. For this alone I say kudos to us all! Looking back I would not wish this on another committee, but am happy with the outcome and the region as a whole pulling together and pitching in. We had members from several areas helping us, Brazos Valley, Central Texas, Northside, Houston and Tri Counties and Esperanza were represented on the committee itself as were members from the CAC who both served as sub committee chairs and lended their experience and help to us( most of us had no prior convention experience)

From the viewpoint of unity and carrying the message of recovery TBRCNA11 was a huge success! We broke ground with reaching out to the deaf community with ASL interpreters that not only signed the main meetings, but made themselves available to individual addicts on a first come first served basis for workshops, as well as being filmed for deaf speaker tapes, the speaker tapes of the signers was a first for TBRCNA and maybe a first overall( I may be wrong, but haven't heard of it happening before...at any convention anywhere) It speaks volumes for using the resources the fellowship has to offer internally, since the interpreters were members of our fellowship, they did a great job and did it for considerably less than the other bids we got( full convention registrations and their room paid for...so about \$400, as apposed to \$1100 plus for the other bids) I myself spent the entire convention working wherever I was needed, doing supply runs for the hospitality suite, escorting the treasurer, chairing meetings, giving info and directing folks where they needed to go, helping in merchandise and registration, and communicating with hotel staff to get our needs met. We did take a financial hickey this year, I would point out that world services has talked about a developing trend in out depressed economy that long standing conventions that are usually profitable have been losing money the last couple of years. So combining the economy, the severe weather on the first day of the convention( we had several cancellations, and some chose not to travel) we lost some money. Merchandise did not sell as well as expected and we did a conservative order based on past TBRCNA purchases. I would suggest future convention committees reduce their orders by 25%, it's better to sell out and some folks be unhappy about not getting a tshirt than to have half of them left over. It might also be prudent to solicit main speakers that are closer geographically to our region, if not from within our region or Texas, maybe trying to pull folks from states that are adjacent to Texas itself. We had coffee sales tied into our contract, there is no way for us to account for how much was sold, so there is no way to know if the figures the hotel are providing are accurate, personally from what I saw I don't feel we are getting a fair shake from the hotel on this, but there isn't really any recourse for us, due to lack of a means to account for it, I would strongly suggest we don't do that again, or if we do, do it in a manner where it can be fully accounted for. I've spoken to many addicts who attended, both at the convention and via email and face book afterwards who expressed their gratitude and how much they enjoyed themselves at the convention, with the comment of " the best convention they had been to" spoken frequently, some of the people telling me this are convention veterans who attend lots of different conventions throughout the year. Prior to the event, I did hear a few grumblings about the location of the convention and the manner in which the venue was chosen, that it was too out of the way and people wouldn't come solely because of the location, this was NOT a factor in the success of the convention overall!!! I feel we would have done just as well in a large city, maybe even worse with regards to attendee's who were not registered. For those that still feel we should restrict our conventions to " convenient" larger cities, I say re-join Lonestar region, and enjoy a convention in the same place, with the same faces, and the same activities year after year. What we do now I feel is truly a regional effort, and this year in particular the whole region pulled together and made it happen, and we did a good job! And on a final note, if anyone doubts that the convention did not fulfill our fellowships primary purpose, then picture what Bryan saw outside the registration room on Saturday...a group of people, milling around shy and not too sure of what to do...they got up the courage to come in, holding a crumpled up piece of paper...a letter sent out to a local treatment center by our convention information person... they new nothing about a convention, but the letter told them they were welcome.....and they came.....

RECOVERY IS LOVE FOUND.

lls,

Allen E.

**Convention report** -Allen read convention report as vice chair. see above.

Discussion on low attendance, especially on the local level, and the loss of funds at this convention.

**Web-Guy:**

The Basic Meeting List Toolbox is getting more and more robust as there have been several feature and performance upgrades implemented. The feature to create a CSV file that is compatible with the NAWs meeting database is now available in the BMLT administration. I have not tried it yet, but if any of you have, let me know how it went.

The last two areas in the Lone Star Region are currently inputting their meetings in the database. This will complete the listings for Tejas Bluebonnet, Lone Star, Red River and OK regions. Almost all of the areas in our region are using BMLT satellites to serve up their meeting list.

The submissions of Area Activities have dropped off, so be sure that your activities committees and groups are sending me event information for posting. This may be because I have not been at region to bug you guys about it.

I had sent this idea in an earlier report but did not get an answer so maybe I could get direction today. It does not appear that many visitors are using the individual email contact forms. Do you think that we could simplify the contact area by only leaving one, maybe two contacts? Maybe [publicinf@tbrna.org](mailto:publicinf@tbrna.org) and/or [info@tbrna.org](mailto:info@tbrna.org). We could also still leave the forwarder for the bulk communications, all@.

If I have any time in the next quarter I would like to change our site from a Joomla site to a Drupal site. Both are nice content management systems but I have really been falling in love with Drupal. It will make it easier for me to keep the site structure updated and secure and will make it much better for the next person when you fire me. It will be a lot better for archive/document management and for regular folks to update the site.

Is it time for a new look to the site?

/LS

**Tom**

**Policy Facilitator:**

We only have 3 more chances this year to get the policy in better shape, not that it is in bad shape right now. I can make some proposals, but I liked what happened in the November RSC-- you all had some things you noticed needed changing. That is encouraging because it tells me someone out there is reading the policy and thinking. Yes, thinking about it and what the words mean strung together. A new crop of RSC members will be replacing us all some day. Should we not want them to start off with the best version of the policy that we can give them in order that they don't have to hash out a lot of stuff in the course of their service to NA as a whole. If we want to get better at our primary purpose let's get our "guidelines", ·

"rules", "policies" in order as our legacy to future RSC members. Those of us who have served for a 2 year commitment know the difficulty of fulfilling out commitment. For it to be an honor to serve we must first make it an honor, not a chore, to carry on. Let's put forth our proposals quickly, and thoroughly, and effectively as we can. Collectively we can accomplish anything. This is not my Policy, it is our policy. Thank you for caring what happens with it.  
Your trusted servant,  
Jerry L.

11-13-10 Kimberly, Esperanza --Cosmetic change--Page # 8 in the Policy index should read page 9. (Duly noted and revised). .

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11-13-10 Kimberly, Experanza--Change the wording on section on Convention Advisory Committee Administrator will be elected by the body of the RSC along with 4 committee members." to read " Convention Advisory Members will be elected by the body at the RSC." This will more accurately reflect the policy regarding the elections of committee members and its makeup. Also in section © of the following text which reads ... "© The elected member in their fifth (5th) year will rotate out at the end of their term." The text will now read ... " © The elected member in their fifth (5th) year is automatically the facilitator, and will rotate out at the end of their term." Passed by consensus.

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11-13-10 Clay, or HACNA--Proposed to add the CAC Facilitator to the Travel and Per Diem Section of the policy, Page 9 (For Basic Travel). Also amended to add on page 11, Financial \_ Policy Section, to be reimbursed for travel up to \$100 for gas and lodging, \$25 for food as any other standing committee. Passed by consensus.

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11-13-10 Bob T., TBRNA Facilitator, proposed that we adopt the Regional Policy Guidelines as our Corporate Policy. After some discussion, he withdrew the proposal.

### **Convention Report:**

#### **TBRCNA XI FACILITATOR:**

Hi family I've started the process of distributing flyers concerning our convention on Feb. 3 — 2012, at our previous convention in College Station Texas. I want to apologize for the misprint on the flyers handed out at TBRCNA X1 with the dates of Feb. 2 — 5, 2012. the correct flyer is out at this region. As you know we have a contract with the MCM Elegante Hotel in Beaumont TX., it was a challenged getting this task done, but we are moving forward with the Region Convention in Feb. 2012. At this time I would like to know who will be working with us from the TBRCNA, so that we could move forward with the committee from that area as well as SETANA. As you know I'm also working as the Facilitator of SETACNA, April 1- 3 2011, in Beaumont TX., but I'm working hard to keep both conventions separate, but both are in need of our support.

We are in need of seed money of \$200.00 to open the account at the bank. I'm asking this I region to allow me to put in a motion for these funds, so that we could move forward with the opening of account for the convention.

### **CAC Facilitator Report**

I am attaching the approved TBRCNA guidelines. Kim S. put in many hours retyping this to include the changes we agreed on at the RSC and make the language of all sections match. Many thanks to Kim. TBRCNA12 has a signed contract as of January 24. We did not rush into this and I am pleased to report that all CAC members as well as John R. the Facilitator were very active in fine tuning the contract with the hotel. More eyes looking at the contract has caught small details that could have otherwise been missed. Our room block is down-sized and we will be very frugal and conservative in all other areas. We are looking for a Facilitator to step up for TBRCNA13 to be hosted by the zone that is made up of Northside and Houston Areas. The first year this person would be the future Facilitator, sit on the CAC and be in a learning capacity. Possible hotel is the Marriott Waterway in the Woodlands where the two areas overlap. We are holding back on starting any negotiations till we see the direction the Fellowship is going with the Service System proposals.

For being the first trial of the new zones hosting TBRCNAs with the CAC's help and advisory capacity and with the short 6 month time to work in an accelerated mode of planning and implementation, I see TBRCNA11 as a success also. This was truly a Regional effort with two subcommittees facilitated by Northside, one co-facilitator from Texas TriCounty, one facilitator from Esperanza, two from BVA and the rest from Central Texas as well as the Admin all from Central Texas. Because so many others drove long distances also, I am not turning in any receipts for travel during this quarter. The CAC functioned well in this endeavor with one member available at every main committee meeting that I am aware of. At 3 months out and no merchandise facilitator stepping up, the job was handed to me. I ordered conservatively with 288 shirts, 144 ceramic mugs, 48 steel travel mugs and 48 steel java flasks. The weather and other factors such as the economy kept the expected attendance low and what we thought would be a merchandise sell out by Saturday afternoon didn't happen. I need help in unloading this merchandise to recoup funds for the convention. I have 97 shirts, 39 ceramic mugs, 36 java flasks and 31 steel travel mugs. I approached our webdude about an online store and I am willing to provide the labor of shipping. Ceramic mugs are out of the question because of breakage though. Please help me by buying as much as you can today (future presents, etc.). If we have to pay tax, I propose we take it out of the profit and pay it ourselves when the merchandise has been all sold. \$5 shipping will cover those prepaid boxes at the post office. I have also considered letting a few Areas sign for some shirts and mugs and bring the money back next region or mail it in. Keep in mind that signing means you will be responsible for the money and or the return of merchandise.

Brazos Valley still needs our help as a Region and as individual members of NA. To give you a clue of what we were up against, Leann and I attended a Thursday night meeting in College Station. The church had other things going on so someone showed us to the room. We sat there for 30 minutes then went back to the hotel. No meeting. When we did the geographic countdown at the convention, maybe 10 members stood up from Brazos Valley. Yet...Saturday night after the main speaker I was talking to a BVA member who used to live in Houston when an older man new to the town and new to NA walked up and Jennifer was able to get him introduced to a couple of men in the local Fellowship and some more phone numbers. NA works, and it works well.

Recovery is Love Found

JamesMc

CAC Facilitator

713-203-4469

**Discussion:**

t-shirt = \$15.00, ceramic coffee mug \$10.00, Chrome travel coffee mug \$10.00, Thermos \$15.00.

Discussion adding store to region website and shipping to be preformed by james.

Discussion on lower cost seeking for hotel. mention of the 5 zones out of 9 areas that host future conventions.the CAC talked about booking hotels years in advance with the possible benefit at lower hotel cost with booking same cooperation giving us discounts based on using the same chain multiple years.

break for Lunch 1:00 - 1:30

**Area Reports**



## RCM Report, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2011

Good Afternoon Everyone

My name is Val V. and I am a grateful addict in recovery. I am honored to be a part of this body. The Coastal Bend Area of NA includes the following major cities of Corpus Christi, Portland, Kingsville and Victoria Texas along with the surrounding areas and Counties. We have 27 Groups that meet approximately 53 times per week. We also have a web site: [www.cbana.org](http://www.cbana.org)

**H&I Commitments:** SATF, 1st and 3rd Friday, Charlie's Detox, Saturday 6:30pm, Right Program, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, Reality Ranch, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Northwest Behavioral, Tuesday 8pm, TA/Victoria, Thursday 8pm

### Up and coming functions:

**Tonight,** The Valentine's Dance is at a venue called Charlie's Place, 5501 IH 37 @ McBride Lane at 9:30pm till midnight.

**Gem City Group** of NA will be holding it's annual Chili Cook-Off Saturday, February 27 at 105 N Broadway in Portland Texas.

**No Matter What Group** of NA is holding it's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lake Mathis Campout on June 3, 4, and 5, 2011.

**Victoria Group** of NA is having their annual Spring Picnic May 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

**Get it Together** and **Survivor's** Groups of NA are holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Speaker Jam at Charlie's Place on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. There will be 6 speakers, a meal and a dance afterwards.

**Recovery By The Sea:** The Coastal Bend Area's next Recovery by the Sea Campention will be in July of 2011. Keep Coming Back for more details.

Note: I have Fliers available for most of these events.

All is going well in **CBANA** and most of our chair positions are filled in exception to RCM2, Recorder and the H&I chair which should be filled by the next ASC.

**ILS Val V. RCM-1 CBANA**

CTANA RCM I Report

Feb. 11, 2011

We have 48 groups meeting 87 times a week. In an attempt to reach out to those groups in our area that do not regularly participate in area service meetings, members of the active body are volunteering to visit in the place of the outreach chair, which is among those vacant positions in our service body. The following request was made by our area chair sent as an email to all members of the service body: "Please remember, we still have the following Area Service positions open: Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, PI Chair, Outreach Chair, Policy Chair. Please help us find persons willing and able to serve this area, we need their help."

We did have a member step up to assume the Literature Bank position; we are in the process of trying to build up inventory as the funds are made available. The lack of a Secretary/ Recorder has resulted in a delay in the area service minutes as they are being taken on a volunteer basis as well.

Our area continues to hold concept mini-workshops at each ASC. This has been very helpful to both new and veteran GSR's. We are trying to insure that participation in the service process is a rewarding and necessary experience for us to remain a vibrant fellowship.

Since the last RSC, we have been rather busy with both the Southern Zonal Forum and our Co-hosting of the recent convention in Bryan/College Station. We had quite a few members in attendance at the Forum from both Central Texas and Esperanza Areas. I believe that we now have a better understanding of what the Forums are all about and can assure the Region that there has been increased interest in some aspects of the service structure reformation. The idea of combining several committees under the heading of Public Relations has generated the most local discussion.

We would like to express our gratitude for everyone that assisted in the recent convention. We could not have done it without the help of so many experienced members who rose to the occasion when the need arose.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,  
Don L. RCM I



## **EANA Winter Regional Report February 13, 2011**

Good morning everyone, the Esperanza Area of Narcotics Anonymous currently consists of 47 groups of which 31 are voting and 16 are non voting. We have 108 weekly meetings with 88 in San Antonio, and 20 out of town meetings. Esperanza's geographical service boundaries cover Bexar County ( excluding Universal City ) Wilson, Karnes, Atascosa, Medina, Frio, La Salle, Webb, Dimmit, Zavala, Uvalde, Real, Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, and Val Verde. We have added a map of these counties to the cover sheet of our Policy which I included in my report.

We continue to make use of the Area Planning Tool / Inventory on a quarterly basis in our ASC. Tonight our Area is hosting a Valentines Day Dance with two speakers...Melissa T. and Brian T. In June H&I along with PI will be hosting a Learning Day, but I'll let our H&I and PI chairs report on this.

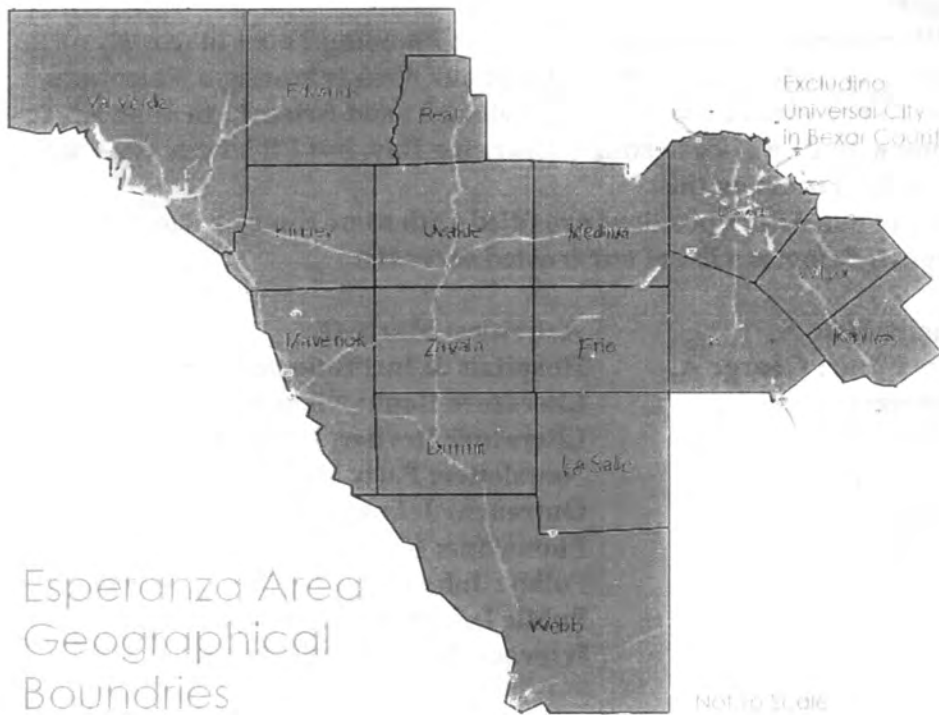
All of our ASC's positions are filled with some changes from our last Report. Below is a list of our trusted servants:

<b>Chair: Mike S.</b>	<b>Activities: Marty O.</b>
<b>Vice Chair: George A.</b>	<b>Hospitals &amp; Institutions: Luis R.</b>
<b>Secretary: Jami L.</b>	<b>Literature Bank: Nikki R.</b>
<b>Treasurer: Wanda C.</b>	<b>Literature Review: Dawn B.</b>
<b>(re-elected 2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Newsletter: Patty Mc.</b>
<b>RCM 1: Jose C.</b>	<b>Outreach: Johnny M.</b>
<b>RCM 2: Ramiro G.</b>	<b>Phone line: Katt B.</b>
	<b>Policy: John C.</b>
	<b>Public Information: Jodie C.</b>
	<b>Internet Technology: Steve S.</b>

**In Loving Service,  
Jose C. and Ramiro G.**



# POLICY



Esperanza Area  
Geographical  
Boundries

Updated January 2011

[www.eanaonline.org](http://www.eanaonline.org)

## HANA Notes

- Elections complete in January.  
open positions  
    H+I Facilitator  
    Activities Facilitator  
    Policy Facilitator
- Still struggling to recover from the financial setback at HASCONA
- Policy is in review in recurring meetings. beginning last week.
- Attempted to hold workshop on Service Structure changes but lack of area group support caused it to be canceled.
- ~~HANA~~ HASCONA proposes a change to policy to require executive board members to attend all RSC meetings and be subject to removal at two absences a cycle regardless of reason for absence.
- Changes are being made through policy to return the focus of the ASE to the groups.

## Northside Area

### February 2011

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Good Day,

We are happy to report that we have 11 groups in the Northside area with 7 groups active and 46 meetings a week with the P-Ville group from Plantersville joining the Northside area. We welcomed the P-Ville group.

We had a Chili cook-off with a H&I service workshop. Esteban R. from San Antonio facilitated the workshop. We had a good turnout for both events. Sam from Better Late Than Never was the winner with Chicken Chili. Chicken Chili, Really? That was a surprise!

Anyway, Sam from Better Late Than Never Got a trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> place got a plaque and all proceeds from the Chili cook-off are funding the Fellowship by the Lake 2011 that is on Memorial Day weekend. March 13 is planned for a softball event for more funding.

Elections were held and all positions were filled except for activities and co-treasurer. Still open. We also have new P.I. chair from Northside, Micheal S., but he had to work this weekend. He vowed to attend the next RSC. Current RSC representatives are Stewart W. & Don K. for the 2011. All year long!

In Loving Service,

Stewart W., RCM1  
Don K., RCM2

**SETANA:**

SETANA  
RCM Report

Hi , Im an addict my name is Dean, RCM 1 Southeast Texas Area

SETANA has ten groups ,meetings held 68 times a week , average attendance 3 to 15 per night.

We welcome Anahuac to SETANA , Anahuac is located 42 miles west of Beaumont in Chambers County.

PI is planning an area wide census to see who is going to our meeting. This is in preparation for an

Forum to be presented in June.

Area groups have been holding fund raisers for the first ever South East Texas Area Convention

( April 1, 2, 2011 in Beaumont )We are very excited about our first ever convention and to be hosting the next TBRCNA in 2012 in Beaumont.

Tonight there will be a Valentine dance at CCC in Beaumont . ( wish I was there LOL)

In loving service

dean\_o

**Sub Committee Reports**

Tejas Bluebonnet Regional  
Public Information  
Minutes ★ Nov 13 2010

Meeting opened with roll call: Danny – Hill Country; Kary – Coastal Bend; Jodie – Esperanza; Liz H. – member at large; and Diana - Facilitator.

August 14, 2010 meeting minutes were presented and approved by consensus.

Facilitator reported that not much had happened in the last quarter. PI Guidelines were approved by the RSC. There was discussion by the subcommittee regarding the upcoming year and what they would like to see achieved by TBRPI – the subcommittee consensus was to allow the PI facilitator bring whatever issues to the subcommittee that she see fit as well as training ideas.

AREA REPORTS:

**Coastal Bend:** This quarter they attended the Recovery Walk and Soberfest. They continue to do mailings. They are limited in their financial resources but they accomplish what they can. They are lacking willing trusted servants to help do the work of public information. Provided a copy of the most recent directory.

**Esperanza:** They have attended 10 health fairs this quarter. They also attended the Recovery Walk. All is well with PI in Esperanza.

**Hill Country:** Danny gave a verbal report that: The health fair went well and thanked Esperanza for their help; they had no luck with the press release but they haven't given up; They current have a public service announcement in the New Braunsfel area. Danny reported leaving the TBRPI meeting on fire and ready to go take on public information in his area however, he still is lacking warm bodies/trusted servants.

Old Business:

Area boundaries – The facilitator is working on the map and list of each city within area boundaries to be used for phonelines, public information and the fellowship at large. .

Region was in favor of hosting PI/H&I learning day we are just trying to work out the logistics – more will be revealed.

World Bulletin No. 25 "Public Relations and the Traditions" was handed out to the area representatives.

New Business: NONE

Discussion: There was discussion regarding following up on our PI/PR contacts and keeping records that can be passed on to the next PI/PR Chair in order to maintain continuity within the PI/PR subcommittees and so that new trusted servants don't have to re-invent the wheel once they are elected. Maintaining our PI/PR posters and regularly checking the information that we have left in the public in order to keep a positive view of our material and NA as a whole.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2011 – Coastal Bend

Meeting closed.

# **Tejas Bluebonnet Region**

## Public Information Report February 11, 2011

### Area PI Attendance:

	2008				2009				2010			
Area	Nov	Feb	May	Aug	Nov	Feb	May	Aug	Nov	Feb	May	Aug
Brazos Valley		A		A	A			A	A			
Central Texas	P	A		A	P			A	A			
Coastal Bend	A	A		A	P			P	P			
Esperanza	P	P		A	A			P	P			
Hill Country	P	P		A	P			P	P			
Houston	A	A		P	P			P	A			
North Side	A	A		A	P			A	A			
Southeast Texas	P	A		A	A	A	A	A	A			
Tx Tri-County	A	P		P	A			A	A			
Rio Grande Valley	A	A		A	A			A	A			

P – Present      A- Absent

On 11/20/10 Regional PI participated in the Houston Area Learning Day. The day went well a lot of great information was provided, turkey dinner was provided and the event was well attended by the area.

I received the Regional PI Booth and it is pretty beat up looking. In preparation for the Southern Zonal Forum and the Regional Convention (which we didn't end up using it) I had the readings laminated in order to stop the process of bent corners, dirt and stains that were starting to get on them. We also had a new "NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS" sign made for the booth.

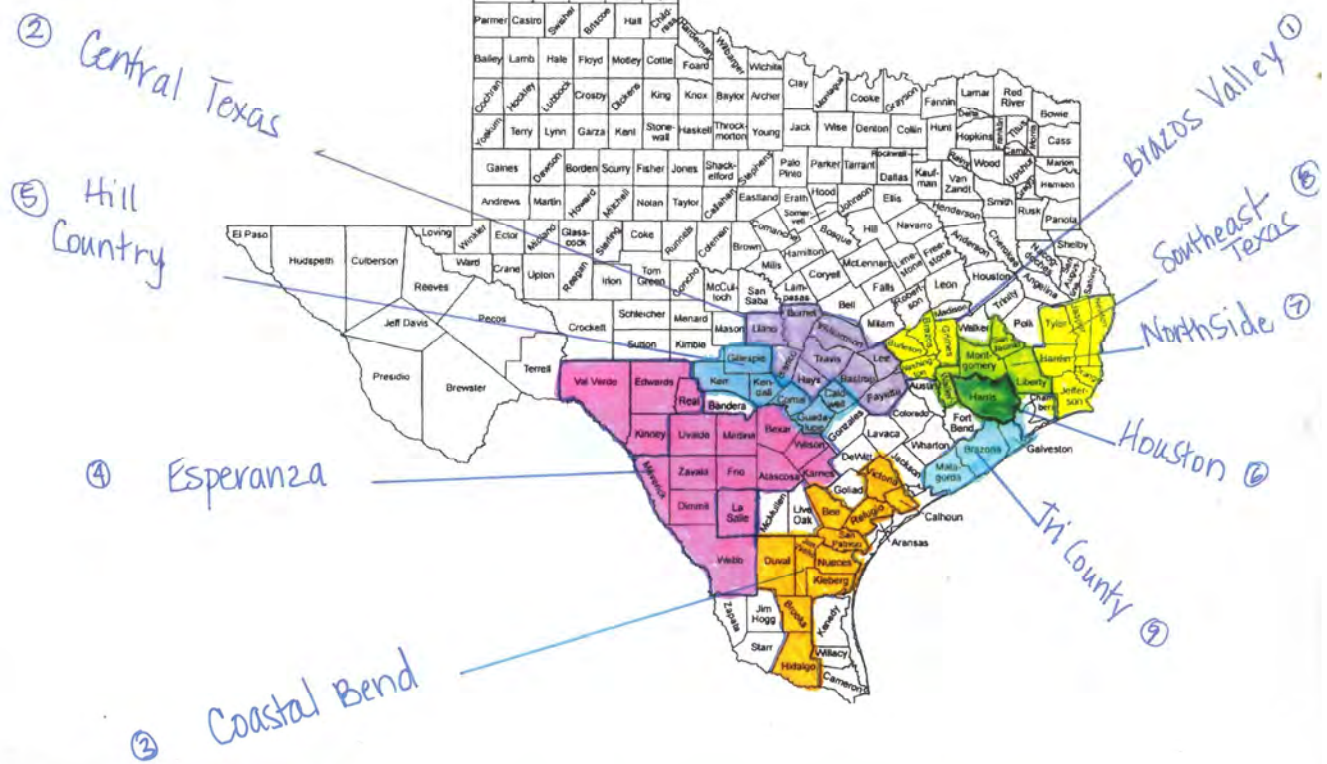
At our February meeting we are going over the PR Basic's booklet and we have purchased one for each area represented at Regional PI today – our focus today will be on NA Members responsibility in representing NA's image to the public.

I attended the Southern Zonal Forum and participated in a PR/PI workshop. It was a great experience and there was a lot of information brought by all the participating members.

Diana M, TBRPI Facilitator  
 publicinf@tbrna.org or (409) 377-2004



## **Texas Bluebonnet Region**



### Hospitals & Institutions:

Greetings everyone! Recovery is Love Found! Our report is as follows:

CENTRAL TEXAS: No report submitted. COASTAL BEND: Greg P. reported. No H&I Chair until next ASC this month. Nomination has been made. Serve 5 facilities and 2 facilities in process of a presentation. ESPERANZA: Luis R., chair, reported that all positions are filled. Serve 12 facilities. At least 2 new members being oriented per month. "Hospitals & Institutions Service and the NA Member" tentative date is Saturday, June 2. More will be revealed on flyer for this event. HILL COUNTRY: Julia, new H&I chair, reported. Do 5 presentations in 4 facilities. Subcommittee beginning to meet on a regular basis. Requesting regional H&I assistance in planning for a learning day, possibly in March. NORTHSIDE: Marty C., chair, reported. Serve 5 facilities, all TDCJ. All is going well. SOUTHEAST TEXAS: No report. TRI-COUNTY: Byron D., chair, reported via email. Serve 3 rehabs, 4 times a week. HOUSTON: No report submitted.

TBRCNA XI H&I Report: Trainer for TDCJ volunteer training requested a DVD player to show a new TDCJ DVD that they are now using for training purposes. We had to scramble with a little bit of panic to find one and at this time James M. showed up, left, and came back with his PC. Then, everything happened so

fast, and can't remember what happened next, but Dawn E. brought in the whacha-ma-call-it with the screen and we were well on our way! TDCJ orientation was attended by 10. TDCJ now has an updated volunteer application and we were informed that re-training may now be done online on their website: [tdcj.state.tx.us](http://tdcj.state.tx.us) (click on Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Click on Volunteer Services Program. Click on Volunteer application PDF) For the first time as a volunteer, training must be done in person after receiving approval of application. This will keep volunteer in their system for 2 years. The following 2 years, re-training may now be done online and so on. Thanks Dawn & James for being there for us when we were in need. Our H&I Workshop did not happen as originally planned, but God showed up anonymously and everything was superb! First, our speaker from behind the walls was canceled because of "inclement weather." Second, our invited speakers were not able to attend after all. So we make the announcement about the change in our agenda and made it a "free-forall" workshop. We invited anyone in attendance to share on their experience about attending their first NA meeting behind the walls. The first member who shared was an addict who had been locked up for 23 years and had just been paroled two weeks before our convention! We had 9 addicts who shared on their experience with H&I – those who had been behind the walls, others who had never been locked up or institutionalized but doing H&I service work. A very touching moment was when a deaf addict shared through an interpreter about the need of carrying the message to those who are deaf and are in an institution. I believe our workshop's interpreter was video-taped as a means of strengthening our primary purpose.

#### Financial Expenses:

\$800.00 – Starting balance

-100.00 - North Side H&I Learning Day

700.00

- 7.98 - TBRCNA XI TDCJ volunteer training copies

692.02

-38.01 - RSC Travel

654.01 - Balance

Receipts will be turned in to Treasurer

As reflected on past H&I expenditures, our \$800 budget seems to be more than is actually needed. I believe \$200 would suffice. Proposal to reduce our \$800 budget to \$200.

And so, as the sun slowly sets into the west, we bid y'all a fine farewell.

Simply carrying the message,

Esteban

#### Literature Review:

I apologize for not being at Region this month. I had surgery and am not recovered enough to make the trip. Literature Review is in a quiet period right now. We're gathering our strength for April when we anticipate the release of the 'Living Clean' project approval draft.

Once the draft is released Literature Review is available to help your Area obtain copies and work with the draft.

If your Area has formed a Literature Review Subcommittee since our last regional meeting please e-mail or call me with your information.

Finally, don't forget the Literature Survey available at [na.org/litsurvey](http://na.org/litsurvey). NAWS wants to know what kind of literature we want and what we don't want! I've gotten some feedback that the survey doesn't have space to express what we want to communicate. If you got the survey from the NA Way you can attach a piece of paper to write what you want to say. Otherwise you can e-mail the world board at [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org) making sure to put Literature Survey in the subject box.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information and I look forward to seeing you at the next Region.

In Loving Service,

Lynn S.

[quietlymknngnoise@yahoo.com](mailto:quietlymknngnoise@yahoo.com)

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## **New Business**

Date: February 12, 2011

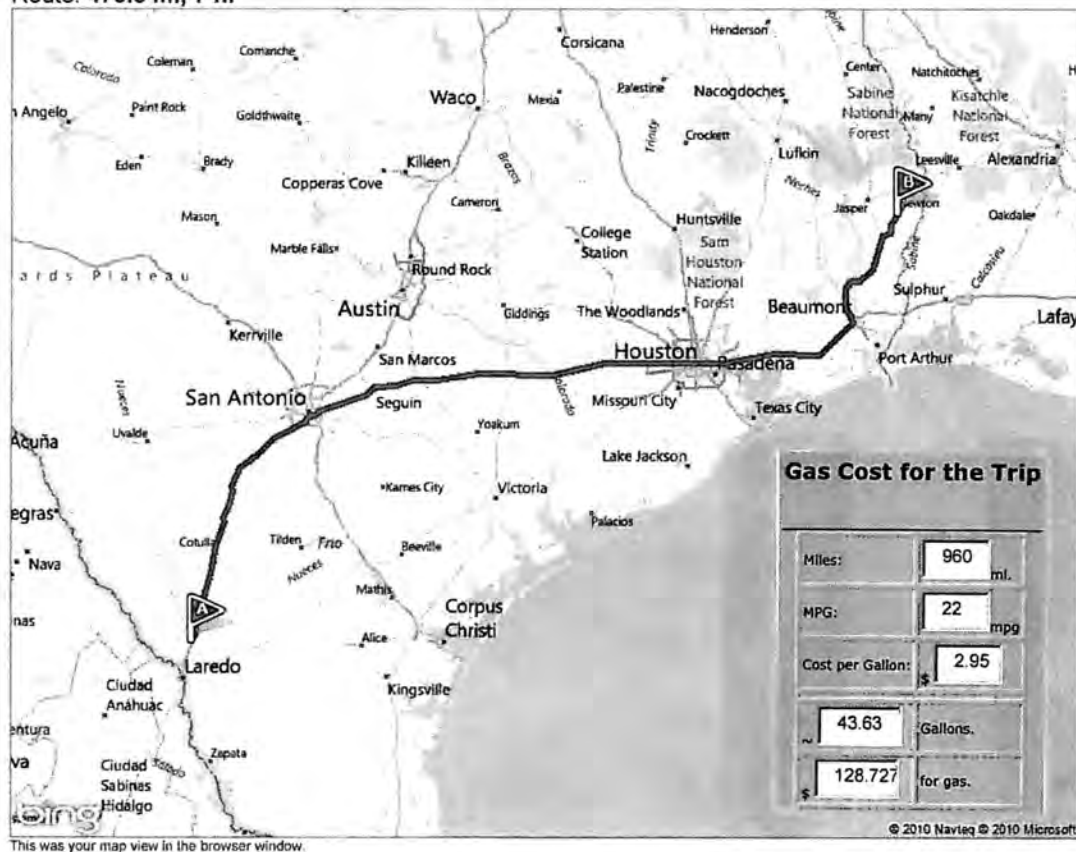
## **Proposal by Public Information Facilitator, Diana M. and TBRCA Convention Chair 2012, John R.**

**We propose that we amend the TBRCA Policy under TRAVEL AND PER DIEM by replacing \$100.00 with \$175.00.**

**Intent: Is to provide an amount that will actually cover the expense of travel to and from the RSC when you are traveling from one side of the region to the other.**

**Potential cost of implementing this motion (if applicable): \$825.00 (based on 11 trusted servants that are provided funding for RSC travel) - this is only a rough estimate because not everyone will need to use all \$175.00 to get to the RSC at any given time since the RSC is always rotating.**

Route: 479.3 mi, 7 hr



**Open Discussion**

**Cross out Insurance** Steve S. not present.

Discussion on forming an **Ad-Hoc committee on how to conduct CONSENSUS** .

Mention of Arkansas and Georgia websites, James mc. said he will bring some info to the next RSC

**Increase travel expenses for TBR Trusted Servants.** - (see actual proposal)

Discussion about using NA funds prudently. Comment made about staggering distribution of funds based on a mileage formula of possible after 200 miles the money for reimburse of travel expenses. Possible suggestion about booking hotel room in a block for a discount.

Comment in regards to this proposal only being for travel expenses only.

Suggestion to have a central location so that to fix expenses.

*PROPOSALS friendly amendments*

1. friendly amendment increase Per diem to \$200.00
2. friendly amendment staggering distribution of funds based on a mileage formula of increase after 200 miles.
3. friendly amendment billeting hosting Area Have some members house some other members in sake of building Unity.

straw poll for in favor of voting on this proposal in new biz.

**Convention Policy change** - Provide rooms at TBRC for convention admin & subcommittee chair & CAC.

consideration in the contract negotiation

- answer is yes and we do, for speaker , comedian,

Proposal: reimburse 10 trusted servants. cover them for 1 night hotel stay.

**US fellowship movement** (emails& proposed meeting)

different members spoke on

information provided by RD from the information she has received from a member with the proposed "movement" with separating the "USA" fellowship from world creating a separate body. proposed first meeting location Wichita, Kansas

Movement has proposed that 12 concepts be abolished.

Another member -had information, that this movement wants to return to the 3rd edition, do away with in times of illness.

Proposed funding only from group donations , Literature sales will be sold at cost.

Member asks if there is a formal response or bulletin from the WSO? RDA will fwd WSO response to [all@tbrna.org](mailto:all@tbrna.org), so the body has a copy.

**New Business;**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RMylDzFzn7k>

**Meeting closed with NA approved prayer at 6:00PM**