

TRBNA Regional Service Conference May 11, 2013

Minutes

9:30am – Allen opened meeting with Serenity prayer.

Jerry M – read service prayer

Mike H. – read concepts

Roll call

Facilitator – here

Co – facilitator – Resigned due to health reasons

Treasurer - here

RD – here

RDA – running late, did come in later.

H&I – here

PI – here

AAI – here

CAC – Dickie B. here

TBRCNA13 – Marty C. – here

TBRCNA14 Facilitator – Dawn E. – on her way; TBRCNA14 nominee for Treasurer and Val V on the sub-committee is here

Brazos Valley – absent – Allen will check with them, see if they need help and investigate lack of participation.

Central Texas Area - running late, did arrive – RCM 1 & 2

CBANA – here - RCM 1 & 2

HCANA – here – RCM 1 & 2

Houston – here – RCM 1 & 2

SW Cactus County – here – RCM 1 & 2

Northside – here – RCM 1

Esperanza – here – RCM 1 & 2

Tri-county – here – RCM 1 & 2

Elections

2 vacancies

Co facilitator and Co-Treasurer positions are vacant.

Steve P nominated himself for Co-Treasurer and qualified himself: 34 years clean time and service history; never misappropriated \$\$\$. Brian S. read job duties. Val asked if Steve would have time to complete the requirements. Steve acknowledged the time involved required to assist with TBRCNAs as well. Roger S. mentioned additional duties about deposits needed within 7 days – since we use Bank of America it will be ok – he asked for clarity to make sure. Nominee was asked if he had familiarity with 501C3 organization. Steve P. said no, but he has resources to gain additional understanding and will work with current Treasurer to learn about 501C3 info. LeAnn K. said she can help him learn the system and help with taxes, how to learn QuickBooks, etc. She is aware of the need to stay available to train. Allen E. asked Steve P. if he is willing to be Treasurer at the elections in November, 2013 for 2 years. Steve P. said yes. His term as RCM 1 for Houston ends in November, 2013 and he can then assume a new Regional position at that time at the same meeting. No problem as our policy states we can't hold 2 Regional positions at the same time. RCM is an Area position. Vote taken of RCM's and admin –

18 total votes. Using consensus based decision making – stand aside = no; block it – must state a tradition violation; if yes – no action. Steve P. was voted in unanimously as the Co-Treasurer, to take effect officially at the August RSC.

Co-Facilitator – Marty C. volunteered himself. Qualified himself. 7-20-2001 clean date and service history. Mike H. – asked if he is familiar with CBDM. John asked last initial. Allen asked if he is willing to move to Facilitator position in November – Marty said yes. Allen said he is available to assist for one more RSC (August). Marty has CAC advisory commitment until February. Leslie asked how he can do two regional positions. Brian read requirements of Co-facilitator. Policy language is ambiguous in the requirements for the co-facilitator. Gary –said we didn't elect him/ Dawn said we did. Allen clarified. Dawn asked for CAC guidelines.

Diana suggested we clarify the language in the policy. She provided a written proposal to Facilitator.

Mike H. read the CAC guidelines....but it isn't clear. LeAnn K. said she thinks his position ends on CAC in February 2014 and CAC has 7 members. Mike H. said guidelines say the 5 members are elected and the current TBRCNA Facilitator and previous TBRCNA Facilitator are elected, but "roll-over" to serve on the Convention Advisory Committee (CAC), and at that point are not considered as "elected".

Diana asked the Facilitator to move forward to change policy to clarify policy to change to specify it to add only "Regional voting" position. Brian clarified that the co-treasurer has a vote. It was questioned.

Current wording of policy states "No Regional servant will hold more than one Regional position." Steve P. proposed to make the wording "under no circumstances should any servant have more than one vote."

Mike H. – said that wording doesn't work – it doesn't clarify the succession issue.

Brian S. said – after further review – can't use "Admin or voting" verbiage.

Jerry M proposed the following language: "No regional servant will hold more than one elected regional position. No member of the RSC shall have more than one vote." 80% voted required for passage for a policy change. We have 24 voting members present = 19.2 members. Vote taken and the policy passed with 100% consensus.

Jerry M. – made proposal to elect Marty C. into Co-Facilitator until the next RSC. Discussion about when he can take over the duties – only because he currently holds another Regional position. If he did not hold another Regional position, he could assume the position duties today (as was done with the Recorder position).

Craig W. made proposal to make an official end date for TBRCNA Facilitator position occur as of the last report given to RSC at the May meeting.

Brian re-drafted the verbiage to add to policy – page 8 under sub-committee: " TBRCNA facilitator position ends at the RSC of their last report." Proposal passes with one Stand aside.

Vote taken for Co-facilitator – Marty unanimously elected.

Treasurer for TBRCNA14 was nominated - DeeDee W. from CBANA area. She qualified herself – Has been an RCM for 4 years, a Regional Recorder, GSR, Treasurer of home group, Chair of RBS, TBRCNA 2 & 6 Merchandise Chair, Home Group Secretary and Treasurer. Never misappropriated NA funds. 1-27-1995 clean date. Vote taken. 1 – stand aside. DeeDee W. elected as TBRCNA14 Treasurer.

Regional Sub-committee Break-Out

AREA REPORTS

SETANA (Southeast Texas) – Diana M. (PI Facilitator) representing her area– all is well. RCM’s – didn’t come due to it being Mother’s day weekend.

Brazos Valley - Allen E. again asked for representatives from Brazos Valley – no one had arrived and re-stated he will reach out.

CTANA (Central Texas) – Aaron W. – provided written report:

CTANA REPORT

- Our next ASC meeting is Sunday June 2nd
- We have 43 meetings on our schedule
- A link is up on our website to submit info for Traditions Workbook and Issue Discussion Topics
- The We Can group is having a speaker Jam Saturday June 15th - 12p-8p @ 2103 Parker Lane (Austin)
- CTANA 30 year anniversary is coming Saturday June 22nd (more information coming- just not today)

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RCM

Aaron W

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He needs to send check to Region, will be mailing check in amount of \$1000 on Monday (represents 2 quarters of donations).

CBANA (Coastal Bend) – Val V. - provided written report. Craig W. RCM 2 also in attendance.

Question asked about RBS – distance for campsite (3.5 – 5 miles)

Question asked about progress of GSU. Val reported they are meeting, having discussions, good exchanges, they are taking notes, very informal. Hoping eventually to start the business end of things @ Area. Not yet sending a representative to the Area at this time. CSU representative is not a voting member @ Area – finding GSR go to GSU so doing double duty. It has been proposed to shape as an LSU.

Question asked – how does Area really feel about GSU structure? It is supporting Tradition 1 – Unity? Val – it has been a process – at first a little challenging, but getting better and better. Change is always hard. But his point of view is that GSU is a good way to go. Have had people show up there that have not come to Area to give back to their area. It is improving unity for the Area so far.

Question – what is the time frame on completion – Val says he thinks it is up in July, 2013.

Questions – was a World rep in attendance? Yes – two did. Dawn (not Dawn E.) has been working hard at this – Val is grateful to be a part of this.

Question – which track? A – the Linear track. The other one is the “Two track”.

Dawn E. – offered that some groups took on the linear track, but groups are having trouble making the meetings, but Area wasn’t set up for GSU/LSU. But no representation of GSU at Area – not a lot of incentive for GSU to send a representative to Area. Her take is that is in development and would like more participation and input/response.

Question – what about the “contract”. CBANA signed a contract with WSO to be a test-bed for the new service structure with limitations to reporting out to full “NA”. Were new people doing service work as a result? Yes. Many of same and also new members as well. Will Region get a report on results of the test? Val – responded – not sure...suggested to speak with Don (CBANA).

EANA (Esperanza) – Roger S. RCM 2 – written report provided:

EANA RCM I & II Report

Tejas Bluebonnet Region of Narcotics Anonymous

May 11, 2013

Hello, I'm Roger I'm an addict, first of all let me say, Thank You. We are doing very well. Our meeting schedule is carrying a total of 88 Meetings per week in the San Antonio Area, a total of 11 (EANA) out of town Meetings, 25 HCA Meetings per week, and 10 SWCCA Meetings for a total of 134 Meetings per week, In San Antonio and surrounding cities. There are approximately 44 registered Groups in the Esperanza Area. Phone Numbers for Area Helpline are (210) 434-0665, (800) 221-9091, for out of town. We also host the (888) 600-6229, for the Area de Habla Hispana de Tejas (Spanish Speaking). www.eanaonline.org is our web address, and there anyone can register for our weekly Area e-blast. Or just look for flyers and dates and times for our Area events. Our Sub-Committees are working diligently to fulfill our Primare Purpose. The Phoneline Chair is holding down the Phoneline (Thanks Cynthia R) and things are running pretty smoothly for a Municipality the size of San Antonio and surrounding Areas. There are also positions open for Co-Secretary and Co-Treasure. Our PI Chairperson is doing a great job with our Meeting Schedule changes & updates (Thanks Carolyn G).

The Esperanza Area has created an Ad-Hoc subcommittee for our Frolic In The Woods celebration, actually as we speak they should be spending some money to get FITW's T-Shirts available for sale at the TSCNA which is coming up May 24-26-2013. For more info about FITW log on to our Web page. The info for FITW's Ad-Hoc Committee Chair is hippiechickwoman@gmail.com or log on to our web-page for more info. She is working on a Flyer and Pre-registtration.

Also Esperanza Area's next function will be held June 22, 2013, “Glowing With Gratitude” @ 758 Donaldson Ave. Jefferson United

Methodist Church. 2 Speakers sharing on Gratitude. Food Fun & Fellowship. Depending on today's outcome Workshop on "Robert's Rules of Order" & "Consensus Based Decision Making". DJ and Dance. Our Activities chair Courtney R. is also doing a fine job. She is also working on a flyer for this function and will be made available on our web-page. Our Outreach Sub-Committee is doing a wonderful job, there are as many as 16 people (hope that is right) going along with Outreach to carry the message to out lying meetings (Thanks Robert). H&I is carrying the message to 13 different facilities, no major problems at this time (Thanks Fred & Julio). Policy keeps us on our toes (Thanks Gilbert), Literature Review keeps us very informed, even from her hospital bed (Thanks Lynn). Our Literature Bank does an excellent job in or out of Area (Thanks Alice). I think I bought a copy of our Newsletter "EANA Freeway" newsletter@eanaonline.org(Thanks Tracie). Internet Technology is doing a great job, go to our web page and check it out (Thanks Steve). Thanks to our Executive Committee Body they have the largest task, keeping our Chair on the right track, haha, that was suppose to be funny. Lol... Thanks for allowing us to be of service, Roger S. Sr. & John C. Your humble trusted servants from Esperanza Area.

In Loving Service.

Roger Soliz Sr. RCM II

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Question – what format is your email in: in Open Office format, but a PDF was sent out after that. Requested PDF be re-sent.

Question – what was the regional donation from EANA - \$222.56 May; \$1500 from March.

HCANA (Hill Country) – Dickie B. and Laura B. both here – written report submitted – welcomed everyone to God's country!

HILL COUNTRY AREA NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Welcomes the RSC - May 11, 2013

**In service to the following communities in South Central Texas
(THE BEAUTIFUL HILL COUNTRY)**

**Boerne- Canyon Lake – Kerrville – Lockhart – New Braunfels – Schertz –
Universal City We have 11 Groups and 21 meetings per week.**

Welcome to Boerne for the RSC. Our groups and members have worked real hard to make this a really really good and enjoyable weekend. Weather permitting, but that is Texas. We hope you enjoy yourself and find the accommodations comforting. There should be information packets about the weekend and will discuss plans and places for tonight. We hope you enjoy your stay and weekend. We have worked really hard to make it a memorable weekend. We are glad to be of service and hope you come back to Gods Country (God's Corner of TBRNA)

Area

- Meeting groups are down and we are working on boosting that with new groups.
- Area working on lost archives we lost our website was down for a few days and some info was lost. Several new positions have been filled in the area, but we are still in need of people interested in being of service. We still have a few positions open.
- Our H&I chair has moved on and we have elected Matt S, New PR Chair is Peggy from Boerne. And new webservent Anthony D.
- The next ASC for HCANA is May 19th 1pm at Simplicity in New Braunfels
- Donation this quarter to region will be mailed soon

Events

- Tonight May 11th Recovery NA cave
- Due to RSC this quarter in HCANA ROAR VIII will be a 1 day event next year two day.
June 22nd 9am till 7pm at Cypress Bend Park New Braunfels . Food, Fun, Fellowship, on a river
Flyers available
- Practical Foundations Group of NA One Year Celebration 4 Speakers and Potluck
June 15th 1pm to 6pm Salvation Army 855 Hays Kerrville
Thank you for letting me be of service
Dickie B. RCM 714 763-2085 or 512 763-2085
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Plugged the event tonight.

Reviewed the Sunday Learning Day agenda and events available afterwards – floating on the Comal.

HASCONA (Houston) – Steve P. – submitted written report:

Report to Regional Service Conference, May 11th, 2013, Boerne, Texas.

There are currently 43 groups in the Houston Area. They meet 175 times a week.

At the last Area Meeting less than one third of the groups sent a GSR to participate. The Houston Area has the following service positions open: Area Facilitator, Area Recorder, Activities Chair, and Policy Chair. In June the Area shall elect a new co-Treasurer. (The current co-Treasurer is expected to step up and serve as the new Area Treasurer per the Area Policy, but at this time we are not certain that the current co-Treasurer is willing and able to do so. So this might be an additional vacancy in the Area Service structure.) In October the election for RCM1 will be held.

Apparently not enough people understand the value of being of service. Frankly I am mystified by this persistent lack of participation. My first thought, (first thought wrong,) is that any meetings who do not support the Area Service Committee probably don't need support from the Area. If any RCM's have any insights, or suggestions, please let me know at the break. Thank you.

Under new business at the last Area Service Committee Meeting, I submitted the names of two people willing to serve as sub-committee chairpersons. They did not meet the clean time requirement as stated in the Area Policy, but they were in every other way qualified to serve in the respective positions. I asked that the clean time requirements be waived. The members present decided that they would rather have the positions empty than waive the clean time requirements.

Yours in Service,
Steven Primm
HASCONA, RCM 1
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Henry G will be coming up to add something during open discussion portion of our meeting. Houston needs leadership at Area as the Area is close to shutting down. Statement/suggestion that RCM go to every group in area and plead case and asked for support/volunteers. Another suggestion was made that some Areas require that GSR's must attend Areas in order to be on the schedule and sometimes RCM's visit all groups. Gary M. – if group is struggling – tomorrow, part of the learning day is “Attraction to Service” topic. Aaron W. suggested we all start saying positive things about Area meetings instead of representing them to our peers with derogatory and negative remarks. Roger S. agreed - said it's like voting, if you don't go, then don't complain and stating it this way to his fellowship has helped his area. Mary suggested having an Area meeting at the groups that don't show up at Area.

Northside – Don K. – written report submitted.

SWCC (Southwest Cactus County) – Enrique RCM 1 – written report submitted. Donation of \$100.
Question – what does your outreach do? Go to different group.

TTCNA (Tri-County) – RCM 1 – Shelby T. – introduced Dennis W. as RCM 2 – submitted written report:
Texas Tri-County Area NA RCM Regional Report

Jun 2013 Report

- Area Groups and Meetings
 - 14 groups
 - 104 meetings per week
- Area Business
 - PR and H&I – Regularly schedule subcommittee meeting
 - The first Wednesday of every month at Ryan's Steakhouse in Texas City at 6:30 PM
- Area Events
 - Tri-County Bikes, Bands, and Learning Day
 - June 22, 2013
 - USW: HALL, 2327 Texas Ave, Texas City, TX 77590
 - TDCJ Training 12-3pm
 - Bike contest
 - Workshops 3-6pm
 - Potluck 6pm
 - Bands 7-12am
 - Here and Now Texas City Bonfire
 - First Saturday of each month (May, June, July, August)
 - Day the Dike
- Our Annual Tri-County Area Convention was held on April 19th at Columbia Lakes Resort
 - Thank you to all of you that came and supported. It was a very well attending event with a lot of positive feedback. The speakers and workshops were great!!!
- Presented by: Dennis W (RCM 1) and Shelby T (RCM 2)

Discussion regarding requirements for TDCJ volunteers and announced a TDCJ volunteer training

in Texas City on Saturday 6/22.

Broke for lunch – 12:15pm

Back from lunch 1:00pm –Allen E. opened with serenity prayer

Facilitator Report: Allen E., written report submitted:

“Hi all,

This quarter has had some ups and downs, but we made it through! The regional assembly went well and we have a new RD, Gary M. and a new RDA, George H. Our Co- Facilitator has stepped down due to health reasons, we will hopefully have some nominees/ volunteers at the meeting in Boerne. I will have printed agendas at the meeting. We have no new business. And only one old business item.

ILS,

Allen E.

TBR Facilitator”

No Co-Facilitator Report

RDA Report, Gary M. – written report submitted:

All, here is the RD report.

This has been a quarter with a lot accomplished but most of it already reported. No zonal forum to report on and the assembly occurred with the results already being posted (congratulations George). At the next zonal forum we owe them the flyer for the February event and with the body's approval I will create a flyer between now and the zonal and send out for approval. Sunday I will present the results of the brainstorming from the assembly and we as a team will do some mock planning based on those results. The tradition workbook information has been forwarded to our literature facilitator and I am sure that she will have exciting news to report on that subject. My second topic for Sunday is still up in the air as I am holding out hope that TSCNA will be in attendance. If they are not then I have several topics to choose from.

PS - I am in town and looking forward to a local meeting and dinner with anyone else that may be here tonight.

ILS

Gary M

Sent from my iPad

Discussion: TSCNA looks like they won't be here – Gary thinks he would like to use the planning basics sessions in application to do the work to plan for the upcoming Zonal Forum meeting next year. Vote taken – will go with the planning vs. vision. Gary is involved with chat boards regarding WSCNA and recurring theme is that the region provides the financial support for RD to attend the WSC. How it works now – WSC pays for RD's and RD who cannot afford to pay for travel and Region pays for RD and RDA to attend. Gary asked if the conscience of this body is to continue to support WSC to pay for RD's to attend WSC.

Val asked if Drury Inn at Hobby still on tap for Zonal Forum? Yes. Also asked cost – last year \$1300 - \$1500. This region only covered costs for RDA. LeAnn K. said part of our prudent reserve is to cover the cost to send one. If we want to cover the costs for both, she suggested putting together a budget to cover RD and RDA. SZF is held the last week of January 2014. Suggested in years past – covered both costs, used \$\$ from the convention. (Total current prudent reserve is \$1500.) RE: Support Esperanza area 6/22 support on CBDM....one of them will be there.

George H., RDA stated it is the responsibility of the Region to send the RD and RDA to the WSC.

Treasurer Report, LeAnn K. – written report submitted. Reviewed reports. (Emailed 5 reports – to review, go to website archives or contact webmaster.)

Special note regarding TBRCNA13 – if fundraisers hadn't been done – convention may not have made \$\$\$. Convention ended up as a profit of \$1126.70. Entertainment costs the most. Records didn't separate registration from additionally purchased tickets for banquet tickets. American Express account was closed. American Express cards were accepted at TBRCNA13. LeAnn K. set up account with AE again for about \$600 in charges. Had 1 customer who had a Visa card got stolen and a charge for \$105 was rejected. LeAnn K. did call her and also sent her a letter and the customer said she would try to take care of that. LeAnn K. will follow up with her. LeAnn K. said she would like the body to direct her to close the account or to keep paying \$8/month or not to accept AE for convention sales.

TBRCNA14 – LeAnn K. K. said she owes the committee \$1265 and profit from \$1126.70. Will start them off with \$11,265 with their checkbook.

Re-visited possibility of using a cloud for archival storage.

It was suggested to hire a special work to do the archiving. Facilitator said – prior discussion covered access to the information. Thought we already decided to store on the web page. Recorder read February minutes which verified this issue was handled at last RSC.

Policy – Brian S. – written report submitted:

“Hello folks-Since I have nothing new to report I intend to consider the body of this email as a report. Please advise if this creates any issues. I am attaching our latest Policy as well as a change log. See ya in Boerne.

Bryan Swofford
TBRNA Policy Fac.
512-736-3600”

Note – four attachments were attached to his email and will be attached to this email correspondence: CAC Guidelines, TBRCC Guidelines, TBRNA Guidelines and TBR Revised Policy Log as of 5-2013, for reference for the body.

H&I – Esteban – verbal report given and stated he will send a written report to Recorder. (As of 5/28/13 – Recorder has not yet received the written report – and have every confidence it will be sent soon.)

Revisited his request to ask people to help develop a program to write to inmates and do step work as a work-in-progress. Working on creating a standing sub-committee on the Regional level we have received 99 letters and 40 of them have requested sponsorship. Esteban read the letter he has drafted to the body and emphasized this is a draft only to request assistance to get this new sub-committee off the ground and will propose this as a new Regional sub-committee to the next RSC.

Question – how to get in touch – Esteban suggests through the web-site.

Central Texas is already sending in pamphlets to inmates and corresponding with them directly as he is receiving letters to his areas.

George suggested we need to adopt this as a new sub-committee before getting so excited and getting it started in the areas. The So the H&I needs to submit the body the guidelines for this potential new sub-committee.

Roger asked Esteban if anyone is having a learning day....and need Regional H&I support – is he available...yes he is and has a budget for it.

Final Report Submitted 6/5/2013

Here is our May 2013 RSC H&I report! Attached also is the information that was read at our last Regional Assembly and how quickly I forget...was it read at last RSC? More will be revealed! beedeeah beedeeah...That's all folks!

Esteban

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

MAY 11, 2013

Greetings everyone! This is our complete report after our subcommittee met and is being sent to our Recorder and to All@.

On February 23rd, HASCONA had a Service Appreciation Day which included a hilarious "Give Your Heart to H&I" skit, an auction, several speakers, and of course the talent of several group's cooking skills with the chili cook-off.

On March 16th, CBANA also had a Service Appreciation day. Roland C. shared his experience, strength and hope and as usual, the BBQd pork and brisket was great!

On April 5th - 7th SETANA had their 2nd annual Area Convention which included a TDCJ training day and 24 members from several areas went through the training and that by now all who went through this training have called TDCJ Volunteer Services to check on the status of approval!

On April 19th- 21st, TTCANA had their Area Convention which had also planned or a TDCJ Training Day but was moved up to June 22nd. I believe the RCMs have some fliers for this event?

We would like to express our gratitude to Sir Michael S. for his selfless service in helping our H&I & AAI subcommittees expedite snail mail from incarcerated addicts throughout our Region and allow us to reply in a timely manner.

Writing Steps for Recovery...a work in progress.....At our Regional Assembly in April, I read about "sponsorship behind the walls" and explained about submitting a proposal at RSC for the Writing Steps for Recovery being a standing subcommittee and that the purpose of this service is to provide guidance through writing the steps of NA with any inmate addict desiring recovery. Also, the logos that were on this explanation were just a rough draft and not approved by this body.

Area H&I reports:

CENTRAL TEXAS: Jen W. chair, report by Michael S. Accomplishments:

Provide services to 11 facilities and have increased our panel meetings from 13 to 16. Travis County Sheriff volunteer coordinator attended our February subcommittee. Austin Recovery volunteer coordinator attended our April subcommittee and did an orientation for 16 members of NA. We have coordinators for every facility except one and there has been an increase in volunteers being of service in H&I. All our positions have been filled! Specific problems: Increase in participation has caused a need of a uniform "panel kit" for new coordinators for more structure. Forthcoming plans: Ad hoc committee making changes to our policy. Coordinating with Activities a Service Appreciation Day in August. What can RSC do to better serve you? Info on how other Areas panel coordinators and how panels are presented. **At this time our subcommittee shared about having "Panel Leaders" only. One Area has "Coordinators" and "Panel Leaders" Orientation Packet used other Areas.

COASTAL BEND: Sandy R. chair reports: Accomplishments: Provide services to 4 facilities. All of our positions are filled. We are going back into the jails. Specific problems: Need volunteers to step up. Forthcoming plans: Asking for more volunteers to be of service.

ESPERANZA: Fred Mc chair reports: Accomplishments: Serve 14 facilities and each one has a panel leader and panel member. All positions are filled. Forthcoming plans: Learning Day on July 20, 2013.

HOUSTON: Michelle H. chair, reports: Accomplishments: Serve 8 facilities. Our Service Appreciation Day/Chili Cook-off was successful but over \$1,000 collected went back to Area. Specific Problems: Issues with literature budget. We use 68% of our budget at Harris County Jail and they keep adding meetings without notifying our subcommittee and our consent. One facility is wasting our time and at what point do we drop the facility and move on because others want us but we don't have the financial resources nor the manpower? **At this time, our subcommittee shared about similar experiences, suggestions and solutions to Houston's H&I chair.

**** South East Texas:** Diana M., PR chair reports: All is well with H&I. We have 4 full time panels: Young men facility. Women/children facility. Two men facilities. All positions are filled. We are working on an H&I Learning-type Day.

TEXAS TRI-COUNTY: Perry H., chair, electronically reported: Accomplishments: Serve 7 facilities. All positions are filled. We had 19 in attendance at our last subcommittee. That was really cool. Specific Problems: Still waiting on Brazoria County Jail to return our calls to discuss taking meetings in there. Forthcoming plans: Learning Day planned on June 22, 2013. TDCJ Volunteer Training from 12 noon - 3pm. Speakers and food! Address: USW Local 13-1 2327 Texas Avenue, Texas City, 77590. We hope to get volunteers TDCJ trained and start taking the message into prisons.

Last quarter's traveling expenses for Learning Days, RSC travel and postage stamps receipts have been submitted to our Treasurer for a total of \$291.85. Guidelines for "Writing Steps for Recovery" is nearing completion and will be available for review at our next RSC in August.

A big, grateful thank you to our members who are deeply committed to carrying the NA message of recovery to addicts who are unable to attend regular meetings.

Thank you for helping us carry our message of hope!
And so, as the sun slowly sets into the West, we bid y'all a fine farewell!
Simply carrying The Message in Loving Service,
Eteban

Literature Review – Lynn S. – written report read and submitted:
Saturday, May 11, 2013

Hello everyone! Literature Review is happy to be back at Region. Thank you for your patience as I recovered from surgery.

The review and input period for the 'An Introduction to NA Meetings' Service Pamphlet Conversion Project has ended. Feedback has been positive for this project. Most fellowship members agree that converting this service pamphlet to an IP to serve a wider audience is a good idea.

A big Thank You to everyone who has participated in the Traditions Book Project. Especially those using snail mail while I've been stuck at home! All material that was given to me has been submitted to the workgroup at the WSO.

The project now moves into what is being called 'Phase 2'. So far, for fellowship members, Phase 2 is the Discussion Board. You can access the Discussion Board at disc.na.org/trads.

You must register to be a part of the discussion. If you haven't done this before the site will walk you through it.

It's important to note that contributions are still being accepted. Worksheets, ideas, opinions and any other input you have is helpful as this book is being created. Let me know if you have anything to submit or share. As always Literature Review is available to any group or area that wants more information or workshop.

I have attached the reports I submitted to the WSO for both projects to the copies of my report available at Region.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information or any questions.

Please note that the address for the Traditions Book Project page has changed from na.org/trads to na.org/traditions. The address for the Discussion Board remains the same: disc.na.org/trads. Please contact me if you have questions or would like more information.
In Loving Service,

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She was thanked for including the link in her report in order to post. Postings can be read without using the link, but you must register in order to post.

PI –Diana – written report submitted:

TBR Public Relations/Information Report
May 11, 2013

Not a lot has been going on since our last report to TBRNA. We are still available to the areas within the region to come out and assist in any aspect of Narcotics Anonymous that we can.

We have not held any online meetings this quarter because unfortunately they fell on holiday weekends and based on consensus the members felt that they would not be attended. As previously reported our online attendance has been consistent with what our brick and mortar attendance was – basically three areas are committed to the regional public information meetings.

During the last quarter we did host an informational gathering pole. Questions were submitted to members all over the country that are involved in public information in their respective areas/regions. Here are the

results:

- 1.) DO YOU HAVE A REGIONAL PI/PR SUBCOMMITTEE? NO (100%)
- 2.) HOW DOES YOUR REGIONAL PI/PR SUBCOMMITTEE OPERATE? Reactive (does it respond to requests for assistance from areas)? Or Proactive (does it go out and find opportunities to share the msg and perform the tasks)? PROACTIVE (100%)
- 3.) DO YOU BELIEVE THAT REGIONAL PI/PR SHOULD PERFORM DIRECT SERVICES? That would mean attending booths and presentations YES (100%)
- 4.) DOES YOUR REGION HAVE AN IN PERSON, BRICK AND MORTAR MEETING? OR ONLINE MEETINGS? NEITHER (100%)
- 5.) WHAT WOULD YOUR PERFECT (if there was such a thing) Regional PI/PR SUBCOMMITTEE BE LIKE IN THE FUTURE? PROJECT BASED SERVICE PROJECTS UTILIZING PR POOL MEMBERS TO RESPOND ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS TO NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE COMMUNITY AND MEMBERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

Responses were from: California Mid-State Region, Florida Region, Northern California Region and Minnesota Region.

Finally, WSO is hosting online webinars / sharing experiences, and we would like to encourage area and regional chairpersons to participate. The areas of service we would like to bring together are conventions, H&I, and PR. If you would like to join us and discuss issues and solutions with others who are serving in these areas, please send your name, email address, trusted servant position, and region and/or area to events@na.org for conventions; HandI@na.org for H&I servants; and PR@na.org for PR/PI trusted servants.

Diana M, TBRPI Facilitator
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She re-stated she is available to support areas. Question – survey that was sent out – he was confused and got clarification from Diana. She explained Region supports Area. But when Area doesn't or can't do PI, then Region takes that project on as an ad hoc one by one project. When that happens, can get participation, but when participation requires regular meetings, participation is lacking. Question – how is PI working with PI working with H&I? – PI and HI are working well together. Is she going into the institutions and giving presentations and HI does fup.

Gary offered that Regional Assembly was asked what can be done differently from Region....some of the responses – H&I – better visibility (really for PI) in the community, attendance to women's prisons. PI – outreach and poster boards/poster days. PI Chair is very available to help areas and hold learning days.

Diana asked body – can we as Region just set up PI meetings in areas with or without help of that area.

George suggested coming up with a new name of the project and then taking it to the streets. Suggestion made to attend all Region events and promote PI at all of them. Suggestion made –

to think outside the box – do something different – contact PI Chair and ask for the Area help to put it on.

It was mentioned for us to remember that when Area asks for PI help, it is no charge for the Area. PI has a budget to visit the Areas requesting help. Houston is supposed to have invited Diane to the workshop on Social Media coming up on 6/8 @ Familia Unida meeting location. It was suggested that it is the RCM's job to facilitate the availability of the Regional sub-committee Facilitators.

AAI – Robert R., written report read and submitted:

Adopt An Inmate Report

MAY 11, 2013

Hello Everyone!!! As always it is an absolute privilege to be of service to our region and to NA as a whole. Being of service is never a chore when you are doing something you love and believe in. My goal as AAI Facilitator is to continue to work harmoniously within the TBR, to stay within the proposed budget, and most importantly to provide literature to the still suffering addict behind the walls. As promised I did put together a new flyer for AAI for our region. This will be distributed to our PI/PR facilitator as well as our H&I facilitator and to anyone and anywhere else where it would be prudent. I will attach it with this report.

In this last quarter there were a total of 18 copies of the Basic Text sent to 12 different facilities. And this time there was actually 2 letters from inmates that "LITERALLY!!!" wanted to be adopted. 4 copies of the Basic Text were sent to Woodman State Jail, 2 BTs were sent to the Plane State Jail, and 2 BTs were sent to Dominguez State Jail. The following facilities each had one copy of the Basic Text sent out this last quarter: Ellen Halbert Unit, Connally Unit, Crain Unit, Huntsville Unit, Pam Lyncher State Jail, Garza West Unit, and Travis State Jail, Kyle Correction Center, and to the TTC Program in Dallas. After adjustments the total expense to the region this last quarter was \$198. So the budget of \$400 was not exceeded.

Big thanks to Michael S from CTANA for checking the mail more often and getting the mail down to us in San Antonio quite expeditiously. I'm sure the inmates appreciate the quick turnaround from the time they send their letters out until the time they have a beautiful 6th edition in their hands. And thanks to LeAnn for helping me to insure that I do stay within budget. Also I did fill another order of 3 more BTs, but I did so after this quarters treasury account was reconciled so they will be part of my next quarterly report

IN LOVING SERVICE,

Robert R

Recorder's note: his flyer is attached to email distribution.

CAC – Dickie B. , verbal report provided.

Still working on guidelines. Has some things working on for 14 & 15. Val said he thought CAC was going to be at the 14 meeting in Corpus. There was a miscommunication. Monika meant to be here today, mistake in scheduling

TBRCNA13 – Marty C. , verbal report provided. Stated written report emailed. Recorder did not receive a written report.

170 Convention bags were left out of 800, gave out 119 newcomer packets (541 registrations or 660 total with newcomers). Problems with cash registers were replaced. Spoke with CAC regarding credit cards because of the costs of phone lines (\$320 per day) + \$300 for credit card fees. There were over 450 empty seats on Saturday night. Banquets – we paid for 95 dinners, sold 160. Pre-paid 60, sold 84 = total \$8200 – F&B minimum was \$5000. Working with CAC will work on contracts that if we go over by a certain %, to get a return on our fees. Drag show – 83 tickets pre-sold. Tickets sold that evening @ the door brought in was \$1750.

Believes TBRCNA13 carried the message, did a good job and all who attended had fun. Cash registers were unable to be used for the convention because they were obsolete. Credit cards were taken, cash was taken, written down on sales receipts and accounted for on merchandise. Registration accounting was challenged due to the lack of cash registers.

Tubes for storing TBRCNA banners are breaking, Marty requested approval to spend \$40-50 to purchase new ones. Group approved the expenditure.

George H. suggested never open a cash station at a convention because cash can't be accounted for.

Marty's report was not emailed. It was suggested that a picture be taken of the report and sent to everyone.

Opinion was given that what happened regarding the cash was unprofessional and should be addressed in the CAC guidelines. This will be taken up by the CAC.

Camp chairs now marked down to \$20; All TBRCNA13 merchandise will be given to Dawn E., chair of TBRCNA14. Val will give Treasurer \$90 for t-shirts.

TBRCNA14 – Dawn E. –Verbal report given:

Looking for artwork – theme – “Living the Dream in 2014” cutoff 7/1. Will start pre-registration soon and working on flyer and website should be up early June. Positions open – A&G, need budgets, working on it. Dates of convention 1/31 – 2/1-2/2014. Regional Facilitator signs the contract.

Roger S. offered TBRCNA14 opportunity to sell pre-registration tickets at TSCNA.

Discussion about selling tickets to TBCRNA at TSCNA. Revisited the previous body's vote/conscience.

Basically saying this body does not support TSCNA and would not attend TSCNA to promote TBRCNA.

Brian S.– Policy – Read the 3rd Service Concept. 10th Tradition reviewed. Michael H. mentioned TSC board will be here for the Learning days and suggested we discuss this then. (Turned out no one from TSC Board attended the Learning Days).

Dawn E. again asked for artwork submissions be sent to dawnedwr@yahoo.com 361-463-6838. Deadline 7/1/13 for convention.

Open Discussion

Henry G. – Invited groups, Areas and Region to purchase NA literature/supplies from HASO (Houston Area Service Office). Packet of information provided to the group with contact information, rate sheets, etc. on how to reach them – through HASCONA website, through an email. Explained they are trying to broaden the base of getting the literature “out there”.

Our Region doesn't have a bookstore. Another area – Lone Star Region does have a bookstore. If your meeting/area uses Lone Star or NAWS, consider ordering from HASO.

Can go to conventions (they were invited to TBRCNA13 by the merchandise committee).

All HASO workers are volunteer – other bookstores pay their workers. Henry also brought commemorative literature to show them and available for sale.

Proposed New Service System Structure– 20 minute limit stated by Facilitator.

- George H. – wanted the phone number of the man who worked for World services – Val. V.
- Roger S. – all the work – is it still with the understanding that it will still need to be voted in? Yes...this is all a test to see if and how it works.
- Dawn E. – mentioned there is a lot going on – and much is going on and will be reported on at the WSC. Straw polls at last WSC passed to test these new service structures out to do the research and try it out which will be reported in the Conference Agenda Report.
- How did CBANA get to be a test site...Don contacted WSO and asking a lot of questions about the new service structure and WSO asked them if they wanted to be a test Area. He took it back to his Area and Area said yes and Area signed the contract.
- Has there been discussion about the state/region changes with the new proposed structure would change Texas to 1 Delegate vs. many. Has been discussion at Zonal Forum. RD will continue discussion at next Zonal Forum.
- George H. – was the World board member in Dallas (Mary) contacted to facilitate the discussion? Dawn E. – no. the World Board members who came to Corpus were Nick and Travis.

Old Business

- A. Proposal that was taken back to Areas:

Region to pay for Facilitator/Co-Facilitator and Sub-Committee chairs/ hotel nights only = 13 hotel room nights. # of RCM's in the room = 14. 80% needed to pass or 11 people. (some discussion about whether 11 or 12 was enough). Proposal failed.

- B. CAC (Convention Advisory Committee) asked for comments, suggestions for conventions and asked for comments to be sent to Dickie's email address: richardjbates12@email.com. Can ask

for update regarding comments and suggestions received at next RSC. Specifically CAC will provide update regarding literature sales at convention.

New Business

- A. Proposal submitted by H&I Chair – to form/ create a standing subcommittee called “Writing Steps for Recovery” with intent – to provide writing steps for any person incarcerated

It was asked to see guidelines first before voting in a sub-committee.

Will we be asked to provide step working guides to inmates. How would the inmates be provided the physical pages? Possibly, a few pages at a time.

Facilitator suggested H&I Facilitator get with a few other people together and come back to RSC if needed. Central Texas has a somewhat similar program – asked Esteban to attend their monthly meeting to review.

1. What’s wrong with sponsorship the way we’ve always done it?
2. Is this something that could be done within H&I or AAI?
3. Do we need to have special guidelines in language, rules about mail to inmate, NA representation that is required for interaction with the facility?
4. Group asked Esteban if he would come back to the body at the next RSC with guidelines and how to and offer orientation information
5. Robert says he would be ok with taking this on as a part of the AAI sub-committee at this time – but needs Esteban to get it coordinated and set up.
6. AAI was started because Region was receiving requests for not only literature and for sponsors. Developed the approach – for PO Box –for HI Chair and Region Facilitator to check mail box, open letters, and send them on or bring them to Region to the areas. Used the guidelines for H&I and TDC guidelines.

Proposal was tabled.

- B. Area that was supposed to host next RSC is not here. Facilitator proposed to contact the RCM and ask if they are willing to host. If not, it will fall to Tri-County for rotation. Next one is August 10th.
- C. 2015 TBRCNA will be rotating to HCANA and EANA. (Austin/San Antonio Areas)
Nominations for TBRCNA15 Facilitator/Co-Facilitator, etc. will be taken at next RSC.

Meeting closed at 5:40pm in the usual manner.

Submitted in loving service,

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