

Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Conference

November 9, 2019

Opened with Serenity Prayer at 9:07am
Twelve Traditions were read
Twelve Concepts were read
Service Prayer

New Participants:

Herb – RCM for Esperanza

Twana – Southeast Texas Area RCM II

Roll Call:

RCMs:

- Brazos Area – present
- Central Texas Area – present
- Coastal Bend Area – present
- Esperanza Area – present
- Freedom Area – present
- Hill Country Area – present
- Houston Area – present
- Northside Area – absent
- Rio Grande Valley Area – present
- Southeast Texas Area – present
- Tri County Area – absent

Admin:

- Facilitator – present
- Co-Facilitator – present
- Recorder – present
- Treasurer – present
- Policy – absent
- Hospitals & Institutions – present
- Adopt An Inmate – absent w/notice
- Public Relations – absent

- Internet Technologies – present
- Literature Review – present
- Convention Advisory Committee – present
- Regional Delegate – present
- Regional Delegate Alternate – present
- Ad Hoc Service Pool – present

Tom passed around contact list

Elections:

Tom stated what positions were being elected at this meeting and reviewed election procedures. He read election portion of policy.

2021 TBRCNA Facilitator – Tom read the position requirements and responsibilities from policy. Asked Susen if she was still willing. She said yes. There were no other nominations or volunteers. She qualified herself. Susen G. was elected by consensus.

Service Pool Facilitator – Tom read the position requirements and responsibilities from policy. There were no nominations or volunteers. There was some discussion regarding qualities we should be looking for in someone to nominate.

Facilitator – Tom reminded the body that he is currently serving out the position that was vacated unexpectedly and is willing to serve a full term. He read the position requirements and responsibilities from policy. Allen P. was nominated and qualified himself. Tom K. was elected by consensus.

Co-Facilitator – Tom read the position requirements and responsibilities from policy. Michael volunteered and qualified himself. No other volunteers or nominations. Michael C. was elected by consensus.

Recorder – Tom read the position requirements and responsibilities from policy. No nominations or volunteers.

Treasurer – Tom read the position requirements and responsibilities from policy. Kari was nominated. She explained that she is willing to serve one more year to continue to train the Co-Treasurer but cannot serve a full 2-year commitment. Tom explained that Debbie had said she was willing to continue as Co-Treasurer. Kari elected by consensus.

Co-Treasurer – Debbie was not present to volunteer. There were no other nominations or volunteers.

Policy – Tom read the position requirements and responsibilities from policy. Chris C. was nominated by Vyki D. and qualified herself. Jessi C. volunteered and qualified herself. Paper ballots were collected but consensus was not achieved.

Discussion followed regarding the consensus requirement and how to move forward. Policy does not state what to do if there is more than one volunteer and consensus is not achieved. Tom explained that we've had problems with regional trusted servants fulfilling their commitments and taking our funds, so we need to be careful about who we elect. It was pointed out that the May policy states that election requires only a simple majority. It was also pointed out that policy allows us to drop the "low vote" person and take another vote to see if they have consensus. Based on policy currently in place, Chris C. received a majority vote and is elected.

PR Chair has missed 3 of 4 RSCs. Member present stated that the PR Chair does not want to serve anymore. Dennis called Paul to help with giving PR workshop in RGVA, but he never got back with him. Tom read the policy regarding removal of regional trusted servants. Ed made proposal to remove Paul from the PR Chair. Consensus achieved.

Tom read requirements and responsibilities of PR Chair. No nominations or volunteers.

RD Report:

Following the August regional conference, several members from the region stayed an extra day to put on a learning ½ day of workshops for the local fellowship in the Rio Grande Valley. I did the DRT/MAT workshop; Lit Chair Lynn did a Spiritual Principle a Day input workshop; and a Fellowship Development workshop put on by the regional PR chair Paul S. During the last few months I participated in other activities such as Recovery in the Park in Austin. This event was a local non-NA produced event where PR had a booth alongside many other local resources to the recovery communities. I fielded several questions about NA and our position regarding the opioid crisis and the use/availability of naloxone, Narcan, or other medications commonly used in recovery. I managed to successfully convey that NA members might have their own personal opinions and support or lack of support for such things, NA as a whole has no opinion. The RDA and I also did the IDT workshop on DRT/MAT at the Houston Area Convention (HACNA) in September that, while only 11 members were in attendance, it was enthusiastically received.

I was unable to attend the last WSC Conference Participants webinar on Oct 5th due to a previously scheduled family trip. The RDA, Steve, participated in that call and I believe he has some info about that in his report.

Southern Zonal Forum Oct 24-26 Ft Smith AR

Late last month I attended the Southern Zonal Forum in Ft Smith Ark. It was a great meeting and a lot of interesting discussions with the Zonal Delegate (ZD) and other RDs from all over the zone.

Zonal Delegate Report

I'll try to summarize this briefly, but a lot of detail was presented and I'll actually send his report out once I receive it.

Henry participated in the Zone Workgroup Zoom meeting, and was a member of the Future of the WSC workgroup. This workgroup consisted of 3 task teams- which were the largest and most diverse set of task teams every created for world services.

1. Sustainable and Effective WSC Task Team
2. Role of Zones Task Team

3. Zonal Collaboration Task Team

Some of the discussions Henry reported on included:

1. Global Strategic Planning- We could see an update to the Guide to World Service, since the WSC is much more than just a Biannual face to face meeting. The expanded set of collaboration tools we now have available to us is not currently reflected in these guidelines.
2. World Service Mission statement – The mission statement, approved more than 20 years ago, really needs an update. Since we have adopted the current Vision Statement, the Mission Statement should be updated to reflect that vision. It currently does not reflect that vision, or why we gather.

We could see both of these items in the CAT (Conference Agenda Track) when it comes out in January. May or may not be prior to Zonal Forum. See e-mailed flyer.

We currently have 2 unseated regions in the SZF- the Red River Region and Bluegrass Appalachian Regions. Per WSC guidelines, that means our ZD will have a vote at the conference. If you recall from WSC 2018, that is the criteria for a ZD having a vote.

SZF Old Business

The Fellowship Development-PR Guidelines were passed and as a result there are 2 new zonal positions created by the adoption of those guidelines and available should you wish to serve. Also, one regular position is up- secretary.

1. PR Liaison- new position. Currently filled by an ad hoc chair, Charmaine B. from Volunteer Region
2. FD Liaison- new position. Currently unfilled as ad hoc chair Kirsten D. from Show-Me Region had to resign due to ongoing health issues.
3. Zonal Secretary- Lucy O. from Volunteer Region currently serving. I believe she will stand for another term.

One RCM asked me about the vote last zone where the zonal members voted to establish the \$3,600.00 available budget for FD-PR should the new guidelines pass (which they did). His question was- what does the zone's guidelines say about taking these things back to the regions? The response I got when I brought this up was- the zone has a very weak set of guidelines and it is mute on taking things back. There was a spirited discussion about that (consisting of several members WTF? statements 😊), and Jim B from Volunteer region was ahead of this discussion- he committed to collecting other Zonal guidelines and rolling them into a working draft so that we could start to put some better structure around our operating guidelines. The zone members were all approving of this much needed effort! More will be revealed about this in January when Jim brings that work to the zone for discussion.

Upcoming Zonal Forum

The CAR-CAT workshop at the January Zonal Forum is very important- 2 World Board members (Jack H and Jose-Luis) are committed to be on hand and guide us through the CAR (and CAT) if it is available in time. The CAR is available to download (at no cost) on Nov 26th. NAWS has posted an order form at www.na.org/conference should you want to purchase a hard copy. The CAR will cost \$13.50 (including shipping). As they noted, shipping is up this year and they have priced it at a break-even cost. The CAT is usually available in mid to late January and that is why I've caveated the workshops. We just don't know for sure when that will be coming out in Jan yet.

- Zonal Forum (CAR-CAT Workshop) January 24 - 26th, 2020 in Dallas, TX

<https://szfna.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/SZF-FLYER-FINAL2-1.pdf>

- SZF July 2020- will be held in the Kentuckiana Region. The request was to hold this early to coincide with the 502 Area Convention, since that is the host Area for this zone. The Summer 2020 SZF is currently scheduled for Jul 24-26, 2020. Rationale is combining the SZF with this Area convention would save on costs to the Area and Region and have more exposure to convention attendees who might never travel to attend a zonal forum. This is still an open question at the region, and Joy (Kentuckiana RD) will know for sure if they will pull in the date for this SZF at the Dallas meeting in January. Currently that convention is scheduled for 17-19 July.
- Multi-Zonal Service Symposium Sept 11 – 13th 2020 in San Antonio, TX
<https://tbrna.org/event/multi-zonal-service-symposium-narcotics-anonymous>

One last note- I sent an email on this, but the RDA and I need the RCMs to respond with their proposed area CAR Workshop dates- if you want us to come conduct one just for your area. We will have the Regional Assembly in March (14th should be the date) where we will do this for the entire region. It will be in Victoria, location TBD.

RD Expense Report

HACNA DRT Copies: \$12.99

Gas to SZF: \$45.25

Gas Back from SZF: \$75.38

Hotel: \$149.18

Total to Reimburse: \$282.80

RDA Report (sent by email but not presented due to time limit): “In the last quarter I have attended the Zoom meetings for the conference advisory committee, the Southern Zonal Forum, and the multi zonal planning committee. I also attended the area meetings for HASCONA, NASCONA, and the Southeast Texas Area.”

****LUNCH BREAK****

Re-opened with Serenity Prayer at 12:45pm

Subcommittee Breakout

Policy Review Report – Tom K.:

Heidi, Christina and I met 3 times to review the Policy. The following is our progress:

- Made sure that all Proposals have been addressed and the content is up to date.
- Made multiple minor additions and corrections for clarification and practicality. i.e.

- We changed terms of Facilitator and Treasurer to end after a closing financial audit. This audit be conducted after the November RSC so that business at the Conference is included in the final audit.
- Since the Service Pool subcommittee was in attendance, Requirements and Responsibilities were added and tweaked for consistency.
- See MARKUP copy for details of other changes
- We combined content into logical areas. Many related points were scattered throughout the original document.
- Created three separate Appendices for compartmentalization.
 - Appendix A - Position Requirements and Responsibilities
 - Appendix B - Subcommittee Guidelines
 - Appendix C - Forthcoming audit guidelines
- Some work was done on creating a consistent tone and readability but it will take some polishing.

Remaining tasks:

- The document will be reformatted and structured properly. A consistent format will make it easier to navigate and update.
- Continued efforts to write in a coherent and professional tone. I'll scrub it through my Grammarly account.
- One or two more review meetings.
- Subcommittee guidelines are to be developed and/or added to Appendix B. This will require Subcommittee assistance.
- Develop guidelines for performing a Treasury Audit

We (someone) will bring the final product to the February 2020 RSC for consensus.

The work at this point was emailed as an attachment to this body.

"DRAFT TBRNA Policy" has the content updated and moved around. This can be used as our current policy as it is actually an August 2019 update (and then some.)

"TBRNA Policy MARKUP 3rd Meeting" has the original document with markups.

Facilitator Report:

Discussion about the upcoming treasury audit. We have no established guidelines. George said he has guidelines that he can share with us. Tom estimated the audit shouldn't take much more than an hour. Discussion about budgets and how to hold trusted servants accountable.

Co-Facilitator:

Plans to attend the TSCNA Advisory Board meeting, 1212 Anderson Lane, Ste 300, Austin, TX, November 23, 2019, at noon.

Jessi asked the body to not accept donations from the TSCNA and to no longer send a liaison to their board meetings. Will discuss in New Business.

Treasurer:

Starting Balance from last RSC: \$14,611.82

All expenses paid out: \$9,747.76

All Income Received: \$3,220.67

Minus our Prudent Reserve of \$4,500

Current Starting Balance for this RSC: \$3,584.73

Big bill coming up for annual insurance. We can pay in full or ½ at a time. Current Working Balance after all donations today and reimbursements made: \$7,032.41

More discussion about budgets.

Proposal to pay insurance all at once in December: \$5,185. Consensus achieved.

Area Reports:

Brazos Valley – Michael

Meetings: We currently have 7 voting groups, consisting of 15 meetings per week. We continue to get the meeting open on time consistently, though still struggling to fill trusted servant positions at the group and Area levels.

Elections: Due to a failure to announce in September, elections are pushed till the November ASC and due to other scheduling conflicts, this ASC was pushed to November 23, 2019. The newly approved Area policy includes admin position rotation, and this has caused much discussion on past failures with new members being elected and then failing to perform duties. The positive note; all admin positions have willing, qualified people nominated.

H&I is conducting bi-monthly meetings in 2 facilities and is still seeking support.

PI is maintaining the Area schedule and 4 racks in facilities.

The moving of the November ASC to the 23rd from the normal first Saturday of the month mean that I am not carrying a vote from BVANA on regional elections, nor do I have an Area donation.

Upcoming Events: Miracles Happen is hosting Area November 23, 2019 at the First Methodist Church, 506 E 28th St, followed fun food and fellowship at Sue Haswell Park on E 25th St.

New Freedom Group is hosting their 19th anniversary, Caldwell, Texas, Saturday December 7, 2019.

Miracles Happen Group 1st anniversary November 9, 2019, 2201 Earl Rudder Frwy, College Station, TX 77845

Also, as TBRNA Co-facilitator, I plan to attend the TSCNA Advisory Board meeting, 1212 Anderson Lane, Ste 300, Austin, TX, November 23, 2019 at noon.

Central Texas Area – Ed F.

I am happy to report that everything is going well with our Area. Our subcommittees are doing ok. As always, they could use more support. The H & I subcommittee has given up a commitment we had at the Kyle state facility due to the coordinator becoming ill and just not

having any of our local members being able to support it. But, it is in good hands as the Hill Country Area as picked it up. We are really grateful for that. Our PR subcommittee is doing a lot of good work with the PSA running on local radio stations and some behind the scenes stuff. We had a booth at Austin's Recovery in the Park. Our Activities subcommittee has been very busy as well. We are having our annual Holiday Function coming up on December 14th which includes food, auction, speakers, food and a book drive for H & I. Kent has more information and flyers for this.

We currently have 80 meetings a week. We had a guy come to the last Area meeting requesting to be a part of. He has started a new meeting in Harwood, TX. The name of the meeting is Dopeless Hopefiends. This is located at 136 N. 2nd Street, Harwood, TX 78632. They meet Sundays and Tuesdays from 7-8 P.M.

We will be making a donation today of \$642.43 to Region.

On a personal note, this is my last Region as RCM. It has been a very rewarding experience for my recovery and it has been great serving with you all.

Coastal Bend Area – Troy

The Coastal Bend Area currently serves 10 counties in South Texas with 55 meetings happening on a weekly basis at this time. We have 29 groups and 17 of them are presently voting groups. We currently serve 7 facilities in an H&I capacity.

We recently had elections in our area and I am happy to report that we filled all empty positions and we are excited about the upcoming year.

Our area has been busy with the fall festivities, the Back to Basics group had an awesome speaker jam with 4 dynamic speakers who brought a great message. We had an H & I appreciation day coupled with a Halloween dance and a trunk or treat festival as well, the message was carried to the still suffering addict all events.

CBANA is having a Thanksgiving gratitude lunch at 3307 Ayers on Thanksgiving Day beginning at noon. We will be having 2 speakers and the food will be served at 1pm until its gone, we will be there all day until the 8pm meeting. CBANA will be having a brunch and speaker for the Christmas holiday as well, it will be held at 3307 Ayers on Christmas day.

Finally, I have a check for \$3400.00 to donate to this body today.

Our area's website is cbana.org and all upcoming events and information can be found on there as well as on our CBANA Facebook information page. Our help line phone number is (361)-992-2113 and the toll free number is (855) 377-3112.

Esperanza Area

I am grateful to the Esperanza Area (EANA) for allowing me to serve as RCM. I look forward to working with you in the spirit of unity. The following is a joint EANA RCM team report.

EANA elections were held at the September ASC meeting. All positions were filled except for Newsletter and Outreach. Gratefully, the outgoing Outreach Chair has agreed to serve as lame duck until the position is filled. Please see attachment for names of trusted servants.

We have 106 meetings per week. We currently have 50 groups, with 32 of them having voting privileges. Please visit our website at www.eanaonline.org. You can contact the IT Chair at webservant@eanaonline.org.

We have been responsible with our group 7th Tradition donations and have been able to pay all our bills and expenses. We have a regional donation of \$87.36.

The Activities and HI Book Drive Event held October 26, 2019 was a great success. The area collected 56 basic text donations. EANA has 16 facilities for H&I and the next TDJC orientation volunteer training will be at TBRCNA 2020 on Saturday, February 1st from 8AM-12PM.

Frolic in the Wood (FITW) 2019 on October 4th-6th at Garner State Park was a great success. There will be a financial audit scheduled. More will be revealed.

The following are upcoming EANA Functions:

- Holiday Marathon Meetings: December 24th @ 3PM thru December 25th @ 127 McCullough, San Antonio, TX 78215
- New Year's Eve Event: December 31th @ 6PM till 12AM @1018 Grayson St, San Antonio, TX 78208
- EACNA VI: January 17,18, 19, 2020 @ Omni Hotel & Resorts, 9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78230. Registration and hotel reservations can be made at www.eacnasa.org or by contacting the Registration Chair at 210-612-8056
- (Regional Event in EANA) TBRCNA XX: January 31st-February 2nd, 2020 @ Omni Hotel & Resorts, 9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78230

The next EANA ASC meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, 2019 (3rd Sunday of every month) starting at 11AM @ 10929 Nacogdoches, San Antonio, TX 78217.

Lastly, the Esperanza Area has directed the RCM team to discuss the Regional Convention dates in relation to area conventions. For example, the Regional Convention will take place 2 weeks after EACNA VI this coming year. After speaking to our current Regional Convention Facilitator, I understand that these dates are chosen 3 years in advance, so I am not sure if there is a solution to this challenge. Perhaps we can discuss policies that would mitigate regional and area conventions being scheduled so closely together?

Freedom Area

Currently the Freedom Area is doing well. We are planning on doing an event in Jan 2020. There is a group in the area, No Matter What, that is interested in joining the Freedom Area. The GSR hasn't been able to attend so they have not been officially added to the Area. They did provide us with a donation.

The policy ad-hoc is working on finalizing the draft to submit to the Area in December 2019. I am grateful to be working on this project with two other people. Nice to see some interest in doing this major revision and we are looking forward to the Area's input and suggestions.

We are hosting a shift on Saturday during TBRCNA 2020 from 1 to 3 with Northside Area.

Meeting attendance is good. One group is struggling with members with more experience stepping up - there are lots of treatment people who attend.

The Freedom Area has a donation of \$182.96.

Hill Country Area – Dickey

Hello everyone, welcome to and greetings from Hill Country (God's Country) You are welcome to our humble little village, welcome. Meetings come and meetings go and we currently have 12 groups and 15 meetings. Some say the grass seems greener on the other side, but its not change but water that makes things greener, but we do have several rivers here.

Our Area is having elections in December so again the season changes. Nominations will be this month and change in the guard will start in January. All position are open and available if you are interested in change, show up.

We have added a couple H&I panels one at Austin Recovery in Buda and one at Windmill Wellness Ranch in Canyon Lake and now have 7 which are running strong, carrying the NA message. Speaking of H&I we are having our Book drive this month on the 16th of November. There will be 4 guest speakers from 4 different areas and Free Turkey dinner Dinner. Dinner will start at 5:30 to 7:00pm Please bring your award winning side dishes. Speakers from 7:00 to 9:30. Basic text will be available for purchase to help support hospital patients and inmates in institutions

ROAR Recovery On A River. Save the Date, and Place. May 2nd and will be held in San Marcos Rec center. In San Marcos TX. It a great location with an air condition rec center. More will be revealed....

Donation to Region: \$264.14. Also sending an area donation to NAWS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

H&I Book Drive November 16, 5:30 – 9:30 at UCM Wesley Church 510 Guadalupe St. San Marcos Come join us in the celebration and fellowship.

Next ASC November 17 at 2:00 pm at the Surrender to win meeting place in Kyle 103 front St.

Houston Area – Dawn

Our last Area service meeting was held October 27, with 15 GSR's present and 13 GSR's having voting privileges and 11 inactive groups. At this time we have 118 meetings weekly and 2 new groups that just started up, Eastside Group and Show Up and Grow Up. All of our service positions are open at this time except RCM 2, who serves for two years. We had nominations for Facilitator, Policy, RCM 1, Treasurer and H&I. Positions that did not have nominations were, Co Facilitator, Recorder, Activities Chair, and Outreach Chair. Kami H. was nominated for the Chair position for HACNA XIV, which she accepted, qualified, and was elected.

An audit was just completed for 2017 and the report back was that everything added up and matched, there were not any discrepancies. The audit was completed by Karen K. a CPA and Carlton S. with Ronnie H. as liaison. We are \$756.64 above prudent reserve which is \$2,500.00. HACNA XIII did really well, in fact the most successful yet. At this time an updated HACNA policy revision is being worked on to include HACNA as a standing committee and not an ad-hoc.

Upcoming events: 1960 Group is having a potluck Thanksgiving Day celebration, Thursday, November 28th. Food and fellowship, 2 speakers, with the 8:00 regularly scheduled meeting to follow. I have flyers available on the table to take back to your Area's. Hope Sweet Hope is hosting a Holiday Winter Fest with Saturday Night Live Group on Dec. 14th.

We will be hosting the 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. hotel and hospitality slot at TBRCNA 20 so stop by fellowship and have a bite to eat.

Northside – no report provided

Southeast Texas Report – Twana:

We have 8 groups and 42 meetings per week in the Southeast Texas area. New Life in Rose City, Wings of Freedom in Nederland, Subject to Change in Beaumont, Just for Today in Beaumont, Oasis in Port Arthur, New Attitudes in Jasper, CCC in Beaumont, and Freedom to Change in Orange. For the most up to date SETANA meeting schedule, please visit www.setana.org.

H&I: Our H&I committee currently brings meetings into 4 facilities per month. Unity, the Melton Center, Franklin South, Franklin North.

Trusted Servant Positions: Area elections were held in August. Facilitator- Lynette B. Alt. Facilitator- Vacant RCM- Vanessa R. Alt RCM- Twana S. Treasurer-Amber B. Secretary-Tresa C. H&I- Kenny S. PR- Vacant Activities- Vacant Outreach- Josh C. Co-Outreach- Vacant Phone Line- Vanessa R

Area News: In June our area gained a new group in Port Arthur. The Oasis group of Narcotics Anonymous is located at 4737 10th St Port Arthur, TX and meets on Tuesday nights at 7:30.

It was brought up that due to the area not having a PR chair for some time that facilities such as probation, cps, etc. could be better served on a group level rather than an area level. This was brought back to each group. Each group voted to handle the facilities near their group. They will provide meeting schedules and or IP's.

Our area will be serving in the TBRCNA hospitality room on Saturday, February 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 pm

We have two groups (New Attitudes in Jasper and Subject to Change in Beaumont) who have ceased having business meeting due to lack of attendance.

CCC in Beaumont voted to ban a member who was preying on newcomer women despite multiple warnings. This ban is for 6 months.

Upcoming Events:

The SETANA area will be hosting our annual Unity Dinner on November 16 at 6:30 at Subject to Change, 4450 Crow Road, Beaumont, Tx. 77707. There will be a potluck dinner provided by groups and members, bingo with prizes and an open meeting as well as a dance or game night.

Wings of Freedom will be hosting a winter bonfire at Village Creek State Park December 21st 1:30 to 8 p.m. campsites 13&15. There will be S'Mores, Hotdogs, fellowship, and a bonfire meeting.

Tri-County – no report provided

Rio Grande Valley – Rebecca:

No H&I at this point. Last convention went well. Raised money to print pamphlets and buy keytags. Keith said NAWS contacted him because an addict that attended AA had contacted NAWS. Rebecca explained that a group of AA members came to attend their NA meeting and offered a meeting space in Harlingen for an NA meeting. Keith explained that because of the BMLT he was able to search for meetings to direct them to.

Subcommittee Reports

Hospitals & Institutions – Dan H.:

Fundraising, and book drives are on the way. Although I was ill and missed the Halloween function. I did reach out to James B. to let him know Region would again participate in their book drive by buying and donating 10 basic texts. I will be doing the same next week at Hill county, and again December 14th. For C.T.A.N.A.. we are anticipating a large group this morning and by the end of our break out finally have a rough draft for our H&I policy. I will be asking for \$400.00 to purchase basic texts for these upcoming events. I encourage any and all areas to reach out if H&I can assist with upcoming events. Thank you for allowing me to be of service... Dan H.

Adopt An Inmate – Ed C.:

My goal as AAI Facilitator is to work within the Tejas Bluebonnet Region to provide literature to the still suffering addict behind the walls through generating funds and also using the allotted budget.

I am sending this report this Region and apologize for my absence. I will not be attending this region due to personal reason but will be back next region. I have to report that things are really going well with the mail and I am looking at other ways we can save money. I am going to look

into possibly trying to price literature with other vendors and will let you guys know what becomes of that. Thank you for all your help.

I was able to send out 22 copies of the Basic Text to 6 different facilities, 2 BT were sent to Garza East,

4 BT were sent to Dominguez Unit, 9 BT were sent to Wayne Scott Unit, 1 BT was sent Crain Unit.

Internet Technologies – Vyki D.:

As I've talked about before, we have some awesome technology available within the fellowship that was created by addicts, for addicts that I feel should be utilized by more areas in our region and would help us better carry the NA message throughout TBRNA and beyond. This technology is known as the BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolbox) and YAP (NA Hotline Toolbox).

I've brought California Steve, one of the developers of these tools, with me to this RSC to briefly explain a little more about these awesome tools after my report. We would also like to find out if the region and PR committee would like for him to hold a workshop during the PR breakout or whenever you see fit at the next RSC for the web servants and PR chairs of the areas to attend and learn more about how they can implement these tools in their respective areas and/or this region.

As always, I am available to the region to help with any IT, website, email, file sharing, conference call, etc related matters. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Steve S. explained how the BMLT works. A place to hold meeting info which can be queried. They're hoping to get the entire Fellowship on there. They could give workshop in a breakout session at a future RSC on how to update meeting info on the database. YAP leverages the BMLT for information via phone and can provide the meeting info in a designated language or transfer to a live person.

Literature Bank – Lynn S.:

The Spiritual Principle A Day Meditation Book Project continues. There are new spiritual principles posted for you to give input on. Also the second batch of entries is available for Review and Input. The batch includes 45 entries on 8 spiritual principles and a draft of the preface of the book. The drafts and the new spiritual principles can be accessed at na.org/spad.

The workgroup stated that response to the first Review and Input batch was 'overwhelmingly positive. The input affirmed the project's direction and expressed satisfaction with how we've carried out the charge and realized the Fellowship's vision'.

The complete review draft will be in the 2022 Conference Agenda Report (CAR).

Literature Review is available for input or Review and Input workshops anytime, anywhere.

The Local Service Toolbox Project has posted a Review and Input draft of GSR Basics. That can be accessed at na.org/toolbox. Completed materials include CBDM Basics and Serving NA in Rural and Isolated Communities.

The Conventions and Events Tools Project ended Review and Input October 15 for the Contracts and Negotiations draft. Completed materials are Money Management and Money

Management Support Material and The Program Committee and Development of the Program Committee Support Materials.

If you would like to schedule a workshop, need more information or have questions please contact me.

Convention Advisory Committee – Michael S.:

The CAC has met several times by way of Zoom meetings on the 30th of Oct., Nov. 4th and 8th. There is another day in there that I don't remember, must be age. We mainly discussed ways of supporting our Conventions and the TBRCC Guidelines. We revised the TBRCC Guidelines and entered information that was pertinent in order to serve the Convention and its members on the committee.

I attended all TBRCC Meetings this past cycle, along with other members of the CAC. That is 5 roundtrips from Austin to San Antonio. With a slow start the Convention Committee is playing catch up and doing well.

Contracts for 2023:

There were three bids. One from Doubletree, Omni Westside and the Hilton Houston North. Had the opportunity to visit the Hilton during HACNA and was able to see firsthand what this hotel can offer, I was very impressed. The Doubletree was looking really good until we got to the banquet, they weren't able to accommodate us. The Omni Westside wanted to charge for meeting space and had a room rate of \$125.00. Finally, the Hilton Houston North has a rate of \$119.00 and staff rate (12 rooms) of \$99.00. I ran these figures and other information by the committee and we think this is in the best interest of TBR--to choose Hilton Houston North. Here are some of the perks:

Room rate \$119.00

12 Staff room rate \$99.00

12 Complimentary Upgrades at Group Rate

1 per 35 Complimentary Room Nights

Meeting Room Rental Waived with F&B Minimum of \$4200.00

15% discount on A/V

Banquet Menu 10% discount

Discounted banner hanging (23) fee \$250.00

Complimentary tables up to 20

Complimentary podium and microphone

Complimentary Hot Water for Coffee

No additional fee to bring own Coffee

I have traveled quite a bit this past cycle, put 1,200 miles on my car and paid for the Zoom account for the last three months at \$15.98/month. I am asking to be reimbursed for the total in receipts to be \$131.80.

Dates for TBRCCNA 2021 are Feb 17-19.

TBRCCNA 2020 – Gilbert L.:

TBRCCNA 20 to be held in San Antonio on January 31st through February 2nd in 2020.

Our Committee has been busy with all the preparations to host the 2020 convention. We will be having some awesome speakers and workshops. I personally am excited on who was selected for our regional speaker and look forward to hearing them speak.

Our Hospitality team is planning a Taco bar to start off the convention with hosting a greet and eat, so you definitely want to be there Friday evening for the kick off.

We are in the process of collecting Auction Items, so please get with me and or bring them with you to the convention. We have some fun entertainment planned, and of course two dances for those who want to boogie down.

Currently our bank amount is at \$14,124.21 and we still are selling last year's merchandise and doing registrations. And have been selling pre convention merchandise and Banquet plates.

The Hotel room count is currently sitting at 111 room nights reserved and we need 212 room nights to meet the Hotel Room block, please announce it at your meetings to register for the Convention and to please reserve and book a room. If you have not done so please book a room.

We have Registration flyers for you to please take back and pass out to the groups you attend and remember that this convention will be the 20th anniversary of the TBRCNA Convention.

Will not have a breakfast but hospitality will have breakfast items by CTANA.

RD Team will hold a CAR/CAT Workshop at this convention as well as a TDC orientation. No preregistration required for the orientation. Just bring your ID.

Gilbert asked that the 2021 TBRCNA Facilitator please come to this TBRCNA to shadow the current TBRCNA Facilitator.

Gilbert said they will create an early bird 2021 registration to be available at TBRCNA 2020 so that the funds will be credited to the 2021 convention.

Tom will correct forwarder for convention email.

Service Pool Facilitator – Still vacant. Please announce

Open Discussion:

Texas State Convention – Jessi asked that the region no longer accept donations from the TSCNA. She was the policy person for them for a number of years. The Chair hasn't released the tax information, and Jessi believes that it's not transparent and not a part of Narcotics Anonymous. The treasurer has been trying to get the tax information and has not been able to. She asked if they could put their minutes on the website and the reply she received was that they "did not want to be that transparent". George asked if the Chair and Secretary rotate off. The term is 5 years for the Chair. The Secretary just rotated out. Our liaison, Michael, confirmed the rotation information but could not confirm about the withholding of tax information. Herb asked who the TSC is accountable to. Tom explained that any region, area, or group in Texas can host the convention and the proceeds are distributed to the regions in Texas. Ruben clarified that the TSC granted the bid to host the convention when members of an area clearly stated that they were not representing their area. **No consensus (multiple stand asides).**

Discussion regarding scheduling of TBRCNA and EACNA. Herb asked when TBRCNA was scheduled. Answer: several years in advance. Susen G: First TBRCNA was in 2000 and has

always been around the same time each year. When the first EACNA was planned, it was scheduled back to back with TBRNA. She suggests that he ask EACNA to not hold their convention within a month of TBRNA. Suggestion that EACNA not hold a convention in the years that TBRNA is in San Antonio. Herb was asked if this was coming from an area conscience. He explained that an EANA group presented a motion for TBRNA to be cancelled or be moved to another date, but the motion was ruled out of order. A second motion was made that Region open discussion on both conventions being so close together. Gilbert explained that EACNA was going to be different from TBRNA as an affordable convention for people in San Antonio. Originally planned in April, but hotel rates and best pricing was in January. In January, we have MLK and many don't work on Monday, which would help our room block by people staying an extra day for the MLK march on Monday. First one was in 2015 and TBRNA was in San Antonio. Usually not the same people go to both. CJ said when they started EACNA, he was new, and they looked at all the timing options just as TBRNA has explored all the options for timing, and this is the best time of year for both conventions. George suggested TBRNA plan ahead for 2025, the next time TBRNA will be hosted by EANA. He also said that the region serves the groups and not the other way around. Michael S. stated that future TBRNA's are being scheduled later into February.

Tom reminded everyone that any service body can submit their events to post on the TBRNA website to assist with coordinating events to prevent scheduling conflicts.

Discussion of IT folks from areas meeting at each RSC just like PR and H&I do. Ed suggested that this could all fall under the PR umbrella and be addressed within the PR breakout.

Proposal by Jessi: To create a Policy Co-Chair position. Multiple stand asides: reason given was that there are currently vacant positions and it's not prudent to create a new one when we're having trouble getting existing positions filled. **No consensus.**

Working balance: \$1202.41

The NAWS donation will be \$240.48

That leaves us with a final working balance of \$961.93

Policy requires 2 RCMs to participate in the Treasury Audit. Will happen December 7th via Google Hangouts. Troy w/CBANA and Kent w/CTANA will be the RCMs. Tom will coordinate it.

Announcements:

Next RSC is February 8th in Southeast Texas Area. Location TBD.

Regional Assembly will be March 14, 2020, in Victoria. Location TBD. Areas need to get with RD Team ASAP to schedule any CAR workshops desired.

Announce TBRNA and register early!

Please announce the following vacancies that we need to fill at the February RSC:
Service Pool Facilitator, Recorder, Co-Treasurer, Public Relations Chair

Business concluded at 4:35.