

Tejas Bluebonnet Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Service Conference
Bryan, Texas August 11,2012

Allen E. Opened the meeting with the Serenity prayer at 9:35am
Michael S. read the 12 Concepts and the Service prayer.

Roll Call completed by Facilitator.

Marty C., TBRCNA 13 Facilitator will not be in attendance due to a funeral.

Facilitator	Allen E.	Present
Co-Facilitator	VACANT	
Recorder	Leslie R.	Present
Treasurer	LeAnn K.	Present
Co-Treasurer	VACANT	
Policy	Bryan S.	Present
H & I	Esteban R	Present
AAI	Greg P	Resigned
PI	Diana M.	Absent - Excused
Literature	Lynn S.	Present
CAC	Steve S.	Present
CAC	Monika V.	Absent
CAC	Dickie B.	Present
TBRCNA 12	Vacant	
TBRCNA 13	Marty C.	Absent - Excused
RD	Dawn E.	Present
RDA	Gary M.	Present
Brazos Valley RCM 1	Peter G.	Present

Brazos Valley RCM 2	VACANT	
Central Texas Area RCM	Michael S.	Present
Central Texas Area RCM 2	Aaron	Absent
Coastal Bend Area RCM 1	Val Vielma	Present
Coastal Bend Area RCM 2	Bob W.	Present
Esperanza Area RCM 1	Roger S.	Present
Esperanza Area RCM 2	Francisco V.	Resigned
Hill Country Area RCM 1	Dickie B.	Present
Hill Country Area RCM 2	Daniel C.	Absent
Houston Area RCM 1	Steve P.	Present
Houston Area RCM 2	James Mc.	Absent - Excused
Northside Area RCM 1	Don K.	Present
Northside Area RCM 2	Jack R.	Present
Southeast Texas Area RCM 1	Lynnette B.	Absent -Unexcused
Southeast Texas Area RCM 1	Deena D.	Absent - Unexcused
SW Cactus County Area RCM 1	Enrique M.	Absent - Unexcused
SW Cactus County Area RCM 2	Rachel W.	Present
Texas Tri-County Area RCM 1	Brian D.	Present
Texas Tri-County Area RCM 2	Shelby T.	Present

It was brought to the attention of the body that our Web servant is a paid servant, should we remove him from the Roll Call, as he also doesn't attend the RSC meetings. By consensus – body voted yes.

This change should be reflected in our policy.

Leslie made apology for delay in the delivery of the minutes from May RSC and made Commitment to deliver them within 30 days going forward.

Leslie asked for everyone to use the sign-in sheet and provide contact information and to make

sure the list is returned to her.

Review of the May RSC minutes.

Gary M. requested a change: in his RDA report to say it should read "...sales of laminated page of WSC mission statement Just For Today in all languages is available" that was signed by the WSC attendees.

LeAnn wants the minutes to reflect that the change of budget requested for PI was initiated by PI not H&I.

LeAnn asked the group if they want a synopsis of the meeting or if the body would prefer word for word.

Recorder stated if not a word-for-word account, it would leave the interpretation to the Recorder.

Body approved of synopsis and interpretation by Recorder.

Steve P., RCM 1, Houston requested the minutes reflect he was incorrectly listed as RCM 2, his position is RCM 1.

Elections

Co-Facilitator – Bob W. was elected.

Co-Treasurer – will need one soon as Treasurer will be unavailable due to some upcoming medical issues. She will still be available to assist with any questions.

Stated George from Esperanza area is interested. Dawn E. nominated Bob Mc.D. and he accepted the nomination. He qualified himself, vote taken and he was elected unanimously.

Facilitator for TBRCNA 14. To be hosted by CBANA. CBANA had two nominees:

Grateful Ed and Wanda McDonough. Both qualified themselves and Wanted was elected.

For the elections it was noted there were 16 members of the body eligible to vote between RCM's and Administration.

It was brought to the body's attention that the Co-Facilitator for the Convention is to be elected at the RSC, not just by the area.

Area Reports

Brazos Valley – Peter G., RCM 1, submitted written report

Reported they have set up regularly scheduled Area service meetings on the 1st Saturday of every month. There are meetings in Giddings and Caldwell – which Area are they members of? Reported no assistance requested from TBRNA.

CETANA – Michael S., RCM 1, submitted written report

Had question for the RD and RDA regarding service system structure proposal. Response – to be discussed in full at a later time in the agenda today.

CBANA – Val V., RCM 1 and Bob W., RCM 2, submitted written report

No questions from the body.

Requested prayers for TBRCNA 14 and assistance from the CAC.

EANA – Roger S., RCM 1, submitted written report

Asked for assistance from TBRNA for speakers for the Texas State Convention to be held in San Antonio in May 2013.

Discussion on if this the TSC is sponsored by NA group. 19 NA groups support this convention. Mentioned the Halloween flyer/event where Allen E. will be speaking 10/27/12 at 1336 San Fernando, San Antonio.

HCANA – Dickie B., RCM, submitted written report

Need 4 service positions filled. There is a PI chair for this area – Julia and she is working with Jodie in EANA regarding the meeting schedule.

Asked TBRNA support to attend meetings.

Question from body – is Kerrville part of HC? Do they attend area meetings?

Answer – Yes and Yes. This is a strong group.

HASCONA – Steve P., RCM 1 – no written report submitted.

Houston now has no smoking meetings.

Area elections coming up in October; James Mc.'s RD2 position will need to be filled.

Houston's longest NA member, Pat McCoy passed away. He passed one day short of celebrating his 40th year anniversary of clean time, but this did not include his estimated 16 years clean time when he was in prison. To be noted he helped start NA in Houston. He will be missed.

The body held a moment of silence for his memory and service to NA.

NORTHSIDE – Don K., RCM 1 and Jack R., RCM 2, submitted written report

9 Active groups/50 meetings each.

5 H&I meetings/week: 2 @ Holiday Unit, 1 @ Estelle Unit, 2 @ Montgomery County Jail

SummerMadness Party scheduled for 8/18/12 flyers available.

No questions.

SE Texas Area – Not represented

Texas Tri-County Area, Brian D. and Shelby T., submitted written report

Bryan D. – suggested that all areas check their GPS maps and have sent incorrect information to the appropriate Areas.

Questions:

Was the web servant notified? – yes, Brian worked with him on the project.

Is there a way to get Regional PI involved? Were they aware of the process and could they pass this information on to the other areas? PI very busy with other projects.

RD suggested we create a new position at the Regional level to monitor area and web links to ensure we have the most current and accurate data.

Roger S. nominated himself to monitor WSO website to ensure they have the most

accurate and current information. Mentioned that a group code is needed to access the site. RD's have the code.

Was suggested to move this to new/open business – for a Regional position. It was suggested this is the role of PI – may not need a new position.

Break @ 10:53am

Reconvened @ 11:10am

SW Cactus County, Rachel W., RCM2

Stated SW Cactus County is not listed on the Regional website.

Area is working on training new GSR's.

Area meeting schedule given to RD.

Questions:

How do meetings get supplies? Rachel orders them and receives deliveries at her home.

Who is responsible for making sure the SWCC area should get representation on the Regional website? It was suggested that the Co-Facilitator be responsible for this.

This topic was moved to open discussion.

How can TBRNA assist? – Nothing at this time, Area knows TBRNA is available to help.

RD asked if their area would be interested in hosting an RSC? Yes, but next year – but when schedule was checked, they will be on rotation in 2014.

Do all the groups have all the literature? Yes.

Administrative Reports

Facilitator, Allen E. – no written report.

Web Hosting bill due for \$341.64 for \$113.88 per year. This covers the last three years through 9/2012.

Questions:

Do we have the \$\$ to pay the bill? – Yes.

Who is responsible for communication with web servant? Facilitator has been, but will be discussed further in open discussion.

Our Web Servant is always available. Expect response within 24-72 hours.

RD – Dawn E. – no written report.

Asked body if they had any questions from the last RSC.

Q – What is the status of the Service System Proposal?

RD's are improving communication. Texas delegates want to meet. Not sure if it will be on the agenda. They are working on how this might look. It is not on the October agenda, may be put on the January agenda.

Are there any changes we should be making now?

Most proposals have been accepted, the delegates voted on the resolutions, proposals and straw polls. Delegates will discuss with Areas?

CBANA has created an Ad Hoc committee to start looking into it and how an area structure would work with the new structure.

RD's and RDA's don't have the "power" to make the service structure changes. Currently, the WSO Board will take all of the information from the WSC and any other proposals and will make

recommendations that will be proposed on the next CAR (Conference Agenda Report)
If Areas want to make Ad Hoc committees – no reason not to.

What were the two proposals that didn't pass at WSC?

1. No further Regional seatings
2. Changes in geographic boundaries (additional information available at NA.org)

RCM's generally have no leadership or structure on how to approach or communicate these structure changes to their Areas and need support.

Point made that whatever changes are implemented by Areas – it should be consistent with our Fellowship as a whole.

WSO is looking for experience, strength, hope, successes, learnings from the Fellowship on any changes Areas/Regions experience and will consider this feedback for the next CAR.

Discussion about Tally sheets – these were created by our RDA – are not from WSO.

RD and RDA are available to assist with communication to Areas/Groups.

Suggested this topic also be brought to the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) for further discussion and to make systematic suggestions for implementation.

RDA Report, Gary M. – provided written report with notes from SZF (Where Regions meet to talk about concerns, ideas)

- Fellowship concerns
 - Convention
 - Apathy
 - Contacted TSC (Texas State Convention) representative and invited them to RSC. Has some concerns, will need to discuss further.
- HR Panel
- Only 2 seats open at the next WSC and will work to present 4 candidates.
- Idea – to hold SZF at the same time of TBRCNA14 and bring in World Board as well (if this happens, will need to increase # in the room block for the convention.
- Idea – make SZF available to any convention for a possible workshop – topics TBD – would provide more visibility, increased communication and information about the SZF.
- Question – are there any guidelines for removing servants?
- Is the SZF available for the TSC? Yes – SZF wants to get information out.

Break for lunch @ 12:30pm

Meeting Reconvened at 1:15pm

Treasurer's Report – LeAnn - written report submitted.

LeAnn thanked Michael S. for doing such a great job in managing the mailbox communications.

Laptop computer for the convention has no Internet service access. This makes it difficult for Registration Facilitator – has to duplicate everything and then send information from a personal computer or use a 3rd party program to allow Treasurer to operate or see Registration Facilitator's computer.

Discussed need for further specifics for expenditures. For example, when the budget was increased for PI, it was made for travel purposes, but it was spent on CD's and no one has a break down on what the \$400 was spent on. Treasurer asked for specifics from Policy to identify a better way to track expenses.

Gas receipts – there is no specific definition on how to reimburse for gas expenditures for attendance to RSC meetings. She requested assistance on how the body wants to handle these reimbursements. Currently approved RSC attendees are to get gas before leaving their location, then fill-up when they arrive, turn in the receipt to the Treasurer who doubles the amount (to include the return trip) and writes a check to the attendee.

Question:

What was the \$400 CD expenditure for? The Austin PI conference for Mental Health Professionals in the Addiction field: Counselors, Parole Officers, Probation Officers. CTANA was manning the booth. In the past, Basic Texts were provided. Decided to hand out CD's to the professionals attending. There were 5 – 7K in attendance to this conference.

Treasurer will bring to the attention of the body any “out of the ordinary” expenditures.

Storage for Regional archives: Currently have 7 plastic boxes stored at the Treasurer's office – what does the body want to do with these?

\$842 received today; for the quarter, we have received \$700.

Question: Can our bank statements be converted to electronic versions? Yes. There are a lot of them...1/4 of one of the large boxes are statements; additional convention information, convention items, etc. It would be a large project for someone. The IRS requires 3 years of information records. Treasurer suggests keeping 5 years of records, or as of 2012, back to 2007.

Question: Request Treasurer make a proposal to RSC for a solution.

Question: If we moved to electronic storage, how many boxes could be eliminated, especially if we don't keep records past 2007? Treasurer will check with Convention Advisory Committee (CAC) to see what they may need.

Question: How much has already been transferred to digital records? Treasurer didn't know. But figures all of the electronic storage can be done within 1 terabyte of space.

More discussion with the result that Treasurer will work with CAC, Marty C., and update everyone at the next RSC.

TBRCNA 13 – Marty C., absent, submitted written report

Convention Advisory Committee Report, Steve C., submitted written report.

TBRCNA Proposals:

Proposal 1. Add Sec. VII 1. Convention Rotation - To make convention rotation location a permanent part of the convention guidelines. – Passed.

Proposal 2: To

specify when to elect the TBRCNA Facilitator. Currently, the guidelines say the Facilitator is elected in August, but the election of the Co-Facilitator and Treasurer should be done 3 months later. Done to allow the new Facilitator to select, recruit for those positions

and have time with CAC to get the process started. Passed.

Proposal 3: Place “Elect Upcoming TBRCNA Co-Facilitator and Treasurer during November RSC Agenda.” – Passed.

Question: If the Facilitator steps down, does the Co-Facilitator automatically fill the Facilitator Role? Yes and the previous convention Facilitator becomes the Co-Facilitator or it can be a Member of the CAC. – Passed.

Proposal 4: Place notation to CAC Guideline in Sec. IV. To explain procedure of when Facilitator is removed or resigns. (Sec 4 subsection m and n).

TBRNA Proposals:

Proposal 1: Place convention rotation and ASC’s that are within Zones (CAC Guidelines)

Proposal 2: Place “Elect Upcoming TBRCNA Facilitator during August RSC in August Agenda”.

Proposal 3: “Elect Upcoming TBRCNA Co-Facilitator and Treasurer during November RSC Agenda.”

Proposal 4: Strike from page four (4) TBRSC Rotation Note.

Proposal 5: To change the dates of the TBRCNA to Labor Day weekend except for years when the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (WCNA) is held in the United States.

Steve C. will work on wording that will include “no Regional Convention will be held....”

A member of CAC cannot also be a member of the TRRNA Administrative Committee. – Passed.

Discussion around changing the time of year of the convention to allow for better, lower rates. Suggested Labor Day or some time in September, from February. Decided to take this back to the areas for feedback. Steve said he would edit the proposal and sent it out to the RCMs. If there would be any changes it would be for convention year 2015.

Policy Report, Bryan S., submitted written report.

Treasurer provided Bryan with her financial policy requests for review.

Stated he would like to set up a Policy committee: Dawn, LeAnn, Steve C., and RCMs Dickie B. and Peter G. volunteered to assist.

Literature Review, Lynn S., submitted written report.

There were no questions.

H&I (Hospitals and Institutions), Esteban R., no written report submitted

Question: Was the \$200 reduction in budget permanent? If so, to do that, doesn't it require a change in policy? Treasurer clarified – thought the proposals only affected advances to H&I.

AAI (Adopt an Inmate) – No Facilitator Representative, no written report available.

Reported by TBRNA Facilitator Greg resigned his position.

Reviewed process for requesting texts:

1. Letters are received through PO Box
2. Treasurer scans the letter and sends to AAI Facilitator
3. H&I Facilitator creates a spreadsheet for requests

4. H&I Facilitator sends the spreadsheet to WSO to mail
5. Treasurer sends check to WSO.

Esteban volunteered to oversee this process until a new AAI Facilitator is elected.
Treasurer will fill the H&I order.

PI (Public Information), Diana M., absent, submitted written report

TBRNA read the report.

Clarification was requested about the money for the food at the event and if there have been policy changes regarding this. Allen will request this clarification and bring the answer back to the next RSC.

Break 3:38pm

Reconvened 3:58pm

Open Discussion

RD wanted to bring to the body's attention that spring of 2013 will be a time to elect a new RDA. Nominees should have the time, resource and practice spiritual principles. Election will be held at the next General Assembly. Suggested to have the location in a central location and several suggestions were made: Bay City, Schulenberg, New Braunfels, San Antonio. No decision on location was finalized.

General Assemblies are conferences for GSR's and is usually combined with a Learning Day on the second day of the Assembly. Note was made that we are having a Learning Day at the next RSC meeting in November.

Discussion around how to motivate GSR's to attend:

- Make it an "event" – food, dance, speaker meeting, float the river, etc.
- Use technology and use the internet for the meeting, or as an option to join

Bryan mentioned policy issue reRA in the Policy Guidelines.

Mid-March meeting discussed:

Date: either the Saturday of the 16th or 23rd.

Location: TBD

1 Day General Assembly

RD/RDA will create a flyer

November RSC – 10th and 11th at Esperanza Area

Rate for facility \$150/day

For a two day RSC = \$300.

2nd day Sunday 9am – 3pm – Learning Day – topics suggested:

What is the Southern Zonal Forum

"Moving On" - Service System Structure Changes

Planning Basics

How to Address Procrastination and Apathy

On-line Meeting Schedules

Region is the point of accountability for NAWS website

Areas are responsible to provide information to Region
Suggested to have 1-3 people trained at the Regional level on how to update Region's information. (It should be regional because Areas often don't have all positions filled). Responsibilities would include coordination with each Area on their meeting schedule changes. Suggested the PI Facilitator be the point person for this and request them to get training on how To do it and then train the area PI contacts.
Topic tabled until PI Facilitator is here to discuss further.

Prudent Reserve – Treasurer announced we have a total of \$776.89 above the prudent reserve in the bank. Rent for the room for this meeting: \$175 which is \$25 more than budgeted. Made a proposal that Region pay the additional \$25. Vote taken yes – 14, no 2, Abstentions – 2.

TBRNA WSO donation is stated in policy to be 20% of available funds. What is considered available funds? Treasurer has included prudent reserve amount in calculation of available funds. Proposal made to amend the policy to remove “prudent reserve” from the calculation for donation to WSO.

Proposal tabled until next RSC.

Reminder – Proposals for consideration need to be made 6 weeks prior to an RSC.

Old Business:

Proposal – to amend page 11 of TBRCNA policy Section 3, subsection E

Next meeting in San Antonio, location TBD and will be communicated to group by email from Roger S.

Closed in the usual manner at 5:30pm.