

**TBRNA Fall Regional Service Conference – November 12, 2022 – Hybrid Meeting
Winter Quarter TBRSC will be a Zoom only meeting on February 11, 2023**

The Record

After technical difficulties, suggestions and testing, this RSC started by Michael C. @9:15am with a moment of silence.

Twelve Traditions – Kent L

Twelve Concepts for NA Service – Esteban R.

Service Work Prayer – Michael C..

New Participants: Several. Not able to record their names.

Attendance

Servants

Facilitator	Michael C.	Present
Co-Facilitator	Chris H.	Present
Recorder	Esteban R.	Present
Treasurer	Kent L.	Present
Co-Treasurer	Tom K.	Present
Regional Delegate	Steven P.	Present
Regional Delegate Alternate	Ruben P.	Present
Adopt an Inmate Facilitator	Herb M.	Present
Convention 2023 Facilitator	Vyki D.	Present
Convention Advisory Committee Member	Michael S.	Present
Convention Advisory Committee Member	Allen E.	
Convention Advisory Committee Member	Lucy V.	
Convention Advisory Committee Member	Susen GB	Present
Convention Advisory Committee Member	Gilbert L.	Present
Hospitals & Institutions Facilitator	Richard T.	Absent with notice
Internet Technology Facilitator	Steve S.	Present
Literature Review Facilitator	Lynn S.	Present
Policy Facilitator	Megan H.	Present
Public Relations Facilitator	Paul S.	Present
Service Pool Facilitator	Michael S.	Present

Attendance

Area Representatives

	Brazos Valley Area		
	Brazos Valley Area		
	Central Texas Area	Sean FO	Present
	Central Texas Area	Cleto M.	Absent with notice
	Coastal Bend Area	Tom M.	Present
	Coastal Bend Area		
	Esperanza Area	Jesse D.	Present
	Esperanza Area	Gary L.	Present
	Freedom Area	Chris C.	Present
	Freedom Area	.	
	Hill Country Area	Robyn K.	Present
	Hill Country Area	Shan O.	
	Houston Area	Sarah H.	
	Houston Area	Hurshell C.	Present
	Northside Area	Sean H.	Present
	Northside Area	Paul C.	
	Rio Grande Valley Area	Rebecca L.	Present
	Rio Grande Valley Area		
	Southeast Texas Area	Micah J.	Present
	Southeast Texas Area	Tristan	
	Texas Tri-County Area	Vic G.	Absent with notice
	Texas Tri-County Area	Amy G.	Absent with notice

Elections: None

Delegate Team Report: (technical difficulties).

Regional Delegate – Steven P.

I hope everyone had a chance to review the 25 CAR Motions. If you're not on the email list for the Region, please get in touch with Tom K. or you could email region and send your request to be added to that.

The few points I'm going to cover is that the CAR report --- pause & reset.....

Due to technical difficulties, Steven did not read his entire report as was emailed to @all.

The Regional Assembly in March will be considering 25 CAR motions- 12 from the World Board and 13 from Regions and Zones. Please spread the word for all to attend and participate. Every RCM and GSR has a vote. If need be, the second day of the Regional Assembly will be virtual only. (Now, Steve skipped down to the bottom of his report). There are two questions that the RD team needs from the Areas of this Region: One- what is the group conscience of the Region on the formation of the US

Zones? That will be addressed perhaps a little bit by Ruben and also later in Open Discussion. Please add this topic to Open Discussion. The other question is more rhetorical- If the WSC goes to a 3 year cycle as expected, what will we do with the third Regional Assembly? In the past, in a 2 year cycle, one Regional Assembly was for electing an RD team and the next year we had workshops on the CAR/Cat Motions. If we go with the 3 year cycle, what do we do with the third Assembly. Please add this topic to Open Discussion. Any questions on my report?

+Are we on a WSC 3 year cycle? In May 2023, we will be moving to a permanent 3 year cycle.

+When are they publishing the CAR? An English copy will be published by the end of November (more will be revealed in Ruben's report).

Regional Delegate Alternate: Ruben P.

Good morning to All,

As you can see, I am coming to you virtually. I had a prior commitment. I will be with you in spirit and on the screen. I have a few things to report. We have been busy. I attended the Conference Participant (CP) meeting on 10-15-2022 there were 170 participants.

The things I would like to report from the CP meeting are that the Reaching Out publication will be coming out soon. NAWS is in the process of releasing it again. The conference will be held both in person and hybrid. The Conference Agenda Report will be released November 30, 2022, "Creating Our Future" is the theme for the 2023 cycle. It will be released in English for download only. In December the Spanish version will be released. The CAT will not be released until January 30, 2023.

At December's CP meeting we will discuss addendum for motions.

I have an update on the loans. We have a zero balance on the PPE loan. A credit on the loan was applied. The EIDL loan still holds a balance of \$125,000, which will be paid within five years.

There will be a Special Edition on the SPAD Book which will be released soon. We will have world participation at the Zonal Forum meeting in January 2023.

We will have world participation at the Winter Zonal forum meeting to review the motions from the CAR.

A Regional Unity Day Event was held in Austin in conjunction with the PR event. Members from Central Texas Area Narcotics Anonymous (CTANA) in conjunction with the Regional PR Facilitator and the CTANA PR Facilitator helped us to host the event along with the CTANA Activities committee. We had about 40-50 people attend. There was also an expresso machine, thank you, Michael S. for keeping us going.

I purchased a projector to live-stream the event (about \$736.00). Chris H., Co-Facilitator and others helped to organize the event with the CTANA PR Facilitator.

If the Region is going to purchase a projector, I would be willing to sell the one I purchased for the event.

I attended the SZF in Mississippi. I have a few things to report. We went through the Zone Guidelines, line by line. The updated policy will be out soon. We will review and consider what changes need to be made.

We held a PR event on Friday and the Mississippi State University liaison for Recovery Services attended along with their staff. State Prison officials and the Director of one of the largest women's treatment centers also attended. (they want to start an NA meeting there). Great attendance.

The next Fellowship Development meeting will be held via ZOOM, Wednesday, November 16th from 6-7pm.

The PR meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

SAVE THE DATE in case you are interested in the Multi Zonal Service Symposium will be held in Detroit, October 30, 2023.

On November 14, 2022, at 5pm CST the US Zones will meet. I can provide the Zoom number after I confirm it.

Donations to WSC from the Zone was \$517.46. There was a return check from the Region. We had our first organizing meeting on Wednesday via Zoom. We reviewed the flyer and letter that will be sent out to the community. If you have contacts of organization, and business that you would like us to invite please send their name and email to my attention. We are in the process of creating a list of people and organizations to invite to the community event. In the email, please note that it a contact for the SZF community event.

We will meet next Wednesday, November 16th at 7.30pm CST. The ZOOM ID is 828 37 3024, PW 281732. I have received two checks from the SZF for t-shirts and refreshments for the event.

Here are my receipts for expenses:

Unity Day:

Costco (half of total)	\$120.00
Rent for church	\$80.00
TOTAL	\$200.00

SZF for Mississippi:

Registration	\$ 20.00
Flight	\$278.96
Hotel	\$414.40
Car Rental	\$221.29
Parking	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$954.65

Total for both events: \$1174.65 Ruben is requesting this amount to be reimbursed,

As a region, we developed a motion that has been put into the CAR. Noted that our RD did this motion and the RDA had nothing to do with this motion.

*Discussion – Public Relations stated that the SZF flyer is on the regional website and a link to his google drive so that areas can download that file and have hard copies of that flyer also. Tshirt design was also displayed. Contact Paul for orders.

*Discussion on Ruben purchasing a projector with his own money. Region has a projector.

***Proposal** by Herb M. that region buy the projector from Ruben that he used for that event.

Discussion: Cost? \$699.00 (Not sure?) **Will be added to New Business.**

Subcommittee breakout: 3 rooms available and location given to include zoom connection.

Servant Reports:

Facilitator: Michael C.

As facilitator, Michael has nothing new to report.

Co-Facilitator: Chris H.

Chris did not read the below report because he has already taken up most of our time:

Greetings,

Thank you for the honor of serving this committee and by extension each of you, your areas, and the addicts we serve. My duties were again very light.

I have been active as your liaison to the Texas State Convention Advisory Board. For this year only that meeting also serves as the TSCNA 20th Anniversary committee meeting where I now fill the role as one of the two Graphics Committee Chairs. I attended the August, September, October, and by the time I see you, the November meetings. I hope to have up to date info to add to this report then.

One take away is that filling our hotel room block will be very important as always. It will be helpful if you know that you will be reserving a room to do so from the link on the convention website before March 1st , the sooner the better. <https://tscna.org/>

Many of the committee service positions were filled, but there is still a great need to fill the rest with members from around the state. Diversity is the goal, and that diversity extends to the effort to have the committee peopled from as many different areas, and regions as they can.

I met with Tom, Steve P. and Steve S. for a Hybrid Meeting Resources Discussion. It was a very productive meeting and we were able to plan better ways to increase the quality of your experience in this meeting. We still have much to learn and hope for your patience, but more important your voice in making sure all are heard and represented. For now, most of the equipment you see used, is on loan from the four of us, as we felt it was early to make purchases, while we learned more about what works best. At one point the committee will want to own the basics.

I am proud to serve on a committee that so clearly holds our traditions first in service to our members. Thank you for your part in that, each of you. Yours, Chris

Treasurer: Kent L.

As of the compiling of this report we have a working Balance of \$11949.22. This is after deducting our Prudent Reserve of \$7500.00.

We are still working on the IRS filing of the 990 returns. Im would like to file the 990 return manually with a letter of explanation that we need help as Volunteer Tax Exempt Organization. By filing by mail we will at least have a certified mail postmark of a timely filing. The Extension Deadline for this return is 11/15/2022. If anyone in our Region is an active CPA with working knowledge of Tax Exempt Organizations and would be willing to help with this please let me know. Tom K., co-treasurer will be calling the Secretary of State of Texas and also inquiring about our tax exemption status. He will be available to do that on this Thursday. I'll just let you know that within our files, many times this has happened to us – 2005, 2008, that the treasurer at that time – Cindy had to reapply with the State. So we have been without a status. Just a little background on this issue. Form 990 rejection is saying that the EIN number of TBRNA on the return must have been established as an exempt organization return filer in the IRS eFile database. Please review your entries and basic info and entered all the correct information and contact the IRS to verify the correct information. All information is correct.

Expenses that I'm aware of are:

A returned out of date check that SZF didn't cash on time in the amount of \$300.00 from 05/26/2022.

Invoice from HASO for the AAI order of \$160.00.

Kent prefers to make reimbursements through Zelle rather than making out a check.

Concern brought forth by Kent as to the Cap amounts that's in Policy for reimbursement – travel, etc.

RDA receipts turned in for SZF also a concern. Just want to make sure we pay out as per policy.

*Question: When do we pay insurance? This month. We have funds to pay in full (\$5,000 or so). Kent also reminded this RSC about any group wanting a copy of liability insurance to contact us.

Check list for Treasurer

All Donations Deposited
within 7 days

Sales Tax Reported/ Paid
(if Applicable)

Check Book Reconciled

Insurance Paid	<input type="checkbox"/>
(if Applicable)	
Pay AAI Lit. Invoices	<input type="checkbox"/>
(if Applicable)	
Southern Zonal Donation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(if Applicable)	
Prepare RSC Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
include All	
"Account Activity"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Donation Record	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NAWS Contribution Receipt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Web File Receipt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Regional Insurance Receipt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(if Applicable)	
Bank Statements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checks to Naws	<input type="checkbox"/>
front & back	

Quick Financial Glance

Starting Balance from last RSC:	\$15,613.12
All expenses paid out	\$7,716.64
Total	\$7,896.48
All Income Received	\$11,552.74
Total	\$19,449.22
Minus Our Prudent Reserve	\$7,500.00
Current Starting Balance for this RSC	\$11,949.22

This RSC expenses to pay out

SZF Qtr Donation \$ 300.00
Total expense to payout this RSC \$ 300.00

Remaining Balance \$ 11,649.22

NAWS Donation as approved @ RSC \$

Ending Balance \$ 11,649.22

5 Attachments included in this report (BOA Banking, NAWS, Sales Tax, IRS Form 990, IRS Reject Description).

Recorder: Esteban R.

The August RSC Record was sent out and asking for any corrections, additions or deletions? Thanks.

Service Pool: Michael S.

This quarter since taking on SP Facilitator we, Tom K and Paul S, have been creating a QR code for easy access for those who want to be of service in our ever expanding fellowship and developing an email for the Facilitator to access the resumes to review.

In order to fulfill your dreams to be of service at the Regional level one must be a registered user or Site Member on TBRNA.ORG website. Please take note of the following:

Click Login

Enter Username and email

A welcome message will be sent to your email address

There you will create a password and be able to login.

Once you have registered, Log in and use the drop down window under Service. There you will find Open Service Positions, click, then Service Resume, click again. Walla, proceed!

All are encouraged to participate. The more participants, the stronger our Message: That no addict seeking recovery need ever die...

In the near future:

I will be working closely with IT and Web Admin, Tom K., to ensure that our information is safe and secure.

Coordinating service pool information for elections.

Form and facilitate a service pool panel.

Work with subcommittees to create and maintain policies.

Work with service bodies and subcommittees to develop consistent trusted servant position descriptions, and

Develop and present an annual budget.

It is also my wish to visit our Areas in the Region during their ASC and present the Service Pool Resume option. But I will need direction from this body along with funds for travel.

+Discussion: Add CABANA to the list to do a Service Pool presentation. Michael plans to visit each ASC and do said presentation.

+Question to Michael: If Zoom is available, will this be the approach to each ASC? Will you be asking for reimbursement for travel to other ASCs? Michael replied that he has a proposal for a budget. Noted

Policy: Megan H.

Hello TBR family, Per discussion during the August RSC meeting, I have done some policy housekeeping. I am attaching two documents to this report. The first one shows the edits that have been made to policy for consistency and to reflect recently passed proposals. Items in blue text have been *edited* for consistency. Items in red text have been *added* for consistency. Please review and let me know if something doesn't look right.

Here are the proposals that recently passed and are included in the edit draft of policy:

- RD Team cycle from 2 years to 3 years to match WSC cycle (sections 9.7 and 9.8)
- RD Team Budget from \$2500 to \$6000 (section 7.10.2)

- Prudent Reserve from \$4500 to \$7500 (section 7.10.1)
- That we allow AAI to send one (1) piece of literature per request (section 9.9)

The second document is the final draft of policy that includes all above changes.

Attached to this report were 2 copies of TBRNA Policy as reported above.

+Discussion: Notes show 3 other policy things under Old Business – 7.1 and items A and B that were supposed to go back to Areas. Travel and per diem. To be voted on today. Also to discuss under New Business the Financial Audit Section 11 Appendix C Audit Guidelines.

Convention Advisory Committee: Michael S.

I have been in contact and giving support to the Facilitator, Vyki, of TBRCNA 23. I am very impressed by her leadership and Convention Committee. Talking about covering all bases for our Regional Convention and some. Amazing! Coming out of COVID has given Hotel Corporations the upper hand in negotiations for TBRCNA 25 in Houston for 2025. After meeting with Marriott West Chase while at HACNA that weekend the terms were out of our reach but I will go back to negotiate further. The Hilton North has sent me a decent proposal for the last weekend of Feb. 27-March 2, 2025. By this next RSC in Feb. 2023 I will have a contract for 2025.

I am requesting travel pay, if it's necessary, to drive from Austin to Houston and back to visit several hotels for our Convention in 2025.

Btw, someone is already “considering” the Facilitator position for Houston in 2025, of course, that person would have to be nominated.

+Discussion: Hotel cost is increasing to more and more money every year. We may want to consider increasing seed money.

TBRCNA 2023: Vyki

Hello Everyone!

Here's what's been happening with TBRCNA 23 thus far: Updated October 30, 2022

Registration Total: 168

Early Bird Registration 105

Pre- Registration 63

Pre-Reg T-Shirts Sold 81

Banquets Sold 17

Comedy Show 11

Newcomer Donations **\$475**

Total Money Received \$5,845

Our current balance as of 10/23/22 (will try and provide an updated \$ amount in the morning but this should be pretty close) is \$18,211.09 as generated from TBRNA seed money, pre-registration package sales, left over TBRCNA 22 merchandise, TBRCNA 23 merchandise, and SETANA donations.

We represented TBRCNA at HACNA and various other regional events and will have a presence selling pre-registrations at the RSC, SETANA Unity Dinner, Tri-County Convention and more. Word on the streets is... we will be selling some bad to the bone hoodies at these events as well.

Please encourage members in your groups to Pre-Register, and book hotel rooms as soon as possible. Pre-Registration ends December 31, 2022 and after that it goes up to \$25. The deadline for us to meet our room block is January 31, 2023. Our current booked room count is ___ (will have updated numbers in the morning). Our entire block is 290 room nights (140ish rooms).

We also have a few spots left for the hospitality room. The updated flyer with spots still available is attached to my email.

We will need lots of help with the convention and it's not too late to volunteer. We have published a form for members to sign up to help with various things at the convention. I am also including a contact list for the committee chairs below in case you want to get with them about helping out.

+Discussion on those of us that stayed at the hotel this weekend, can the night rates be applied to the room block next year? Vyki didn't research this and doesn't think so. Book your rooms!

Area Reports:

Brazos Valley: Michael C.

Brazos Valley doesn't have anyone representing them.

Central Texas: Sean Fo.

Dear TBRNA:

Greetings! I hope everyone has had a wonderful quarter. Central Texas area is doing well. Our Policy Subcommittee has a revised policy that has been bringing great discussions and unity to the area. Our H&I has been trucking right along bringing the message of hope to seven facilities, and are working on getting a meeting into the Travis County Correctional facility in Del Valle.

We had a killer Halloween party put on by our Activities Subcommittee, and we are looking forward to our Holiday event. I will put the event info at the bottom of the report.

We have a new subcommittee in our area. The Subcommittee is called Common Welfare. The subcommittee has an objective to cultivate an area-wide awareness to the issues at hand. We have some subcommittees online. You can check out our calendar page on the website for times and days.

Our area came to consensus on

Proposal: policy change for virtual or hybrid.

Our area did not come to consensus on

Proposal: For covering the RD 1&2 for two days

Proposal: Financial policy change for any regional servant seeking reimbursement

We have a regional donation of \$639.02. To which we will get to the regional treasurer for deposit. (I forgot to get the check at area)

Holiday Event: December 17,2022 2-6pm Location: 200 West Anderson Lane Austin, TX 78752

Speakers, Food, Fun!!!

+Discussion: What is the Common Welfare subcommittee? It is setup for educating, supporting and giving feedback on disruptive behavior in meetings in our area – financial, people using people for money inside meetings, predatory behavior. Having guidelines to help the groups to feel safe in our meetings.

+Question: Did you base these findings using the service IP about disruptive behavior? They have used this pamphlet but Sean was not talking about findings, it's about educating the groups and what they can do. Our subcommittee meets virtually.

+Comments on NAWS Workshop - "Building Better Home Groups. How to educate new GSRs."

+Comments about raising virtual hands during discussions. None have been seen being raised.

We can only give the floor to one person at a time.

(Electronic report submitted by CTANA RCM2 Cleto M.- Absent with Notice)

Hello family,

I won't be attending this Regional Service meeting. My wife and I are flying up to New Hampshire tomorrow and will be returning next Saturday on the 19th. We're going to visit our family, (grand kids). Our Co-facilitator Vic F. has volunteered to cover for me on zoom. Esteban, Please be nice.

*ctana has 40 groups & over 90 meetings a week. That's a lot of good meetings, All Visitors Welcome!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Coastal Bend: Tom M.

DEAR FAMILY, all is well in CBANA We voted to approve the motions sent back last region. I am turning in a check for \$1,843.89. RBS is having an event on 12-3-2022 to raise funds for RBS 39 at 3307Ayers. It will be a spaghetti dinner. On Thanksgiving Day we will have a feast at this same address and on Christmas we'll have a gift exchange and meal also. Thank you for letting me be of service. I Forgot the check at home and will mail it to Kent. My apologies.

TBRCNA 2024: Tom M.

This committee is up and running. All positions are filled except for Arts & Graphics and Entertainment. The theme will be "Our Program is A Way of Life." We are working on art work and are requesting \$1,000 for t-shirts and other things for Early Bird registrations at the 2023 Convention. We will be meeting on 12th at 4pm and I have included the zoom ID – if anybody wants to show up and be there. I'm now working with the RGV to get them involved. There's not a lot of clean time there for committee chairs but we really want them to help out like in hospitality and other committees. In December the subcommittees will start having their meetings and that way RGV can show up and be part of.

Esperanza: Jesse D.

Good morning family I'm a recovering addict named Jesse D. We currently have 56 groups and 32 are voting groups at this time.

EACNA VIII will be held January 13-15 at 9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78230 Rooms are going fast so don't forget to book yours. Thank you. In loving service.

+Esperanza Area had to read their report twice due to technical difficulties.

Freedom: Chris C.

Freedom Area is juggling along and we're investigating how to get the word out about our Area. We currently have 4 groups and 10 meetings per week and we have an been actively participating in H&I. We will be at the Texas Tri-County Convention and TBRCNA 2023 Hospitality Rooms. We have a new RCM2 Raquel ? She didn't make it and I will forward her contact information. Light & Love to all.

Hill Country: Shan

The Hill Country Area has 13 meetings per week serving the Area from Buda to Schertz and Johnson City, adding 2 new groups. We had a successful activity – volleyball at Landau Park under the lights in New Braunfels on 11/15. We are having a dance "Holidays Through the Decades" at 90 Winn Dr.

Universal City from 4pm to 11pm on 12/17. Come and join us! The groups are growing with many newcomers and returning addicts. We are following the Traditions.

+Technical difficulties

Houston: Hurshell C.

Hello All! The Houston Area is cruising along well and successfully carrying the message to the still seeking addict. We will start with the financial status of the area. Our beginning balance is \$5,129.31 with \$2,500 being prudent reserve. Leaving a working balance of \$2,583.39. We have 3 new groups join the area and we continue to grow – like Houston needs to grow. LOL There is never a weekend where there is not an event taking place. I implore you to visit HASCONA.COM or call our helpline if you are visiting our area and let us direct you to an event or a meeting. We would like to thank all that attended HACNA14. It was a wonderful success and the proceeds from that event will be shortly forwarded up the service structure as the committee is still finalizing some minor details. All speakers tapes are now available on the website. Jerry M. is our new PI Chair. H&I is doing well. In loving service, Hurshell C and Sarah H.

Northside:

We have 11 Home Groups with pretty good attendance except for 1 group. Our H&I list has picked up. We have Huntsville, and 2 prisons that we currently go into and another one that we are working on but the only problem we have is having volunteers to go into the prisons as post-COVID lock downs has had its effect on this. We also have a couple of new rehab facilities. Lots of H&I stuff going on. We do have a Thanksgiving Event and Ron P will be doing the RCM1 position at the end of the year. So overall, we're holding ground and trying to carry the message. Thank you guys.

Rio Grande: Rebecca L.

Good morning to all,

Our Area is continuing to experience growing pains.

Our Thursday, Edinburgh meeting almost folded but we decided as an Area to make it a priority, we folded our online meetings in order to focus on this meeting hoping to make it hybrid soon.

The meeting on UTRGV campus has reopened. It is again open to the public Tuesdays at noon.

We now have 4 groups and have a meeting a day everyday except Saturday for the time being.

I am still our current Area Chair at the moment.

Our current PR chair is Christina R.

Our current Activities Chair is Aaron J.

Our current H&I Chair is Rebecca G-M.

Our current Treasurer is Daniel H.

We will be having our first convention subcommittee for RGVCNA Saturday the 19th that we will have hybrid. If any areas are willing to join and help, please let us know. We will need all the guidance we can get.

We are also asking if any area is willing to host a fundraiser to help us to show up and help. We only have an area of about 12 people that have over 8 months clean and under 5 years clean and that's all of us. We have Rebecca G who has 20 years clean just moved here from Idaho and of course we're hoping they can give us guidance and help. We have one person with 8 years clean who can't take up a lot of responsibility right now. Again, our Area is small and trying to take on these responsibilities. We're learning a lot about our Policy and our roles so it's helping a lot. Our meetings at Area are getting longer and longer. They're no longer 30 minutes long. We will have our next one after the meeting but after that, we'll probably have to move it to a Saturday. We have not voted on Prudent Reserve yet. Now we have budgets for Activities and for PR so that prudent reserve is going to change. It's going to be impossible to host a convention with \$500. We are aware that RGV is so far from everybody and driving all the way down there for a fundraiser so it would be great if you guys only host the space for us and go up there and have a little fundraiser where there's people, that would be really great. So that's where we're at right now. So we can use all the help we can get.

Our treasurer's report will be sent later. In loving service:

+Question: The fundraiser that you're requesting- is it for your convention or for your area? Convention You need convention guidance right? Yes. So the previous convention that was down there was Serenity in the Sand? Set up a Go Fund Me page. We can't do it. Austin Activities will consider a fundraiser. Concerns are that we are small, nobody has experience working with us, so they can't be sure that we're reliable or valid or anything and their concern are obviously valid. As time goes on we hope they can meet people that can vouch for us but for the moment, I guess we need to get a little bit more on our feet or at least have experience with maybe some other areas that could vouch for us or help us. Again, if we could just have a space in a city would be cool and if you guys don't want to put any money forward or have a room that we can do something would be nice.

The Convention will be on the third Saturday in September 2023. Gilbert L. volunteered to chair a fundraiser the day before the RSC in Rio Grande Area.

+Discussion on other Conventions going on in September. RGV may well have to consider August. The end of October will be kind of chilly. There may be events but no swimming. Hotel rooms will be more expensive during the hot months. RGV was invited to be of service at TBRCNA 2024 and get some convention experience and also with the subcommittees. RGV only has 12 people and would it be a prudent use of your resources to be trying to do a convention? It's hard to decide when we are ready because it's either we start getting ready and go for it and fail and get ready again and go for it and fail again and then get ready and go for it and we get more newcomers and more interest or we kinda sit around wonder we're ever gonna get the newcomers we need. It is a hard decision and that's why we're asking for fundraisers and for help as well but since I got here four and a half years ago, we've been discussing wanting it. At this point, our Area is a little bit more mature, seeing newcomers stick and stay and seeing more newcomers come and enjoy the fellowship and stay a little bit longer- that's why we see people celebrating 8 months clean in our area. Newcomers are staying and helping and it could be a disaster, but it will be fun.

South East Texas: Micah J.

We have 8 groups and 40 meetings per week in the Southeast Texas Area. Wings of Freedom in Nederland, CCC, Subject to Change and Just for Today in Beaumont, New Life in Rose City, New Attitudes in Jasper, Oasis in Port Arthur and Freedom to Change in Orange. For the most up to date SETANA meeting schedule, please visit www.setana.org

H&I:

Southeast Texas Area H&I is bringing meetings to The Melton Center , Franklin North Women's Treatment, and most recently Franklin's South Men's Treatment Center.

Trusted Servant Positions

- Facilitator : Bert
- RCM : Micah J.
- RCM 2 : Paulina G.
- Treasurer : Cindy B.
- Co-Treasurer : Mandy
- Secretary : Tresa C.
- H&I : Bryan A.
- Co H&I: Becky
- PI : Dave H.
- Activities : Teresa B.
- Outreach : Twana S.
- Co - Outreach : Marcus W.

Area Concerns

No Area concerns.

Upcoming Events

SETANA will be hosting the RCS on Saturday November 12th. SETANA Unity Dinner November 12th 6 pm at CCC!

Immediately following this 40 minute break for lunch, it's been requested that we move up the money vote from Old Business so that our Treasurer is not sitting here on his thumbs and start cutting checks.

Hoodies for the 2023 Convention are up to be purchased at this RSC by Jerry.

Old Business: Michael C.

Proposal: Financial Policy 7.1 to increase the amount Regional trusted servants can be reimbursed for traveling to Area Service Committee Meetings and other approved functions. **Consensus**

A. RD Team travel to SZF or WSC but may also apply to other trusted servants of the region.

B. No receipts are required to receive per diem.

+Discussion: Chris C. submits **Block**. A Tradition or Concept has to be submitted to support the Block. Concept Eleven was introduced.

Why can't they provide a receipt? They can.

It was requested that things that were within the classification of per diem were already approved.

+Examples given by Treasurer (not for or against). Buying food less than per diem and "keeping" the rest of the per diem funds with no receipt. Other examples given.

A. **Consensus** B. **Block**. Michael asked for direction as to what to do with B that was Blocked and rationale.

Block has been made. No decision is to be made. We cannot proceed.

So, there's no consensus on B and has to be re-addressed.

+Continued discussion: Take consensus of the region and if the region sustains the Block, agree with the Block or not. If region agrees with the Block, then it's a Block and it's a done deal and move on.

If region does not agree with the Block, then we go to CBDM.

+Discussion: About having a Block from a Concept. One can understand a traditional law or moral value. A Concept is just that – conceptual. Discussion here is we would like accountability.

Why not bring that section to a consensus? Was this the only Stand Aside/Block?

Can we re-word the proposal to include receipts? Suggestions were "allowance" "budget"

+**A new Proposal on 7.1 4. Part B.**: To delete the word "per diem"

+Question was asked about how many Areas are here? 9. Some left after the break. We don't have quorum? More changes to this section need to go on the record. We are in a dilemma.

Information about Policy was being quoted from the June Policy. We have a more current one that has current changes from last RSC.

Esperanza Area also would object to this per diem and would like to see receipts being provided for accountability purposes.

+Discussion on having a cap on travel expenses. Sometimes the RD team may submit receipts for \$250 but Kent cuts a check for \$200 because that's what's in Policy. Travel is now \$300.

+Discussion about \$300 cap not in the record. Michael stated there was not written record about the increase to \$300. More discussion, more questions.

CBANA: Do the RCMs present feel comfortable with raising it to \$300 because of inflation?

(All participants overlooked the proposal and wording that Steven P. submitted in his report today. This RSC had consensus in raising funds from \$200 to \$300 so this is a done deal)

Proposal by CBANA: To remove line B in 7.1 No Area requested to take it back. **Consensus**

Adopt An Inmate Facilitator: Herb M.

Adopt An Inmate (AAI) sent out 28 basic texts this quarter. I have been assured by Ron S. at HASO that all requests have been mailed out.

This body may consider moving the AAI mailbox to Kerrville, TX where I live for quicker access to the letters. We will be scheduling a subcommittee meeting this month and one item on the agenda will be updating the AAI flyer. Yours in Service

+Discussion: Will get with Paul on that flyer. Receiving letters requesting sponsors. Confusion on name of this subcommittee "Adopt An Inmate" and don't know what to do about that.

+Instead of changing the mailbox to Kerrville, you can have the mail forwarded to Kerrville.

Facilitators change and how is mail going to be sent to new facilitators? Forwarding mail is not that efficient right now. Forwarding is done by the Post Office, not Tom K. Most of the letters are sent by Tom and I've never understood the forwarding service we have because it's very erratic. Examples given. Other solutions and suggestions given. The idea was to get rid of the physical box and just do

virtual so you always have one address for AAI, one address for the region.

+Question: When is the renewal for this physical AAI box? This decision needs to be made today. Forwarding instructions typically have to be renewed every six months. Yes, but that's if we go with the physical box.

+Discussion on TDCJ tablets and accessibility to audio of Basic Text and IPs.

+Discussion on one group in Esperanza wanting to donate to AAI and about earmarking funds. Can they donate books? Only through a bookstore. Our Treasurer still receives 2 checks- one for region and the other for AAI. Both go into one pool of the treasury and that's why we keep increasing AAI's budget. Kent asked about one invoice that hasn't been received. Will contact HASO.

Button on TBR website for AAI doesn't go to the subcommittee. It goes to the general fund.

+Discussion that AAI is an approved vendor for TDCJ. Check with the TDCJ department.

+Facilitator's note: that all this discussion seems to be directly on H&I. It would be H&I to contact TDCJ to find out what's acceptable and what isn't.

AAI is the only service this region really provides and never seen it fail.

Hospitals & Institutions Facilitator: Richard T. (Not present)

+Question: Do we read his report? Everybody can read it on their own. Sounds good. Is there anything he is requesting?

+Not everyone in this RSC does not have an email address with the Recorder, and it was suggested to submit email address on chat to include title and area.

Good Day Family

Unfortunately I'm unable to attend today's meeting and my report is short.. I attended the CBANA book drive event they had October 29th and donated the case of books from region. I also went to the HACNA convention and did a H&I presentation Saturday morning. I gave out my number to many people offering help in any way I can to their H&I in the areas.. I am available to anyone who needs me so please reach out.. I was invited to TBRCNA in Beaumont but time and funds will not allow me to make that convention but I've been working to see if we will be able to get a behind the walls speaker anytime in the near future and also of they will be doing any TDCJ training at any conventions in the near future.. I'll be there next Region with more info on that.. thank you for allowing me to be of service and once again I'm sorry I was unable to attend the meeting today... ILS

Internet Technology Facilitator: Steve S.

I didn't get a report out and I'm sorry. This is better than last time and we're not perfect and progress will happen- we're moving that way. If your Area is on BMLT and can't get access, please get with me and I'll hook you up and make sure you're on there and if you don't know the password, get with me and I'll reset it again in case I didn't already do it. Other than that, that's about it. It's been a busy, busy a couple of months for me. If anybody need any help with any websites, BMLT, plugins, reach out to me.

+Question: How come when a change is made on the BMLT and someone uses na.org, that change is not reflected at na.org.

+That's because the 2 systems are not connected. na.org is a completely separate data base then what you're using. You're using the BMLT server on Texas-Oklahoma/na.org which is the one we use for this region and they're 2 separate entities. At this moment, what has happened is we're using djon, which is where NAWS can pull up updates from the server at their will. More examples were given.

If you submitted an update and it didn't update, it's because you're probably using tomato server.

+Concerns about traveling from out of town and searching for a meeting and then coming to find out the meeting is no longer meeting. Some groups need to send meeting updates to NAWS.

A new database has some hiccups and will be up to date. It's on the group to keep NAWS up to date.

There's 4 trusted servants that have access and update the TBRNA website. Send in the web form.

A directive from the region facilitator: that the team do a dry run meeting (Hybrid) to kinda run out the

bugs out of it and want this to show up in the record – I'm just calling this a **directive** so that everybody knows what's going on that's participating.

When we figure it all out, we may do a dry run and then we'll invite everyone just so we got more people to break it. Lol

Literature Review Facilitator: Lynn S.

Hello from Literature Review!

The survey on drug replacement therapy/medication assisted treatment (DRT/MAT) as it relates to NA is available for input until November 30, 2022. It can be accessed at na.org/survey. Please let your Areas know about this because a piece of literature will be created from the input gathered from the Fellowship. I have passed out a copy of the survey so you can see what it looks like but the work group will only accept submissions online.

The Spiritual Principle A Day meditation book is available for purchase. It is Item #1110 for \$13.00 plus shipping and handling. It is also available as an email subscription. Go to na.org/subscribe if you are interested.

Please let me know if your Area elects a Literature Review Facilitator so I can be in touch with them.

Please contact me if you have questions or need more information. In Loving Service

+ Discussion on Special Edition SPAD – don't know when this will be available. MWBR on other lit.

Public Relations Facilitator: Paul S.

So much going on and it's my understanding is that my job is to help other Areas with PR and to further carry the message and let other people know that we exist – that being professionals, and also members of NA and new members of NA; that's why I'm going with what I'm trying to do.

Have been working on the dynamics of the QR Code program that we talked about before that allows me to create up to one thousand QR Codes and tractable and lets me know how many hits were generated. A QR Code was created to the survey Lynn was talking about and as you fill out that survey, it goes straight to NAWS. I've distributed QR Codes at conventions and have had 39 hits for this survey I've been working with Ruben and he's a task master but he's not on here anymore and kudos to him because he puts me to work. SZF events are posted in our regional website and the QR Code will allow you to register at the hotel. Tshirt design with the armadillo will be available for purchasing at the workshop. The PR display is always set up at conventions and workshops and events. Lots of information available to help you navigate through the information. QR Code stamps for putting on literature for subcommittees in their Area who may want them which will direct them to the website or meeting schedule. H&I has requested these. Several Areas have requested these QR Code Stamps and we'll discuss if these are in my budget or you guys will pay for them. Tear-offs are also available for each Area. I have developed a Google Drive and I'll put the link on Chat so you can obtain files. It's all about helping Areas carry the message and get the word out that we exist. Submit ideas or suggestions to Paul. Hits are letting us know that this works. Paul exhibited book markers with tassels and QR Codes and other materials. Went to M&S in September and set up the display booth and you will not believe and be surprised that so many people in our region that don't know where our region is at. Part of my job is to let other members know that they're part of that region. I have a map of the region and showed them. HACNA passed out a lot of information about other Area's conventions and events.

I have attached a breakdown on a spreadsheet to submit to our treasurer for reimbursement. If any Area wants a PR presentation, let Paul know. I also have a newcomer kit and a kit that we can start giving to judges and parole officers that have a lot of this information.

I cannot measure how many people have heard about Narcotics Anonymous through a flyer or a QR Code that they clicked on. I can see the clicks and hits. Paul has reached out asking for help many a time for conventions or subcommittee meetings. I can't do this alone. Thank you for letting me share.

+++Technical difficulties+++

+Discussion: SZF QR Code for upcoming event. (Inaudible: ...something about a link in the chat. Schedule changes. Website changes).

+Discussion on Public Relations receipts and what to reimburse and what not to reimburse on expenses above and beyond budget including H&I at different Areas, hotel for HACNA Convention, M&S Anniversary, QR Code stamps, and right now the total submitted is an additional \$1,318. PR budget is not there. PR duties and responsibilities to do all this? The treasurer is just saying we don't have the funds or doesn't want to reimburse but just letting this RSC know this information. This will be \$1,000 above his budget. Will not be discussed in New Business but during this PR report. Budget is \$300 a quarter.

We should consider the differences when our PR chair supports different Areas and their efforts. That's pretty cool. It's not the mission. Just think it's bad-ass. Maybe we ought to change the wording to not conventions but to the public and not only NA. There are people who go to conventions and have not heard about NA or about NA meetings close to their city.

++More inaudible discussion: PR Paul stated he spend a lot of money on PR stuff and he should not have done it. Maybe I over-stepped my bounds but that's up to you all.

+Discussion: On developing a budget of which we will approve or disapprove.

Based on all this discussion we have 3 different issues: One, do we tell the treasurer to over-ride policy for full reimbursement? Two, do we address and clarify policy as duties for PR? Three, there seems to be some question on whether or not conventions technically need to request our PR to show up as a formal request? How does this body want to address these three problems?

A reading of some of the receipts were read by the treasurer and \$900 had already been advanced to PR.

+**Proposal**: That PR be reimbursed for literature, the QR codes stuff, - just PR line items.

2nd Proposal: That PR be reimbursed for everything.

3rd Proposal after more discussion: to reimburse PR \$715.02. (That doesn't include what was mentioned about policy that doesn't require PR to be at conventions)

A 50% amendment was made to the 3rd proposal.

An "objection" was made to us paying above and beyond supplies because the confines of PR is PR. 11th Concept.

Proposal after more discussion: to **reimburse PR \$715.02**. **Consensus**

Do we need more clarity on the policy to help direct us on how this will be done in the future?

We will discuss this at next RSC.

Four (4) events that PR has verbally committed to showing up. How does this body address that? Is this on his own or is this under a new quarter and he doesn't have enough for four events.

Tri-County has their own PR and they should handle their own PR. TBRNA and SZF should be PR.

Esperanza doesn't have a PI chair. Suggested were having PR teach different Areas PR Subcommittees about how to do conventions.

Are workshops being done at conventions? Have even asked TBRNA to put a PR workshop into policy.

Proposal: That the Convention costs....repeated.....**Proposal** that this Region pay for the convention registration and the accommodations for our PR chair (facilitator) to attend TBRCNA and the SZF.

+Discussion: Knowing that we are here to assist the Areas and when an Area asks for regional assistance, whether is be an RD or PR workshop and that's what they're there for; so why does Region want to deny Areas the opportunity to get that experience from those members that are holding that position?

+Comments about relationship between Miracles & Solutions and Central Texas. Hearsay only.

PR is misunderstood and under-utilized and think it's very beneficial to have a regional representative at a small Area to teach the Area PR chair and members of what PR is. Suggested were having zoom meetings for PR workshops and other stuff.

. **Proposal** that this Region pay for the convention registration and the accommodations for our PR chair (facilitator) to attend TBRCNA and the SZF **above and beyond PR's \$300 budget.**

+Discussion on financial amounts. **Friendly amendment:** That there be a cap as to how much to spend on room rate and gas. **Consensus!**

Proposal: That we add to Policy that if a Subcommittee is going beyond their quarterly budget, the RSC must approve it beforehand if a subcommittee chair wishes to be reimbursed – permission, not forgiveness.

+Discussion: this should be for all subcommittees. Should, but it's not there. That's implied. We had a situation where this wasn't understood.

Proposal: That any expenditure beyond budget needs to be requested prior- and that is for all admin and subcommittees. **Consensus**

Question for Policy: Subcommittee should submit a budget and when? Policy does not state when.

+Discussion as to when.

+Question: How much money is PR getting? Under New Business.

Old Business:

The RD Team has requested a vote on whether or not to support the US Zonal System.

It is this region's facilitator's understanding based on RD's report, this is something that was submitted out and Areas should be bringing it back. Does anyone know what this facilitator is talking about?

We were being a..h.... and not paying attention so this is being requested to be repeated.

+Repeated: RDs Team vote on formation of US Zonal System. Has anybody brought back any feedback from their Area? Esperanza has discussed this and supports research of this project.

Proposal: Formation of US Zonal System. **Consensus** +Discussion on having a second on this and we are in CBDM so we don't need a second.

On-going Discussion:

Two day Regional Assembly: Reason – CAR & CAT and Elections is a lot of material to cover in one day which is a typical Regional Assembly. Did anyone talk about this at their Area? Silence.....

+Question on what is the Regional Assembly. Answers given. Elections, CAR & CAT explained.

RSC Facilitator is confused and asked this body if we need to do anything right now? Silence.....

+More discussion on CAR/CAT and the WSC cycle given by Steven P. (Barely audible on recording).

New Business:

Rio Grande Area has a formal grievance.

Focusing on our Tenth Concept that states “Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.”

The concept explains further:

If you think you've been wronged in the course of your participation in an NA service body and wish to apply Concept Ten, talk to your sponsor about it, inventory your own involvement in the matter, pray, and meditate. If, upon reflection, you still believe you have been personally aggrieved and that you should petition for redress, write a letter explaining the situation to your service body, or share your problem in the body's sharing session. The service body then needs to address the matter and, if it agrees that you have been wronged, how to make amends. Hopefully, the Tenth Concept will need to be applied only rarely in NA service. Should the need arise, however, it is here, ready to put our spiritual fellowship's ideals into action.

As well as Tradition 12, which states each group should be autonomous, except in matters effecting other groups or NA as a whole.

Our group has decided to bring this grievance our concerns about the actions of this individual to region so that we need not have the experience of some of these members actions exemplified in other service members or recovering addicts when presentations or conventions are held in our area.

Since every addict has a right to recovery in NA and to understand that this is coming after several months of trying to resolve this issue between the parties without success, we now come to the region to ask for help on righting this wrong. With the hope that the person involved can right this wrong in a safe place is which our Traditions, concepts, and spiritual principles all lead us to believe that with amends and course corrections we all recover in NA. We do recover when we are surrounded with those that make us take responsibility for our actions and to help us through repairing issues knowing that Gods will asks that we accept all addicts in all stages of recovery and not shun an addict who is still recovering- which is all of us.

Our letter of grievance has been written but, after a serious discuss before between myself and the regional PR chair, and with approval of the person who wrote this letter, we have decided that if our motion is accepted by our PR chair and region we can move forward with region's help without reading it. Since amends is good for the individual involved, I am here on behalf of our area to submit this motion due to these behaviors.

Before I read this, I would like region to focus in and meditate on the following spiritual principles so that we do not jump to conclusions or impose on self-will in this situation.

1. Hope gives us something positive to look for and move towards. We can admit our need for help as we begin to share in our common welfare.

4. Honesty is the ability to match up our insides with our outsides. It allows what we don't care about to go away and what we really want to appear and develop in our lives.

5. Open mindedness is our bridge to the experience of others. It is the passageway out of loneliness into the life of the Spirit.

10. Humility is knowing the importance of doing our part well and being open to the many forms of help required for a full and abundant life.

We ask that region help in putting someone in place to clone or mirror our current regional PR chair to be paired at presentations or to be able to replace our PR at certain presentations and events as requested, without reprisal.

+Clarification requested.

In order to avoid causing any extra harm or any extra pain to the parties, there has been an agreement that they would make amends to this person – our PR chair directly – and that they're ready to take responsibility for the actions that occurred but our Area still feels as though some predatory behaviors or some bad behaviors could be badly exemplified in our Area or in our Conventions if this situation is not set up so that we can ask for a replacement or an alternate without there being too much speculation or question (inaudible).

Makes sense.....So how would that be facilitated?

+Are we talking about a replacement at the regional level or something within your Area?

Any Area that requests the person in that subcommittee or our current PR chair. We would rather someone else come and do the presentations that we've been asking for the last seven months, saying that we weren't interested in a certain party coming to our Area to do presentations and our advances have not been understood, amends have not been agreed to be made until right before this – so we did throw a curve into this. So, if amends are made, that's good for them- both parties but still not what our Area is interested in.

+So let's say any kind of commitment. If there's some discomfort with someone in any subcommittee,

if we had another presenter from another Area, would that be a solution?

+That would be a great solution, but that person should, uh, we're asking that Region put forth the effort to help in that transition as well as a lot of speculation that questions again – we have sent messages to some of you (inaudible) saying that we wanted an alternate. Nothing got back to us. Nothing was corrected so our PR chair has been going to the SZF which has helped them a lot. We would like more effort Region to correct this.

+Comment: Heard about this well after the fact- like it was already ancient history. I would like to help in any way and believe that the region also would like to support your Area. Quite simply, there hasn't been communication so that the region was informed and I'm not sure how to address that but there's got to be other channels of communication so that the region can support the asking Area. Don't know what that looks like.

+We thought that we had already set this up but we don't have any dates. Somebody can accommodate this.

+The thing about this is that our Area will still worry that we did not fully understand our position in this situation for us to set the dates.

+Regional facilitator totally agrees with that but does not have a clue as to what you're talking about.

+Other members don't know what's going on here.

+So, to be clear, because personal amends have been agreed to be made outside of region, the grievance letter that we have has been asked to be put aside so that we can put this motion forward without further issues, pain, hurt or re-living from both parties. So that we ask that there be something we can clone and mirror and if any Area requests, not just ours, that somebody other than the person you have in position to present for whatever reason that we have that we should be able to do so without reprisal or without fear that there's like a gray area – which like, OK, we'll go but we're also going to bring this person and so on and so forth.

+RDA has been working with maker of this grievance and has called on the carpet the party involved and coming to a solution. All that this Area is asking is that our PR chair not do presentations there.

+PR facilitator statements: I was in the restroom and did not hear the grievance but I know of the situation and I'm willing to make complete amends for not understanding the situation. I could have made amends back then but chose not to but I realized that would get me nowhere. I want to help the Valley, I'm from the Valley and willing to help them out. (Inaudible...others were talking close to the recording device).

+We don't need anything else.

+OK I want to make sure that I make amends. I want to put this aside so that we can help build Narcotics Anonymous in the Rio Grande Valley Area.

+Discussion continued.

RGV wants to be clear that this decision is not based off a resentment. There's a lot of love for both parties and a lot of appreciation. As I stated in my shared that the apologies and the amends is enough for the individual but our Area has decided that due to behaviors that we do not exemplify in our Area, At this moment we ask that some effort be put into cloning or mirroring this person so that if our Area makes a request, that somebody other than, that can be allowed without reprisal.

+Our RD team has the experience and knowledge in putting on a PR presentation.

+No proposal needs to be made if an area requests a workshop or presentation. Just do it and specify that certain person not facilitate.

+Comments about this grievance not being spiritual and comments about it being spiritual. If any Area requests something, we go ahead and grant their request so that nobody else gets hurt in this process.

+Facilitator asked that if RGV formally requested this body, I don't understand cloning and other wording – somebody else do that work? Yes. As facilitator, why did I not know about this? Did I ignore it? Have I been told about it? RGV had sent out an email it just to be clear, that email was never replied.

So, based on all this discussion, the RSC facilitator called it a formal grievance. We have a formal request to be served in a different manner. Simply said and done. If facilitator missed this email, he apologized and will do better. Have we beat this horse good? Love you.

Proposal: That Region buy Ruben's projector for \$700.

+Discussion: We already have one. **One stand aside** and rationale given. More stand asides.

No Consensus

It has been suggested that subcommittees meet sometime other than the RSC. When we were meeting in person, and more people were coming, it was quite convenient to have a breakout. With this zoom and what have you, policy says that the chairs of all the subcommittees to be responsible to scheduling their meetings.

Proposal: That the subcommittees schedule their meetings other than the RSC sometime within that quarter.

+Discussion: Policy was read. Subcommittees currently meet during RSC.

Proposal: That Policy be change from having subcommittee meet during the breakout to having at least one meeting between quarterly RSCs.

We're striking out the breakout portion of the RSC and requiring a meeting on subcommittees once a quarter.

Rewording of Proposal That all subcommittees are required to meet in between each RSC and strike out "having subcommittee meet during the breakout"

+Discussion: On scheduling subcommittee meetings. On having un-funded included in proposal.

Third draft of the Proposal: to replace breakout meetings during RSC with required meetings, as scheduled between RSCs.

Proposal: Requesting \$1,500 budget for Service Pool Facilitator and Hotel Negotiations.

+Discussion on reimbursement. Discussion on Subcommittee's budget. Maker of proposal directed to submit a revised version of proposed budget to look more like a subcommittee budget already in policy with the numbers maker thinks is necessary which **then can be taken back to Areas and voted on.**

Service Pool Facilitator requested help for the next quarter.

What specifically is this quarter's travel?

It would be traveling to Esperanza, Brazos Valley, Hill Country, gas only for \$200. Northside \$65 gas, maybe \$75, \$300 for hotel. **\$700 is being requested.**

How long is Service Pool being anticipated and justified in person rather than on Zoom? Coastal Bend on Zoom. Rio Grande Valley for sure. The costs needs to be justified as to what's gonna happen. If this presentation is only a couple of hours, and we're paying for an overnight hotel stay and gas, is there a more prudent way to budget our money?

+Discussion and questions on travel mileage. Is this the best use of region's money? Yes it is. OK

+Could some of this be on Zoom? Yes there will be 4 different Areas that will be virtual. OK.

+Suggested to all subcommittees and RD Team: If you all are going to go to an Area, you should all talk to each other and go together, split the costs, save some money on your budget, just be prudent.

Someone else in another city can do that for you and pull it off. Ok

+Correction on being advanced \$700 for this quarter. Service Pool is to submit a written budget, submitted to our Recorder and go back to the Areas to be voted on. **No check will be made out.**

Receipts will be submitted and then be reimbursed.

Proposal on the floor with a cap of \$700 for Michael S.'s travel stuff for service pool and it's including CAC stuff which already be in a budget, but he is specifically requesting travel money capped at \$700 for the next quarter. **Consensus**

Service Pool Facilitator is directed to propose an annual budget that resembles the other subcommittees' budgets to be included in the minutes (record) for the Areas to vote on. Understood.

Page 22. 11. Appendix C – Audit Guidelines policy discussion:

Before discussion on this, Michael S. asked about creating a budget, sending it to our recorder which will then be sent out to the RCMs so that it will be in the minutes. (And in Policy) Affirmed.

+Discussion on “Adapted from Washington Northern Idaho RSC Audit Procedures”
We give credit where credit is due.” This stays

Question: Where do we get the approved WNIR Committee Audit Report Form?

That's a typo and will be cleaned up. No vote needed. Just housekeeping.

Proposal: TBRCNA 2024 requested \$1,000 advance for t-shirts and other items.

+Question: Isn't it in policy that we advance them \$2,000? Isn't this like a loan? We've paid the hotel \$1,250.

+Our treasurer already cut Tom C. a check for \$1,000. He said he was sorry and nobody said anything about it. Nothing in Policy for \$2,000. Any advances will be deducted from the seed money allowed.

Consensus (after the fact. He already got the check).

Proposal: Are we going to keep the AAI physical address?

+Comments: Tom K. and Herb M. will work it out. (Duke it out?)

Reminder to web dude: Don't forget Michael S. email address. (Service Pool Facilitator

+Discussion: On TDCJ Inmate Tablets (eLiterature) What do we have to do with the possibility of having an email address that they can contact us. Does that agency even allow that?

+We already have an AAI@tbrna.org. Would that be the one? It's not a website, it's a Tejas Bluebonnet email.

+It will be a housekeeping task and AAI has never received an email. Isn't Susen going to contact them and ask what capabilities they have? Yes. She is supposed to be.

+Can AAI clarify that there's actual NA literature available on inmates tablets? AAI has no idea. Only information was when RDA mentioned this on his reports last quarter.

Can AAI email Susen back and while she's making contact, request what all they can access for our information.

Proposal: that anything in the policy that refers to “per diem” be changed to “expenses and receipts are required.” Consensus

When are we going to have budget set. Nothing in policy states having a budget.

+Discussion on Insurance: Are we going to pay it in December? We didn't get an invoice last year. According to last year, we paid \$5,185. We're assuming it's close to that since we don't have a bill yet. It's better to pay it all rather than half.

\$1,214.63 expenses for RDA for SZF travel that he turned in to the treasurer. Does the treasurer take this out of the Prudent Reserve or out of the expenses for the day?. It comes out of the Total and if that leaves our running balance lower than prudence it's still payable.

Based on the income we have today,

\$14,486.05 after Prudent Reserve has been taken out.

Expenses paid out today: \$4,594.55

Leaves us with \$9,491.45

Payment to Insurance \$5,185 leaves us \$4,706.50 and minus \$150 for use of this facility leaves us with \$4,556.50.

Does this include donation to NAWS? Not yet.

$\$4,556.50 \times 20\% = \911.30

Special Worker payments?

Working Balance is \$3,645.20

(Discussion on General Liability Insurance)

Proposal: To pay Insurance in full. **Consensus**

Rio Grande Valley Area is asking if we are going to move them up in the rotation for RSC.

+Discussion: Not sure if Tri-County is going to host the next RSC. No RCM from Tri-County is here to answer questions about this.

Facilitator or Co-facilitator to reach out to them to find out and then the Recorder can send out reply.

Proposal: To adjourn. No vote

Proposal: That PR Budget be set at \$900 (from \$300)

+Discussion: How many RCMs are here?

Proposal To Table this proposal and bring it up under Old Business really early on the Agenda at the next RSC when we have more RCMs present.

Could Paul propose that and it goes out to the RCMs and Areas for the next RSC?

It's not the same thing as tabling.

Proposal: That PR Budget be set at \$900 (from \$300) **Proposal goes back to the Areas.**

Adjourned at 5:12pm

The Record by
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