



TBRNA Regional Service Committee Meeting
2/7/09
Hill Country Area: Agape Group

The next RSC will be in SETANA at ***waiting on reply from their RCM on May 16, 2009***

Meeting opened at 9:05 AM with Serenity Prayer

Service Prayer: Bob
12 Traditions: Jerry M
12 Concepts: Jerry L

Facilitator: present	H&I: present
Co-Facilitator: present	BVANA: present
Treasurer: open	CBANA: present
Co-treasurer: present	CTANA: present
RD: present	EANA: present
RDA: present	HCANA: present
Recorder: present	HASCONA: present
Policy Facilitator: present	NASCONA: present
Archives: present	SETANA: present
PI: present	TTCANA: present
Convention Chair 2009: excused	RGVANA: present
Convention Chair 2010: open	
Web Dude: present	AD Hoc: present

Corrections to Previous Minutes: none

Administrative Reports

RD Report:

NAWS has two publications that are free for any addict who wants them: The NA Way is available by mail or on line (save the fellowship money and sign up for an e-subscription!) Also available and very important for all RCMs to read is the NAWS News. You can find both at www.na.org.

Dawn and I did two workshops, and both of them were well attended. The one in Victoria (Coastal Bend Area) was mostly attended by the RCMs, with approximately 30 participants. Only 2 areas were not represented. We discussed one of the Issue Discussion Topics, Building Communications. Everyone was enthusiastic, but there was not enough time to continue with the other topic. I have forwarded the feedback we received to NAWS.

The second workshop, held in Northside Area, was attended mostly by the local fellowship, with about 25 attendees. We discussed Leadership in NA. This workshop was held after a chili cook off in the morning.

I hope that we will be able to continue this trend as I consider this a good start with two well-attended workshops this quarter. Please let me or Dawn know when you want a workshop in your Area!

Dawn and I will be conducting an Issue Discussion Topic workshop at TBRCA 9 next weekend on Saturday. This workshop will be held on Our Freedom, Our Responsibility, the third topic chosen by the Fellowship for this Conference cycle.

I made sure the literature that was sent to us by the MidAtlantic Region for the Galveston groups was forwarded to Texas Tri County. The only contact I had for them was Suni, the PI facilitator. She assured me that she would distribute the books at their next ASC.

TBRNA will be receiving a packet of information in March about forwarding names of potential candidates to the Human Resources Panel. Regions, Zonal Forums, and the NAWA Board can forward names directly to the HRP to be considered for World Board, HRP, and Co-Facilitator positions. These candidates bypass the World Pool screening process, and enter into competition at the stage of direct interviews. Names will need to be submitted on-line to hrp@na.org before October, so we only will have one more RSC to consider people we might want to nominate. More will be revealed in the packet we will soon receive.

Workgroups are composed of people selected by the World Board, and those workgroups begin work immediately after the Conference. If we have any ideas for people who would make good workgroup members, we can send the names of our "shining stars" directly to the Board. Although some people are selected from the World Pool, most are chosen because someone in a Region knows them and recommends them. These suggestions from TBR would need to be in before the Conference.

One of the candidates TBR suggested last conference cycle, Margaret H-M, was elected by the WSC to the HRP, and was chosen as panel leader for the rest of this cycle, as well. See, we do have input!

My expenses this quarter are as follows:

Victoria Workshop:

Gasoline \$21.03
Food 27.29 (I'm only claiming \$25.00 per policy)
Copies 26.24

I'm not claiming travel to the Northside workshop.

Copies \$40.00

I will be able to use the extra copies at future workshops.

Postage to send books to Galveston:

\$5.76

Subtotal: \$118.03

Travel to this RSC: 68.42

Gasoline: 37.80
Motel: 20.00
Food: 6.62
Copies: 4.00

Total:

In loving service, Jerry M.

RDA Report:

Hello everyone, it's good to be here today.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Regional Learning Day in Decemeber in Victoria. Topics discussed included Leadership and Communication. That event seemed to be successful with a lot of support from many Areas. I would like to thank the local fellowship for the support they gave us in putting on this event. Thank you again.

Jerry and I also participated in a Regional Learning Day in Northside Area in combination with a chili cookoff. We covered Leadership at this event. We would like to thank Northside Area for supporting this event and having us out. It was a lot of fun.

I just recently returned from Lexington just days before the ice storm. During the Winter SZF we discussed SZF: Who we are and what happens here, Our freedom-our responsibility, and the area planning tool. This was very useful information and hope to be able to use this information soon. Also we are on rotation to host the SZF Summer 2011(July 29-31).

Jerry and I will also be presenting next weekend during the convention. We will be presenting the issue discussion topic of Our Freedom Our Responsibility. We hope that you all can join us Saturday morning 10:30am. I have made reservations for the Worldwide Workshop Feb 27- March 1st and look forward to this event. Jerry and I will begin to discuss the next regional learning day and are receptive to input about dates and location. Last region I was given \$900 to cover airline tickets to Lexington and Oakland. The Lexington ticket was \$530.81 and Oakland was \$377.60 for a difference of \$8.41. Also turned in a receipt for gas to attend Northside Learning Day and food, SZF CDs and hotel in Lexington. For a total of \$299.76. There will be additional receipts for gas to this RSC and copies.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Dawn E. RDA
(361)463-6838

Co-Facilitator Report:

I would trust that everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years or celebrated the holidays in your on special way. Now we are ready to attend a great convention in Corpus Christi this next weekend. I hope to see everyone there.

I attended the Ad Hoc Convention Policy meetings this quarter. I won't get into that as California Steve will cover this in his report.

As required by the TBR Policy the Treasurer Books were audited on Sunday January 25, 2009 In Universal City. This must be done when we change TBR Treasurers. Kim S. was present. Steve E. (Treasurer from Esperanza), Satchel Steve S. (current TBR Co Treasurer), and I performed the audit. Everything balanced to the penny. I would like to thank Kim for doing such a great job.

The Texas State Advisory Board Meeting was January 31st in Austin, Texas and I attended this meeting. TBRCNA 10 has been invited to do a joint fund raiser with the Texas State Convention in Austin. I sent out an email to this effect and I only received a few replies. For those of you who replied I want to thank you. I will not commit TBRCNA 10 to a joint fundraiser with the TSC as I do not feel that this is my place to do so. This decision should be made by the TBR and/or TBRCNA 10.

The Texas State Convention for 2010 will be in Austin, Texas. Theresa from Austin was elected the 2010 Convention Chair and Guinn from Austin was elected the secretary. They are still working on creating a smoother transition from convention to convention. TSCAB is going to hire a web master for their website as they are having problems keeping their website up to date. They are having problems getting the convention funds set up for each new convention committee as they set up a new account for each convention. The next Advisory Board meeting will be in Fort Worth on April 25. When I get the minutes for this AB meeting I will forward them to everyone. If the body wants me to attend this meeting in April it will only cost for gasoline as I will stay with my son.

ILS, Bob T.

Treasurer Report: open

Co-Treasurer:

Good Morning!

This is my first rodeo, so please be patient.

Our current bank balance is \$5,273.89. The computer, the bank account, and the checkbook all balance. The bank statements are always available for viewing upon request.

YEARLY DONATION & EXPENSE REPORTS

1. Donations & Expenses 2008/2007 Detailed Comparison
 2. Donations & Expenses 2008/2007 Summary Comparison
 3. Donations by Areas & Groups / Monies Returned
 4. Donations by Areas & Groups / Monies Returned — 2008 / 2007 Comparison Summary Report
- Please note last years numbers: The income was \$18,007.21 / the expenses were \$20,409.77.

YEARLY INCOME TAXES

Our income was less than \$25,000, therefore we are not required to file a Form 990 nor was an accountant necessary. However, we did file a Form 990N (Annual Electronic Postcard Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations). This in an “e—postcard” that small organizations, like ourselves, that are not required to file the Form 990 will have to submit to let the IRS know that we are still active.

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

We will remain tax—exempt as long as our annual income remains below \$25,000.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The status of our Articles of Incorporation is unknown to me at this time. The names should be those of our facilitator, co—facilitator, and the treasurer.

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE

Just a reminder that the WSO needs to be updated regarding our region’s trusted servants — the Facilitator, Co—Facilitator, Treasurer and Web servant.

CO-TREASURER REPORT FEBRUARY 2009

SALES TAX PURCHASES

Remember the “Texas Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certification” form needs to be carried with you and used when making purchases of copies of your reports, report covers, and any sort of office supplies. It is your responsibility as a member of this RSC to present our sales tax—exempt certificate when making such purchases. Note: Any purchases relating to your travel expense to and from the RSC are not tax—exempt per the Texas Sales Tax Administrative Code. Our tax-exempt certificate is to be used for RSC business only. If you will remember to use this certificate, we would have saved approximately \$30 last year on just RB, RDA, and Admin. copies at an 8% tax rate. SEE ATTACHMENT

In closing, I want to thank Kim for her assistance on this report. I would like to add that I have had very little time to produce this report as I received the Regional Treasurer’s computer on Saturday, January 31, 2009 and the RSC on February 7, 2009. I hope that this work will be satisfactory.

Thank you
“Satchel” Steve S.
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TBRNA CO-TREASURER
satchelsteves@sbcglobal.net

Discussion:

- We do not lose our tax exempt status if our donations go over 25,000
- If we go over 25,000 we only need to have a CPA file the appropriate forms
- The articles of incorporation do not need to be amended

Web-Guy:

I have sent out meeting list database dumps for each of the areas to update. I will have all the updates done by the week after the convention.

We now are owners of four domains;

- tejas-na.org (our main domain)
- tbrna.org - the new name that the RSC wished to migrate to
- tejasna.org – spare
- tbrcn a.org - a more practical convention domain

Go ahead and try each to view the results. [tbrna](http://tbrna.org) and [tejasna](http://tejasna.org) both are parked domains and present the same content as our current main domain, [tejas-na](http://tejas-na.org). After the following upgrade is complete, the [tejas-na](http://tejas-na.org) will point to [tbrna](http://tbrna.org) instead of the other way around. The new convention domain, [tbrcn a](http://tbrcn a.org), can and should be used for TBRCNA 10 but it currently redirects to convention.tejas-na.org.

With the new domain name all of our email accounts will change from the current <username>@tejas-na.org to the more typist and brain friendly <username>@tbrna.org.

I started working on the new domain, tbrna.org, using the newest Joomla version, 1.5, but shelved it because of my time spent on the convention and the uncertainty of me having control of the site after this RSC. The idea is to make it more attractive and better performing with a user friendly meeting database. Using the [Joomla! 1.5 Content Management System](#) there is many options available for web user/member interaction and it is far more scalable than our current version. The meeting database and interface will be similar to the Houston area's interaction with Google Maps and a new database structure that Chris M., of [Suffolk Area](#) is developing for a [standard NA meeting data exchange](#). For an example of the possibilities go [Basic Meeting List Toolbox](#) and choose [Meeting Search](#), click "Search by Map" and click on New York City or Long Island. Then click around the map. Or, heck, do the same on the [Suffolk Area](#) site. Kewl, ay?

One of our RCMs, from the Rio Grande Valley, suggested a web forum. Anyone interested?

I have completed much needed maintenance to the current email accounts. All messages prior to the November 2008 RSC have been removed. I had a request from a regular member to be placed on the regional email system. What do you all think about having accounts for individual members? Or at least an all@ forward to individual personal email accounts? Maybe the forum idea is a good one.

For continuity of the web from term to term, maybe the trusted servant position of Webservant should be abolished and replaced by a special worker similar to our accountant. The Southern Zonal Forum has gone this route with success. They currently pay their webmaster an annual fee to maintain the site.

ILS, Tom

Break 10:30-10:45

Policy Facilitator:

- Will review the policy proposals in old business

Archives:

I do hope everyone had a safe trip here and recovered from all of the holidays. I do not have much to report since I have finished all the archives that needed to be downloaded to CD format. I want to ask all of the RCMs to ask your areas if they have any old archives of previous conventions. I need to archive our previous conventions.

Convention:

Greetings everyone,

Sorry for not being at region today but with the convention less than one week away and our last meeting before it tomorrow- I felt it prudent to prepare for that meeting. Anyways... Here are the counts:

Registration: 295
Banquet Tickets: 122
Brunch: 88
Comedy Show: 106

We do have money in the bank, thank god! Everything has been ordered and delivered for merchandise. All we need for people to do is show up and participate.

We look forward to seeing you next weekend!

Open Discussion:

Copies: What is the appropriate number of copies that need to be provided?

- 10 is the frugal suggestion

Discussion of Balance in the Conscience: (single representation)

- Discussed: RCMs carrying the weight of the group conscience
 - In the voting process- not the conscience of a whole
- Concept 7 "fully participate"
- TBRNA policy pg.5 on voting read
- Discussed: If a decision is being sent back to the areas then the weight should fall on the area, everyone is entitled to their opinion on it and they can also make a decision to express that opinion or not
- Discussed: Everyone should participate in discussions but the RCMs should be responsible for the voting
- Discussed: if its old business then it's already been taken back to the areas and should only be voted on by the RCMs, if it's a new business topic then the full body should fully participate in

Southern Zonal Forum:

- TBR is scheduled to host in July 2011
- Brought up because there is a conflict with the CBANA-Recovery By the Sea convention
- RDA is looking for direction if this date should be redirected or remain on the same weekend
- Discussed: It would make sense for the area to be asked to change the date of the function
- Discussed: the purpose of the forum rotation is for the local participation
- Discussed: possibility of having the SZF at RBS
- Discussed: we should move the weekend of the SZF instead of jumping out of the rotation
- RCMs: please discuss this with your areas and bring back next quarter

Regional Activities Guidelines:

- CTANA is interested in seeing some guidelines for the position
- Discussed: we need a budget for this position, clean time required, etc....
- Discussed: the new activities chair and policy chair should get together and propose a set of guidelines
- Discussed: pulling up the old guidelines from the former policy and then just tweaking and using them
- Discussed: the decision for the position has already been made, now we should just develop the guidelines and seek out other regions guidelines to help develop our own, these are available on NA.org
- Discussed: would like to see an activities committee hold several regional functions to help support the regional
- Tabled till new business

Break 11:50 PM to 12:55 PM

Area Reports

BVANA:

In Brazos Valley we have 11 groups hosting 23 meetings a week. On April 18 we are hosting a speaker jam. There will be speakers from California and New York. BVANA is donating \$50 today.

CBANA:

Check out cbana.org. The website is complete and all-inclusive. It includes up to date meeting schedules. Look forward to seeing you all next week at the convention.

CTANA:

Greetings Family,

There are currently 47 groups meeting each week in the Central Texas Area, one of which is a new meeting geared toward professionals in recovery.

*We are making progress reviewing the first draft of another policy for our area.

*Our area wants guidelines in place for a regional activities subcommittee before a chair is elected.

*We are prepared to vote regarding a two day RSC.

*We are planning a workshop in March on the information from the SZF that was brought to us in Victoria. We plan to coordinate with our activities subcommittee and have some sort of area function in conjunction with the workshop.

*The Central Texas Area will host the TSCNA in 2010, we have been in contact with the convention chair and she will be attending our ASC until the date of the convention.

I.L.S.

Allen E. CTANA RCM1

EANA:

Good morning everyone,

Welcome to Kerrville, as of today Esperanza has 43 groups and we're hosting 91 meetings per week.

All our service positions have been filled. Our new Treasurer is Steve E., our Phoneline Chair is Holly M., our Newsletter Chair is Linda T., and our Outreach Chair is Nick R.

We held another "Building Stronger Home Group's" Workshop on January 31, which was hosted by the Surrender to Win Group of NA. There were members in attendance from Surrender La Rendicion, Men of Hope, Women in Unity, Freedom Libertad, and Miracles Happen. So far we have covered 15 Groups and only have 28 left to workshop, plus the follow-ups. As I mentioned on the last report, the Hope Group of Crystal City started another meeting on Wednesday's...a book study meeting, and now the City of Carrizo Springs has started their own meeting on Friday's called YNA and joined our Area. We visited this meeting and found it to be a solid meeting with strong support from Crystal City and vice versa. NA is growing out in the wilderness.

In Loving Service,

Jose and Burt

HCANA:

My name is Carlos I am an addict and the new RCM-1 for HCANA here with Halbert G. is the new RCM-2.

The new trusted servants for HCANA are:

Chair	Jodie V.
Vice Chair	Steve S.
Secretary	Linda Mc.
RCM 1	Carlos U.
RCM 2	Halbert G.
Phone Line	Amy
PI	Lance W.
Activities	Mary W.
Treasurer	Vacant
Vice Treasures	Vacant

Hill Country Area now holds 38 weekly meetings taking place at 12 home groups with one new group and a group with a location and name change. We wish to welcome the "Conscious Contact Group" from Lockhart. The Reaching Out Group of Seguin no longer meets at it's former location at 607 Jefferson St. It's new location is 624 Zorn St. with the new name "Out of the Darkness Group". The Reaching Out Group moved and changed it's name due to tradition not being followed and improper use of the NA name and symbol in association with that facility. At present there are no recognized NA meetings in that facility.

Due to the resignation of the TBRCNA-10 convention chair position HCA gives support to the current vice chair Lorraine R. in filling that vacancy.

Our donation to TBRNA this month is \$484.16; additionally the HCANA fundraiser by TBRCNA-10 for TBRCNA-9 netted \$1164.73 which included the \$240 seed money donated by the Hill Country Area and \$58 donated by the Phoenix group, Chip was given the cash donation the night of the fundraiser. The RCMs have discussed holding workshops focused on "building better homegroups", and the NA concepts of service.

HASCONA:

The Houston area is growing in number and also in unity. We now have 35 active groups hosting 133 meetings per week. Elections were held in January to fill all positions in the area- with the exception of the RCM positions.

Elections results:

Facilitator: James Mc
Co-Facilitator: Kenny C
Treasurer: Jeannie C
H&I: Cheryl S
Newsletter: Eric B
Schedules: Karen K
HACNA: Buddy D
Open Positions: PI, Co-Treasurer, Policy, Activities

Upcoming Area Events:

- Copperfield Group Campout- May1-3 at Lake Somerville
- Third Coast Group 1st anniversary- March 4 7:30-9:00

The Houston area web address is www.hascona.com

Houston area phone line is: 713 661 4200

HASCONA is financially sound and is carrying the message to the addict that still suffers.

NASCONA:

Greetings to TBRNA. We don't have a lot to report this quarter. We continue to serve the newcomer with approximately thirty-eight regular and 4 H&I meetings a week. We held a Learning Day on January 18 at the Better Late than Never Group in Conroe. There were approximately 25 people in attendance. The RD and RDA did a tremendous job. We were only able to discuss one IDT, but a lot of information was shared and we had a sense of unity during and after the event. The Groups support the Adopt an inmate program as proposed. Northside continues to work towards an MSC in cooperation with Houston and Tri-County areas. See ya'll at the best convention in Texas!!!

RGVANA:

All is well in the Rio Grande Valley Area. We lost the South Padre meeting but a new meeting and group was started in Weslaco and the Brownsville Group changed location and added more list.

We have done a flyer drive in Edinburg and McAllen and will be start another in Weslaco, Donna, Mercedes, and the Brownsville area soon.

Our H& I has a Hidalgo County Jail meeting on Tuesday at 2 PM.

The two McAllen groups do not participate in Area. We invited them to our Area meeting.

Our web site is up to date with our meetings and have included a web page for Adopt an Inmate and Spanish Unidad

MEETINGS	SUNDAY DOMINGO	MONDAY LUNES	TUESDAY MARTES	WEDNESDAY MIERCOLES	THURSDAY JUEVES	FRIDAY VIERNES	SATURDAY SABADO
Solo Por Hoy <i>Bilingual</i>	7:15 PM	8:15 PM				8:15 PM	
Hourglass <i>Bilingual</i>					8:15 PM		
La Diferencia <i>Bilingual</i>		7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Good Life English Only			8:00 PM				7:00 PM
Life 2 nd Chance English Only		8:00 PM		7:30 PM		7:30 PM	
New Living of NA <i>Bilingual</i>		7:00 PM	7:00 PM		7:00 PM		
Recovering Inmates <i>Bilingual</i>					10:00 AM		

in Texas. Please keep us inform of any changes and we will post them.

Group Location:

Solo Por Hoy (Jasmine Plaza) 5115 S Closner Suite I	Edinburg TX
Hourglass (South Texas Behavioral Hosp) W. Trenton & Jackson Rd	Edinburg TX
La Diferencia/The Difference 715 W. Elizabeth (Exit 802, Left on Central)	Brownsville TX
New Living of NA (Church of Christ Annex) 1220 S. Bridge	Weslaco TX
Good Life (Las Palmas Shopping Center) 1200 N. 10 th Ste A (Laurel)	McAllen TX
Life 2 nd Chance 1105 Fern Ave (middle bldg C)	McAllen TX
Recovering Inmates Hidalgo County Jail 701 E. El Cibolo Rd	Edinburg TX

SETANA:

The Southeast Texas area is thriving due to the booming economy. We are getting many visitors and new people are moving to our area!!

The South East Texas area currently holds 58 weekly meetings between our 5 Groups

New life N.A. moved from Rose City Texas to the city of Vidor Texas in January 2009 Their new address is 465 Freeway Blvd building #21 located in the Vidor Flea Market Since the move attendance has blossomed and interest from the public on Saturdays is Phenomenal

S.E.T.A.N.A. Held 2 events

A December Gratitude diner/auction money was raised for H&I addicts had fun and stayed clean. In January area held a New Years Eve clean auction/dance addicts had fun and stayed clean!

No new events are planned at this time.

S.E.T.A.N.A. has eliminated the positions of Literature Chair from now on each group will place their orders for Lit separately.

Area literature was dispersed to H&I and to groups who lost LIT due to IKE

The South East Texas Area wishes to thank region for it's donation to replace Lit lost due to Hurricane IKE, however after closer examination, SETANA has decided to rescind the request for the other \$600 dollars this RSC and return the sum of \$501 dollars to Region from the \$600 received at the last RSC.

\$99 dollars was spent on Basic Text books and donated to Wings this coupled with area LIT donations has replaced lost/damaged LIT

The South East Texas Area is requesting a learning day from Region
On Leadership and Communication on a weekend prior to the next RSC

The South East Texas Area has No donation for Region at this time as we neglected and failed to bring it up at the last ASC...however a check for \$501 will be mailed out by
Feb 10 as this is the date SETANA new bank account will be finalized

In loving service, Albert W S.E.T.A.N.A. RCM2

TTCANA:

I'm Heimy. I'm an addict and the new RCM for TTCANA. Is a pleasure and honor to serve with you all and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

Tri-county is rebounding strong from the hurricane and we have been blessed with several groups from other regions and states offering help to get the groups and running with donation for literature and books. At our last area we received 20+ books from groups still struggling from the hurricane. However, since all of the groups that were present stated they did not need the assistance at the time. The area is keeping the books to be given to a group that is struggling at some other point in time.

Tri-county has 15 groups with 91 meetings a week- three of which are Spanish speaking. Most of the groups are doing well, averaging between 7-30 members in attendance.

We had our area convention January 9-11. It was very successful with an estimated attendance of 350 people and raising approximately \$6000. The last area meeting was held the last day of the convention.

Texas tri-county area has a regional donation of \$389.99

Sub Committee Reports

Hospitals & Institutions:

Hello Everyone,

This was a slow quarter for H&I. I did not have any learning days this quarter. We have many new H&I chairs in several areas. We do have some learning days coming up this next quarter.

Brazos Valley- Robin M. is the chair for this area. They currently have 3 H&I meetings. I'm awaiting an update from Robin.

Central Texas Area- Ross S. is the chair of this area. They carry the message to 14 facilities and everything is going well in this area.

Coastal Bend Area- Greg is the new chair of this area. They carry the message to 4 facilities. We are planning a learning day for next month. I will update you when I know further details.

Esperanza Area- Esteban R. is the chair for this area. They currently carry the message to 11 facilities and all are doing well.

Houston Area- Cheryl S. is the new chair for this area. She is in the process of getting to know everything since she was only elected into this position 2 weeks ago.

Hill Country Area- Scott S is the new chair for this area. They carry the message to 4 facilities.

Northside Area- Another no show. Does the RCM know if they have a chair?

Rio Grande Valley Area- Mari B. is the chair for this area. They currently carry the message to 3 facilities.

Southeast Area- Boyd C. is the chair for this area. We are planning a learning day on March 14th in Beaumont.

Tri County Area- Kerry B. is the chair for this area. They currently carry the message to 3 facilities.

We spent \$799.01 this quarter and I have given the receipts to Steve. Here is a breakdown:

\$44.29 Gas November RSC

\$354.84 Literature for Tri County

\$259.17 Literature for Hill Country

\$140.71 Literature for Rio Grande Valley

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

I.L.S,

Susen G.

- Spent 799.01 this month on literature
- Learning Day on March 14 in Beaumont

Discussion:

- Concern about spending so much money on supplying areas their H&I literature
- Concern about the AAI flier being posted and the letter being sent to the wardens
 - Appear to be advertising and promises
- Concern that AAI letters were sent out ahead of time without the bodies consent
- Some feel that the agreed upon AAI direction was not followed
- H&I facilitator agrees there must have been a misinterpretation with the AAI guidance and is open to any guidance from the regional body.
- Concern that regional H&I monies are going to area H&I subcommittees that are already being supplied money from their own area
- Concern that there is a big focus on literature and not enough on supplying man power to carry the message

Public Information:

It has been a busy and interesting quarter . . . One of the things I want to say first and foremost is that at no time was Regional PI trying to tell the Areas what to do.

When the issue of so much inaccurate meeting information was brought to the RSC PI Sub-committee meeting to talk about we looked for a solution. We thought that perhaps if each Area provided only their meeting info on their schedules and websites along with phone numbers and links to other Areas then little by little the volume of inaccurate info would diminish. Unfortunately, the suggestion was taken out of context and then confusion and misunderstandings occurred. After much discussion and in the spirit of unity things are staying as they were for Central Texas, Hill Country, and Esperanza.

Rio Grande Area is requesting that their meeting info be removed from the Coastal Bend Area meeting schedule. On another note Houston, N Houston, and Tri-County have formed a Metro Committee and now have meeting schedules that cover the three Areas.

I was able to work closely with the PI committee for Hill Country this quarter and things are coming along nicely. The Health Fair I attended with them was more than we could have hoped for. They reached teachers who may be struggling themselves but also so many of them asked questions in regards to their students. The contacts have been made now the work begins . . .

Cost of three trips to Hill Country \$ 49.97

We were asked to attend an event in Caldwell to set up the PI display and share about how Regional PI is available to help. I stayed over to attend their ASC the next day to also talk with the GSR's as Brazos Valley does not have a PI Chair. To date I have not heard anything . . .

Cost of trip to Brazos Valley \$ 93.78

When I was asked by Tx-Tri County to speak at the PI Workshop it was good timing. I had been asked by the Southeast PI Chair for guidance as she was having her first Sub-committee meeting. So I saw a great opportunity to stretch the PI money. I was able to do the workshop in League City and then went to Orange the next day to do a Mini-Workshop. It was very well attended as there was a member or more from each group in their Area. Great session with lots of interest and questions

Cost of trip to TTC and Setana \$ 171.91

I made a lit order to update and restock the Regional PI display and to have things for Learning Days. I will be taking the Regional PI display to TBRCA 9 to setup. It is rather large and it is very difficult for me to move and setup myself and now it does not fit in my trunk since I was rear-ended. I would like to put together a smaller display and am asking for suggestions as to where the current display might be helpful rather than leaving it packed away.

Cost of Literature Order \$ 147.65

We started the Quarter with \$ 600.00

Total spent this Quarter \$ 463.31

\$ 136.69

Less Gas for Today \$ 21.69

Therefore returning today \$ 115.00

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Now for today's Report . . . February 7, 2009

Attendance:

Brazos Valley	Area	vacant	Southeast Area	absent w/notice
Central Texas Area		vacant	Tx Tri-County Area	HERE
Esperanza Area		HERE	Houston Area	vacant
Hill Country		Late	North Side Area	vacant
Coastal Bend Area		vacant	Rio Grande Valley	absent w/notice

Concerns:

- Disruptive and Abusive behavior at meetings especially when the police are involved
- Meeting now being asked to carry insurance
- Safety of members and the image it portrays

PLANS:

- PI Learning Day in SETANA tentatively set for March 28th
- PI Regional Learning day, talked about doing somewhere in Brazos Valley Area in May but will probably put off till June since there is the extended RSC already happening.

Goals:

- Develop guidelines for the Sub-Committee
- Develop Contingency Plan and Press Release to deal with different situations
- To have each Area represented at RSC
- Each Chair to compile a list of cities in their Area
- Update the Regional Booklet
- SPARK INTEREST IN PUBLIC INFORMATION

ILS, Mary B TBRSC PI Facilitator marybna@yahoo.com 512-461-4224

Convention Advisory Ad hoc Committee:

Greetings,

We have only met a few times this quarter mostly to my focus on trying to find a job. We are still in the process of working on the Regional Convention Guidelines. Working on structure and flow so the document will be easy to read and search. I believe and can commit to having this project done by the August RSC. Since all three of these documents are connected to each other there is a lot of time spent going back and forth between these documents. If you would like to become involved with our Adhoc Committee please give me your email address and I will include you in our mailings.

Just to give the members some insight to what we accomplish within our meetings, here is a brief snapshot of our last meeting.

We started at 1pm with the task of revisiting the decision making process. There was a lot of great spirited discussion on how to define this procedure and who was actually allowed to participate. After much discussion we agreed that there were two different topics we were talking about, the ability of a member participating within the decision making process and the voting procedure to select our trusted servants. After much more discussion we able to agree, that all members at the first meeting where selection of trusted servants was to take place would be allowed to participate. We based this on the seventh concept of service. By now it's probably about 3:30 pm and we are just starting on the part of the document that deals with should a member have their decision making process suspended if they do not have consistent meeting attendance. We all had different ideas about this and decided to table this until our next meeting. We now moved on to the structure and descriptions of the positions of our trusted servants. By this time it's going on 5pm and we are going thru the 10+ guidelines and policies we have from different Regions and Areas around the world. We stopped at about 6pm after just finishing the Facilitator position.

I wanted to explain this process to you so you may understand the undertaking we have been tasked with. Please be patient with this committee as we carefully go through these documents.

I.L.S Convention Adhoc Committee

Elections

Treasurer:

Nominated: Satchel Steve (current co-treasurer)

- Clean since April 96
- Co-treasurer for the last 9 months
- Service throughout the structure
- 10+ years of NA service
- Never misappropriated in any NA funds
- Working knowledge of 12, 12, 12
- Believes he can handle it
- Has the time and resources available
- Has stable source of income

ACCEPTED

Co-Treasurer: OPEN

- **RCM's- please bring back nominations**

TBRCNA 10 Facilitator:

Nominated: Lorraine

- Clean since 99
- Involved throughout the service structure- including Convention Facilitator experience
- Knowledge of 12, 12, 12
- Willing to ask for help
- Has the time and resources available
- never misappropriated NA funds
- has fulfilled all commitments

ACCEPTED

Activities Facilitator:

- **RCM's- please bring back nominations**

Webservant:

- **RCM's- please bring back nominations**

Break from 2:40-2:50

Old Business

Policy Change Proposals:

- **Suggestion: policy facilitator will bring further policy changes to the RSC in the form of a proposal**
 - Facilitator and RDA offer their assistance in the development of these proposals

Proposal: Pg 11- II- 2. Change "RD and RDA" to "RD or RDA"

Discussion:

Concept 11--"...While the Eleventh Concept applies directly to the management of funds, it also has implications for the management of all our service resources. Most projects depend as much on ideas, information, conscience, and members' time and willingness as they do on money. If we have the funds needed to carry out a project but lack the time or the ideas, we'd best wait until we've gathered all the needed resources before proceeding. If we don't, we will have wasted NA service funds."

WSC Travel Reserve--Page 11--"*WSC travel reserve of \$1500 will be maintained by the Treasurer.*" This budget is ambiguous with other parts of our policy, as I read it, in regard to RD and RDA travel. On the Southern Zonal Forum attendance section, Page 8--"*...The RD Alternate will be the RSC's one representative to the (SZF).*" So who is allowed to go, and who are we paying for, the RD, the RDA, or both?

Then on Page 11 under Distribution of Funds--"*Travel Reserve money is to be used for RDA travel and expenses to WSC meetings, (the RD travel and expenses to WSC are paid by the WSC).*" Then our policy goes on to say, "*...and for RD and RDA travel expenses to the SZF or authorized events.*"

And, in Section F, Page 11--it says the RSC will pay for, "*RD or RDA or other designated persons travel and lodging to the SZF.*"

So, are we paying RD to go to the SZF or not?

- The RDA will be funded to go to the SZF
- They will be the RSCs representative to the SZF
- The RDs travel expenses are funded by the WSC

If we are, should we be?

We need to get all these parts of the policy to line up in what they say.

ACCEPTED

Proposal: Subcommittees will develop their own internal guidelines to be approved by the RSC (within the next 6 months) If AAI continues it will be included in the H&I

Discussion:

Concept 11--"...It is incumbent upon every element of our service structure to use those funds to carry the NA recovery message as far as possible. To do that, our service bodies must manage those funds responsibly, accounting fully and accurately for its use to those who have provided it."

Travel and Per Diem--Page 9--Nothing is mentioned directly about H&I or PI committee travel here. It just says, "Refer to Financial Policy."

Under Financial Policy, Page 10--Committee Appropriations--"*...a written record showing the name, position, and reason for any and all expenses shall be turned over to the treasurer as soon as possible.*" It also states what Regional funds will be used for--"*...food, travel by the facilitator, literature, and facility rental...*", something we just changed in August.

Then, on Page 11--under Standing Appropriations, the RSC authorizes payment to the H&I and PI facilitators for travel to the RSC, but no mention is made of any other reimbursements outside of their committee budgets.

Finally, on Page 12, we tell the committees what the RSC will give them each quarter; \$800 for H&I, \$600 for PI.

Nowhere in the policy does it state that we deduct the travel expenses from the committee budget. Are we deducting their travel expenses from their budgets, or are we paying them over and above their budgets? If we are paying them over and above, then don't we need to decide if we want to keep doing it or not? At the least, we need to clarify in the policy statement, specifically how.

- Budget for traveling to the RSC does not come out of the subcommittees pie section
- Any expenses and travel for anything other than the RSC does come out of the subcommittee budget
- Report copies are not taken out of travel budget or subcommittee budget

ACCEPTED- 2 stand asides- because the RSC has already designated what they can and cannot spend their money on

AAI:

- Has the program been successful through the 3-month trial period?
- Do we want to continue the program?
- Do we want to fund the program?

AAI Report:

Hello everyone,

This has been a great start for the Adopt an Inmate program. We took in \$997.00 this quarter for the program. Thank you to all of my friends that donated to help jump start this wonderful program. We received 28 letters requesting texts and filled all of them. The following is a list of the prisons texts were sent to:

Travis State Jail= 5
Lockhart Unit= 5
Plane State Jail= 4
Crain/Hackberry/Gatesville Unit= 4
Halbert Unit= 2
Mineral Wells Unit= 2
Bradshaw Unit= 1
Hobby Unit= 1
Dominguez Unit= 1
Huntsville Unit= 1
Clements Unit= 1
Jordan Unit=1

I have recently sent out letters to the wardens of 20 units around our region announcing the program and asking them to put fliers up in the dorms for the offenders. The fliers were done in English and in Spanish. I sent them in January to make sure there were enough funds in the Adopt an Inmate account to fill the orders when they arrived. I also sent out letters to other areas and regions announcing the program and asking for their H&I committees to see if they could allocate funds to help support the program, since it will be servicing all of Texas. I set up an account with World to expedite our orders; this allows us to send out Spanish Basic Texts without having a minimum of \$10 that is required for the online ordering system. I also set up a Yahoo email account, adoptaninmate@yahoo.com, for all correspondence, order confirmations, invoice numbers and pertinent information that has to do with AAI. Thus we now have another location for all AAI transactions. Attached is a sheet called AAI Stamp Ledger. This is a list of where I sent letters to. Highlighted in yellow are the units in our region. I will also attach AAI letter to Wardens, AAI letter to Areas and Regions, AAI English Flyer and AAI Spanish flyer. Thank you to all that responded to the AAI Guidelines with your input. We will be discussing all of this at region.

I spent \$42 in stamps, which I still have the extras. All printing was donated by my sponsor and me. We currently have \$502.50 in the Adopt an Inmate account.

In Loving Service,
Susen G.
512.743.5258

AAI Letter to Warden:

Hello Warden,

I am enclosing two flyers that explain the "Adopt an Inmate" free Narcotics Basic Text program. (English and Spanish.) I am hoping that you can put these flyers up in all of your dorms for your inmates. We have found that those who start working the Narcotics Anonymous program on the inside stay clean and out of prison when they are released. I have also enclosed a list of addresses for all of our areas in Texas. We encourage the inmates to write the area they will be paroling to and get a sponsor and work the steps. The help line phone numbers are included so they have somewhere to call to find a meeting upon their release. This program is not only limited to inmates that will be released. We have inmates that work the program that have no release date. Could you please make this information available to all inmates? This can include death row, maximum security, protective custody, trusty camps and all inmates in the TDCJ system. This program has worked for me and I know it can work for others.

Thank You,
Susen Guckert
H&I Regional Facilitator Tejas Bluebonnet Region
Narcotics Anonymous
512.743.5258

Discussion:

- This is a duplicate service that is already being provided by three different programs in the area
- If we are already having funding issues, is it prudent to continue funding the program

Proposal to disband this program at the regional level

- 10 stand asides- **NOT ACCEPTED**
- **Tabled- RCMs take it back to your area**

Proposal to keep and fund the TBR-AAI program with a cap up to \$400 per quarter. If the TBR-AAI account has a balance over \$400, they will not receive regional funds. Regional funds will only be transferred to AAI if they have a balance lower than \$400

- 9 stand asides- **NOT ACCEPTED**
- **Tabled- RCMs take it back to your area**

Clarifying:

- This program started when world asked the region to help out due to not being able to

Reservations:

- Per guide to local services- it is not part of the RSC to take care of direct services

Proposal to continue as is until the May RSC (answering letters only). Anything that TBR-AAI would like to send out will be brought back to the next RSC for approval before they are sent.

- Steve will be added to the mailbox and account
- **ACCEPTED**

Proposal to change the name of the AAI program to avoid confusion

- **Tabled- RCMs take it back to your area**

Proposal from Coastal Bend Area:

We propose to extend the two regularly scheduled regional service committee meetings that follow the Southern Zonal Forum to a two day scheduled event.

Intent: The intention of the proposal is to efficiently pass along the information gathered at the SZF to the RCMs

Effect: The 2 RSCs following the SZF would include an extra day for a workshop on the information gathered SZF. This would preclude having to send representatives to another gathering in order to pass the information. This seems more economically prudent because the representatives would have less travel expenses.

Reservations/Discussions:

- What about the areas that are struggling to send their RCMs here already
- Areas have previously voted against the 2 day RSC in the past
- Suggestion for the region to help facilitate the spending on rooms by regional members being willing to welcome addicts into their homes

Consensus: **NOT ACCEPTED** -5 stand asides

Proposal to change current language of “policy” to a set of “guidelines”

- Tabled until next quarter

New Business

Where does the Rio Grande Valley Area fall in the rotation?

- Remains as is in the policy

Activities guidelines:

- Suggestion use the previous guidelines from before
- Proposal for clean time requirement of 3 years- **CONSENSUS** ACCEPTED
- Bob will send the body the previous activity guidelines

July 2011 SZF

- Proposal to ask the SZF to move the weekend so we do not fall out of rotation- **CONSENSUS** ACCEPTED
- RCMs- ask areas if they are willing to host the SZF

SETANA

- Requesting a learning day
- Proposal to have an IDT learning day in May the day after the RSC in SETANA- moving the May RSC to May 16
 - This could also be a “test-run” on previous 2 day proposal for the areas that had stand asides
 - Concern because May 10th is mother’s day
 - This would be optional

CONSENSUS- ACCEPTED

Meeting closed with third step prayer at 5:25 PM