TBRNA RSC Meeting 8/10/2013

Allen opened the meeting opened at 9:22am with Serenity prayer

Jerry M. – recited the service prayer

Roger S. – read the Service Concepts

Roll call completed by Recorder

Facilitator Present

Co-Facilitator Present

Treasurer Present

Co-Treasurer Vacant

Recorder Present

Policy Absent w/notice

H & I Present

Adopt an Inmate Present

Public Information Absent w/notice

Literature Absent w/notice

CAC Dickie B.

RD Present

RDA Present

TBRCNA 12 Absent

TBRCNA 13 Present

TBRCNA 14 Vacant until elections today – Dawn E. elected

Brazos Valley Absent

CTANA - RCM 1 Present

CBANA - RCM 1 & 2 Present

EANA - RCM 1 & 2 Present

HCANA - RCM 1 & 2 Present

Houston - RCM 1 &2 Present

Northside - RCM 1 Present

SETANA - RCM 1 Absent

SW Cactus County – RCM1 & 2 Present

TTCNA - RCM 1 & 2 Present

Allen announced that we will not repeat items that have been discussed in order to save time. As trusted servants we are entrusted

**Elections – none**

**Question –** How many rooms are needed by sub-committee break-outs?

**Answer:** 3 small rooms (for about 3-5 people per subcommittee)

**OLD BUSINESS**

Minutes accepted with changes.

**Area Reports**

**CTANA** – **Todd B. – verbal report provided and written report submitted:**

* Our next ASC meeting is Sunday September 8th 2013 due to WSC happening on the 1st.
* We have 43 meetings on our schedule.
* Our area requested that 2-day and other regional days are not planned on holidays.
* Miracles and Solutions 20th Anniversary will be September 20-22 at the Holiday Inn 6000 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin 78752, Reservations 512-451-5757. $89/night room rate special ends September 5th.  For more info Contact LaJuana N. 512-775-1338
* How it Works sponsors a free fitness bootcamp Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 AM and Saturdays at 8AM, at Brentwood park for more info contact Allen E.
* Miracles and Solutions is sponsoring a Just for Today Event including speakers and a dance. 2701 S. Lamar, 78704.  Speakers from 5-8pm, and dancing starts at 8pm. Food and Fun as well.  For more info contact Kim W. 512-736-9102
* Our area’s 30th Anniversary was a huge success attended by over 150 members and included a Prom King and Queen!  Sean F was a great DJ for the 80’s themed dance, and volunteered his time and equipment.
* Service Appreciation Day went well.  Jenn W was able to work with Esteban to plan a great day for H&I, while Robert M did well planning the PR presentations.  Our activities chair Jessi H is doing a great job, they are planning a Halloween Dance as a WSC fundraiser.

RCM

Aaron W

RCMII

Todd B

**CBANA – Val V. – verbal report provided and written report submitted.**

**CBANA – RCM Report August 10th, 2013**

Good Afternoon Everyone, my name is Val V. and I am a grateful addict in recovery and I am honored to be a part of this Regional Committee. The Coastal Bend Area of Narcotics Anonymous continues to grow strong and new groups are popping up all over our area. Have 35 active group in CBANA and there are 9 meetings of Narcotics Anonymous held per week. We currently have a web site: [www.cbana.org](http://www.cbana.org) which is very helpful and user friendly so please visit us when you can.

We have completed the GSU trials as specified in our contract with WSO and it was a wash. CBANA has determined that there wasn’t enough participation Area wide to implement this new Service Structure into our existing system and the meetings have been canceled. If you would like more information about the GSU meetings you can contact Don B. (literature Review) through our web site [www.cbana.org](http://www.cbana.org).

The list of facilities that H&I attends in CBANA are as follows: SATF along with the Rite Program: 1st and 3rd Friday at 8PM, Charlie’s Detox: Saturday at 6:30pm, Reality Ranch: 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 8pm, Northwest Behavioral: Tuesday at 8pm.

We recently had a TBRCNA-14 committee meting and everything is coming together very nicely. Many of our members are starting to get excited about this event.

The Coastal Bend Area of NA had its and Beach Convention called Recovery by the Sea last month and it was a huge success. If you missed it, there is always next year so I strongly encourage each every one of you to join us and be a part of the next great event.

All is going well here in CBANA and we encourage everyone to come down to the Coastal Bend Area and visit.

ILS Val V. & Craig W. RCM I/II CBANA

Aaron asked about the GSU meeting – but it is still in progress and an update will be provided to TBRNA when

there is more information to share.

Have had a lack of participation in the GSU meetings and are no longer being held.

Question asked for a final report on this. Val said that Don has it and turned it in to WSO.

Question asked – was there more support for GSU or LSU? Val – only worked with GSU’s. It fell apart quickly

due to the geographic distances. They were good meetings. Worked better in metro areas vs. rural areas. Input

– Area Facilitator did not recognize the GSU at the Area meeting.

**EANA - RCM 1 & 2 – John C. – verbal report provided and written report submitted.**

**Tejas Bluebonnet Region of Narcotics Anonymous**

August 10, 2013

Hello, I'm John C. and I'm an addict.

Our meeting schedule is carrying a total of 94Meetings per week in the San Antonio Area, a total of 44(EANA) Groups in San Antonio and surrounding cities. The Area Helpline is(210) 434-0665, (800) 221-9091, for out of town. We also host the (888) 600-6229, for the Area de Habla Hispana de Tejas (Spanish Speaking). www.eanaonline.orgis our web address, and there anyone can register for our weekly Area e-blast.

Our Sub-Committees are working diligently to fulfill our Primary Purpose. The Phone Line Chair is holding down the Phone Line (Thanks Katt B.).

Our PI Chairperson is doing a great job with our Meeting Schedule changes & updates, They have just rewrote their policy, have done and are still doing mail outs which seem to be getting positive feedback from, and are doing a workshop with phone line.(Thanks Carolyn G).

The Esperanza Area Frolic In The Woods Ad-Hoc subcommittees coming along nicely. For more info about FITW log on to our Web page. The info for FITW's Ad-Hoc Committee Chairis Tracie A.hippiechickwoman@gmail.com. We do have t-shirts, raffle tickets and registrations for sale today.

Also Esperanza Area's next function Unity Day bbq will be held August 31stat Canyon Beach Park from 2-8pm,Comejoin us for Food Fun & Fellowship. Our Activities chair Courtney R. is also doing a fine job.

Our Outreach Sub-Committee is doing a wonderful job carrying the message to outlying meetings (Thanks Robert R.). H&I is carrying the message to 13 different facilities, no major problems at this time (Thanks Fred Mac). Policy keeps us on our toes (Thanks Gilbert L), Literature Review keeps us very informed(Thanks Lynn S.). Our Literature Bank does an excellent job for our Area (Thanks Alice M.).

I have even attached a copy of our Newsletter “EANA Freeway” to the email that went out to this body, (Thanks Tracie A.) newsletter@eanaonline.org. Internet Technology is doing a great job, go to our web page and check it out (Thanks Steve S.). Thanks to our Executive Committee Body for getting the business of Area done, The Esperanza Area will be donating$176.39 to region at this time.

Thanks for allowing us to be of service, Roger S. Sr. & John C. Your humble trusted servants from Esperanza Area.

In Loving Service.

Roger S. Sr. RCM II

rgrssr71600@hotmail.com

John C.RCM I

[najohnc@gmail.com](mailto:najohnc@gmail.com)

Dickie asked question regarding speaker for Unity Day event – who is handling? Dickie will call Courtney.

EANArea offers an e-blast to those who sign up for events, meetings, etc.

**HCANA - RCM 1 – Dickie B. – verbal report given and written report submitted.**

RSC August 11, 2013 Beaumont

HILL COUNTRY AREA NARCOTICS ANONNYMOUS

REPORT Presented by Dickie B and Laura B

**In service to the following communities in South Central Texas**

**(THE BEAUTIFUL HILL COUNTRY):**

**Boerne - Canyon Lake – Fredericksburg - Kerrville – Lockhart – New Braunfels –**

**Schertz –Seguin-Universal City**

**We have 14 Groups and 28 meetings per week.**

\*HCANA proud to introduce 3 new groups: New Braunsfel Thursday 7:00 “It Works How and

Why” Flat book Step Study 408 Gruene Rd. Unity Church of Practical Christianity AND

Seguin Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 6:30 PM “BE HERE NOW GROUP” and

Fredericksburg 7:00 Tuesday and 8:00 Thursday and Saturday at 601 W. Creek St At ST.

Barnabas Episcopal Church

Simplicity in New Braunsfel meets 2 times per week instead of 3 and has taken out the Friday

meeting.

We have been in the process to find out what we can do to help the groups stay alive and grow

to carry the NA message.

• Several new positions have been filled and unfilled in the area, but we are still in

need of people interested in being of service. We have 5 positions empty.

• Our H&I Chair has move on and we are looking for help with H&I. The past chair

have volunteered to help as much as he can, we are looking into new ways to get

members involved to do panels and get involved to keep NA messages clean.

• Hill Country Area Service Committee is still meeting every other month due to

travel cost and lack of business and support, but will still continue to carry the

message and donate to the RSC.

• We are working restoring lost archives & have almost replaced them all.

• Roar was a great success in spite of conflicting events. Would like to have a

regional calendar to prevent conflicting events somehow. Thanks to everyone

who attended. We will be looking into possible 2 day next year

• The next ASC is Sept 15 at Full Circle mtg in Schertz 3460 Roy Richard Dr. 1PM

• Donation to RSC= $175.42

Thank you for letting me be of service

*Dickie B.* RCM

richardjbates12@gmail.com

Laura B. RCMII

TBRNA website has a place to post for regional event to help coordinate event dates and planning.

HCANA – was asked to discuss HCANA meeting schedule on EANA schedule. Official letter sent to EANA PI

person (Carolyn G.) that said “we want to work with you to make sure the meetings are correct, but if you don’t

want to keep them updated.” There were 11 errors corrected on the EANA schedule.

It was mentioned that when you put together an event – to make sure to follow the spirit of unity regarding

following rules.

**HASCONA - Houston – Jerry M., RCM 1**

At our last ASC we had47 Groups hosting 161 meetings a week. We have all of our service positions filled with

the exception of co treasurer and outreach chair..

We have a nominee Kristine B. and a question for our groups concerning a HACNA Facilitator. We will know

more at our next ASC.

Vic R. is our newest RCM. Say hello Vic.

We just had a new printing done of our meeting schedules.

We had a brief discussion at our last ASC concerning the upcoming SZF. We ran out of time at our most recent

gathering. I feel confident that whatever Region requires of us to make this a successful Forum we will be able

to provide.

In Loving Service, Jerry M.

**Northside - RCM 1 – Don K.**  – provided verbal report and submitted written report.

9 groups on schedule, 34 per week.

H&I – to 5 facilities, 7 per week.

2nd annual “Attitude of Gratitude” speakers and dinner the Saturday before Thanksgiving day, 11/23/13 – at

Better Late than Never group.

Fellowship by the Lake – May 2-3-4-2014 at Huntsville State Park.

Was moved to the month of May to try to avoid conflict with Tri-County convention.

**SETANA - Lynette B. RCM 1** – verbal report given and written report submitted.

TSC to be held here at Elegante hotel at Memorial Day 2014.

Question asked regarding the “Courgage, Comittment, Change” group – was not open…correct information was

not information was not on the website. Lynnette will be in touch will be in touch with the TBRNA webservant

for the changes.

**SW Cactus County – Absent with notice. Email update sent to Facilitator and read:**

Looks like SWCC is not listed with TBRNA or NAWS meetings.

Dawn mentioned that our web servant says that he doesn’t receive her emails in order to take care of this. Allen

says he will contact Rachel to fup with her and web servant.

**TTCNA - RCM 1 – Shelby T. and Dennis W. – verbal report given, written report submitted.**

Texas Tri-County Area NA RCM Regional Report

Sep 2013 Report

* Area Groups and Meetings
  + 12 groups
    - One group closed their doors and another moved to the Houston Area
  + ~100 meetings per week
* Area Business
  + PR and H&I – Regularly schedule subcommittee meeting
    - The first Wednesday of every month at Ryan’s Steakhouse in Texas City at 6:30 PM
    - About 20 people are in attendance
    - Our Learning Day was well attended with about 40 – 50 people being training to go into jails and institutions
    - I, as RCM, am pushing for more collaboration between Houston Area H&I, AAI program, and Regional H&I – I feel that more could be accomplished working together (e.g., sponsoring inmates, books)
* Area Events
  + Clear Lake Group Homecoming Dance
    - November 9th at American Legion Hall in Webster, TX
    - Buffett, DJ, and live music
    - If you did not get a chance to attend your homecoming dance in high school because you were using, now is your chance to make it up
* Presented by: Dennis W (RCM 1) and Shelby T (RCM 2)

RE: Requested more collaboration between Areas and Region H&I and Adopt an Inmate.

Jerry M – Houston – H&I doesn’t handle AAI. Todd said he saw Esteban and he has a lot of letters.

20% of all literature sales go to H&I. Jerry offered to put Shelby in touch with the HASO representative who oversees the AAI program.

Shelby asked for poll of those who might need hotel reservations for room block, etc. Asked body if they have any special needs to let him know. Trying to have it in Webster, TX for RSC and working on another event…more will be revealed.

Steve P. mentioned that TTCNA and HASCONA Activities chairs have joined forces to create a Halloween event – band – Six Gun Sound is the live band scheduled.

If any Houston members want to coordinate with TTCNA on SZF, please remember to ask them.

Southeast Texas Area

**Subcommittee Reports**

**Facilitator Report, Alan E.** – verbal report provided and written report submitted.

* + - * Added that policy requires all Administrative positions are up for election at the November RSC

**Co-Facilitator Report – Marty C.** – Went to Brazos Valley and only has 1 meeting. It needs support – Navasota, Brenham, etc. has needed support for several years. Facilitator has reached out to the Area and not received any return call. Northside Area does outreach to the Brazos Valley area. Allen’s home group does outreach and he will see if they can do some outreach visits to the area.

**RD report – Gary M. – verbal review and written report provided.**

This quarter has been very busy and I am sending this out well in advance of the RSC in hope that you will read it and I can only take questions at the meeting (in an effort to save time). Last meeting we did a planning session on the January SZF and had the followings actions defined (updates to actions are noted).

Flyers SZF  
Computer generated graphics - Steve - May 26 complete  
Web posts and emails - Gary and Steve - early July - note for RCM to distribute complete except distribution - need to add the phone number  
Physical distribution - Gary - at the SZF in July - moved to electronic distribution in August to add phone number  
Procure supplies and print - Jerry - early July - moved to August to add phone number  
  
Flyers  for local service opportunities  
Computer generated graphics - Leslie - August RSC - pending update from Leslie  
Web posts and emails - Leslie - after August RSC - on plan  
Physical distribution - RCM to GSR'S to fellowship - Shelby, Steve, Don and Dennis - on plan  
Solicit volunteers - Leslie - on plan - Leslie to update  
List opportunities - Leslie - on plan - Leslie to update  
Point of contact - Leslie - on plan - Leslie to update  
  
Transportation  
Investigate prices on van - Jerry - complete - Jerry to update  
Create local car pool list - Jerry - on plan - Jerry to update  
Decision to use van or car pool - committee through email - October - on plan  
  
Food  
Contact hotel to determine if we can bring food - Gary and Monica - on plan October  
List of local restaurants - Gary through hotel contact - on plan October   
Liaison for hotel - Monica and Gary - on plan October   
Breakfast Saturday and Sunday - TBD - to discuss  
Lunch Saturday - TBD - to discuss  
  
T-Shirts  
Provide data - Gary - complete  
Computer Generated Graphics - Michael and Shelby - RSC in August - on plan - for review  
Pricing at $15  
Procure supplier and production - Michael and Shelby - October - on plan  
  
Events / Activities  
Saturday night event - ad-hoc team of Jerry, Don and Shelby - report at August RSC - pending report  
  
Information Packet  
Including hotel information, directions, event information, maps and transportation agenda - Don (based on Halbert's template from May RSC) - on plan October  
  
PS - after the session was over it was determined that the Drury Inn was no longer the selected location. A call went to Monica and California Steve to determine where they are with negotiations with other hotels. This will not affect any of our earliest commitments and we will only have to change the address on the flyers before printing. I took the action of contacting our negotiating team to lock something down over the next two months.

In June I attended a workshop in TCANA covering a question and answer round table concerning all things NA. I got a lot of questions on the SSP and provided the most current information. I feel that all in attendance were satisfied with the opportunity and the answers.

In July I was in contact with our web servant concerning an idea to automate the conscience development of the groups with regard to the CAR/CAT and possible uses for area and regional inventories. Email mail chain on the topic below.

Sure. But I think you are talking two different animals, surveys and polls ... but maybe not, might just be how I define each. In the Coastal Bend we used a webform survey to collect specific information about the ssp, <http://www.cbana.org/d7/new-service-system-proposals-survey> (it was styled differently when used.) Polls tend to be more anonymous so anyone can visit and submit.   
  
I think if you were to want a conscience taken without a chance of abuse, a webform could be created and each group could submit by using authenticated user controls. Non-geek: Representative would have to log in to fill out the form. With the webform you can do all kinds of things with the data.   
  
A poll would be taken for more of a "pulse of the region" type thing. Straw poll that really is not a conscience. Anonymous users could submit.  
  
In my opinion, web based collection and reporting is far more practical than emailing out a spreadsheet. But that is my opinion. Once the data is in a database it can be flexed about however you need it.  
  
If you give me some specific use cases, I can work up application ideas.

#### Tom Kraft

Tejas Bluebonnet Region

[tbrna.org](http://tbrna.org/)

On 7/4/13 6:10 PM, Gary Moen wrote:

Secondly I was considering an alternative for collecting the regional conscience for the CAR. I would like to present an electronic method of collecting your groups votes / consensus. I have a message out to our webmaster to see if it is possible to set up a web based polling system so that each group could log on and deliver their results. I think that an electronic method could entice more groups to participate. We could then use the assembly as a time to present the regions conscience and celebrate another cycle as it prepares to close. The possibility of a web based polling system could also be used for regional, area and group inventories in an anonymous fashion. Polls could be created to determine area effectiveness for example. Each group could rate their area without identifying the group only the area. Each area would then have ideas of what they could work on over their next cycle to better serve the fellowship. If the web based approach is not feasible then I would suggest the spreadsheet idea that worked well last conference with the change to electronic delivery to make it easier to accumulate the data. Your responses on this idea will help me to determine how to present this at the next RSC.

In July I also attended the SZF in Mississippi - notes below.

The SZF opened with discussion of a poster board that was created for a previous SZF that had been signed by all in attendance at that forum. It was then sent as a show of unity to the APF where they added their signatures to it and sent it back to us. This process is being documented by the WSO and will likely be reported on in an upcoming NAWS news issue. It was decided that we send the board on to the WSO for archiving. Additionally the APF sent us a box full of merchandise that was silent auctioned off and all funds were sent back to support the APF (about $500 but I am not sure of the exact dollar amount). I am donation some of those items to the region to use at events as they see fit (possibly at the convention).

Fellowship concerns -

Volunteer - problems with empty service positions. Held sessions on the SSP and traditions book. Concern that the region did not ask areas for ideas on topics for presentation. Doing a regional inventory.

Red River - RSC was devoted to upcoming camp out. Discussed topics for October forum and working through insurance issues.

Kentuckiana - biggest problem is with open positions.

Arkansas - service positions as 99% full. Areas fill their own positions and they do not require a lot from the region. Planning regional convention.

Mississippi - region is on the upswing over last couple of years.

Lonestar- area services need help and are struggling to keep positions filled but at the same time keep focusing on what the region is or is not doing.

Missouri - closed the RSO while $200,000 in debt. Doing SSP workshop at next conference. Multiple open positions.

Louisiana - concerned with what region is doing for areas. Regional motion to propose WSC teleconference technology for the world board to not attend the WSC but be available through web conference.

Tejas - discussed planning basics examples concerning January SZF. Discussed the potential use of electronic surveys for CAR voting as well as potential use for regional and area inventories. This topic had some positive discussion anymore than one region asked for the information I sent to their RSC’s to see if there would be something useful for them.

Dan - trying to get the one struggling area back to fully functioning. Using SSP and concepts but service members are lacking.

Dave - NE Mississippi - drug court has some meetings under surveillance. Call about signatures on sign in sheet to confirm attendance. Many rural communities without groups, how do we get them started.

Isabelle - Mississippi drug court papers are being signed by rogue individuals for a fee of $5.

Bob - rotation I service is still nothing more than a merry-go-round.

Ricardo - volunteer region - apathy concerning change. Home groups do not know or care about what is happening.

First topic - collaboration

Defined as when successful a deep collective determination to reach a common consensus. Use of artwork for a convention being utilized by different parts of the convention utilizing shared resources.

What are the barriers that need to be overcome? Us versus them, communication, rigidity, lacking of collaborative goals, strong personalities, need to allow the freedom for ideas to develop. Need strong facilitatorship.

Second topic - Fellowship development in urban areas

Examples

* Addicts on Asphalt
* Rock of hope with notebook passed on from group to group to write their shared experience over time. Requirement being that two home group members take the hope group to a new group. It was determined through this process that there was a gradual dilution of the clarity of the NA message going on. Regaining that clarity was a process that took years and sometimes decades. Through the years of continued the MEMO area slowly regained a clear NA message.

Third topic - changing the culture

This started off with the standard break out into work groups and answer questions. After it appeared that we were heading to solutions that were already being represented by planning basics and SSP (and these new processes had not been in effect long enough to determine their viability). I mentioned that we were working to change the culture using the same ideas from the existing culture. We decided to instead talk as a full body to discuss the challenges ahead. This proved very engaging and I closed the discussion with the comment that with the most important change in NA upcoming since the motion to remove God from the steps, we still only had a 5% response from the groups. If we were to get more group involvement in the business of NA on the world level then what was necessary was much more than a one hour small group discussion

Next we talked about a multiple zonal service symposium and whether we were in favor of this addition. We talked about something that would provide learning experiences like the Florida symposium and Western Service Learning Days provides. We discussed making this a bi-annual event (off years from the convention) and held in place of that quarters zonal forum to avoid unneeded expenses. I will need this region’s conscience on this topic.

We closed with discussion on an idea I had for creating a zonal video to be presented at the WSC around an idea that our service symbol shows how square pegs fit into round holes as long as the peg is smaller than the whole and if we allow a god conscience to fill the empty spaces and guide our service discussions. This videos would include voice over of the statistics and work that the forum does.

ILS

Gary

SZF Follow-up:

* Discussion regarding transportation for reps - $435 to rent a van – no additional mileage charges to rent from Friday through Monday.
* Flyers  for local service opportunities – Needs someone else to take on this portion – Leslie is unable to take this on going forward:

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2. Web posts and emails - Leslie - after August RSC - on plan
3. Physical distribution - RCM to GSR'S to fellowship - Shelby, Steve, Don and Dennis - on plan
4. Solicit volunteers - Leslie - on plan - Leslie to update
5. List opportunities - Leslie - on plan - Leslie to update
6. Point of contact - Leslie - on plan - Leslie to update
7. T-shirt graphics – Shelby T. is coordinating and need to add registration mark to the NA logo. He needs a list of potential t-shirt vendors – Leslie R. will send him (Monika V. asked to be copied).
8. Events – still working on it.
9. Info packet still in development.

CAR input and Area inventories – working with web-servant to develop tool for input, tracking and feedback.

Val V. mentioned NAWS website has some good information available regarding area inventory tools and

suggested RCM’s take this information back to their areas. Security was mentioned to ensure to avoid

duplication of votes. Question was asked if there is a deadline for area inventories…no, no specific deadline.

NAWS news editorial – sent something around the world and will be sent to World convention for viewing.

Gary brought back an auction item he bid on from the Asia Pacific Forum to be donated to the next regional

need.

Gary updated that the SZF facilitator term has ended . the nomimees were not in attendance and the policy

states they needed to be in attendance. Policy change was proposed, but was not able to be completed. The

elections were unable to be held. Facilitator will continue until the next SZF and take the issue up then.

Val requested the SZF flyer with the phone number for reservation (866-577-1154 and ask for Southern Zonal

Forum Group) be re-sent. Gary M. will do that asap to the [all@tbrna.org](mailto:all@tbrna.org)

**RDA Report – George – no report.**

**TBRCNA 13 – Marty C.**

REVISION TO FINAL REPORT FOR TBRCNA 13

Finally after going through the registration forms to get a 100% accurate registration total. I was unable to come up with a true accurate number, with the exception of 115 newcomer donations. The number of 600 paid registration that was reported earlier is close I counted and recounted registration forms several times and was within 15 off of the number of 600 on each count. We did have 285 pre-registrations .

On entertainment we sold 88 drag show tickets on pre-registration and another 165 tickets during registration, and we took in $1750.00 dollars at the door (the door total includes tips)

That is a total income of $5105.00 dollars for the drag show. Expenditures for the drag show were 2524.88

Profit of $2580.12 The drag show was a success the only issue we had that was discussed at the May RSC was selling tickets at the door due to not knowing exactly how much was made in ticket sales and how much was made in tips. We as a region have learned to do a ticket sale only to prevent any discrepancies in sales by accepting cash only at the door.

The merchandising committee bought $8123.12 in merchandise

We brought in $821.00 in the live auction. $861.00 from jewelry sales, and $823.00 from silent auction. Less $235.26 in supplies. Leaving a profit of $1685.62 at convention end on merchandise

Programming expenditures were $2647.79 plus 4 full registrations at $85.00 for the speakers and the interpreter for the hard of hearing.

Serenity keeper’s total expenses are 811.93

Hospitality expenses were $249.79

The following committee members turned in no receipts for reimbursement

Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, Treasurer, Recorder and Convention information.

We have submitted our suggestions to the CAC to help avoid and eliminate some of the hurdles that we encountered. The biggest one that I noticed that could have given us a bigger return is to work on a tiered discount on the final bill based on food and beverage sales. We exceeded our minimum of $5000.00 by $4423.70 for a total of $9423.70 almost doubling our guaranteed sales.

Finally the committee as a whole would love to thank everyone for attending and allowing us to be of service.

I.L.S.

Marty C

TBRCNA 13 facilitator

Lunch break 12:35ish

Returned from break @ 1:25pm

**Treasurer’s Report – LeeAnn** **K.**-

Treasurer’s Report

August 10th, 2013

Well, this had not been my best quarter as Treasurer!!....which tells me handing over the Treasury position to Steve P. is well due! My company implemented a new computer system on April 1st and it has been quite a nightmare, which has taken up a lot of my time…..and energy. This caused me to get behind on several things, which is why this report is a little later than my reports usually are.…but I did make the deposits and pay the taxes!! Whew! So here we go.

**Financial**

The Bank statement has been reconciled as of July 31st, 2013. The only checks that have not cleared are two to

WSO and one to SZF, which were just recently mailed (see below). As of this report, we have $7,947.86 in the

bank. Currently, our available funds are the following:

**TBRSC**

Starting Bank Balance on 05/05/13 $ 6,603.68

Income $ 3,498.84

Expenses $ (2,124.66)

Stop Payment on Check $ (30.00)

Sales Tax Paid $ ‐

Amount in Bank as of 08/06/13 $ 7,947.86

AAI Funds to date $ (150.00)

RSC Banking Funds to Date $ 7,797.86

WS/SZF Prudent Reserve $ (1,500.00)

RSC Prudent Reserve $ (1,500.00)

Available Funds $ 4,797.86

PO Box Due in October $ (144.00)

Sales Tax Due to Date $ ‐ 76.40

Total Working Capital $ 4,653.86

Amount due from Convention Account $ 4,730.26

I found that I had not documented a couple of deposits in my Receipt book, but luckily I make copies of

everything! So I owe a few people some receipts. I also have a couple of groups I need to get receipts to. So if the RCM’s can pass them on, I would appreciate it. I’ll call them out because I’m too lazy to type them. I’ve tried

mailing receipts, but it always seems like the end up getting returned to me.

**A Stop Payment** of $30.00 was deducted from our account for the check I originally gave to the PI Chair, which

was lost. I resent her a new check, which has cleared.

**Donation to World Service** – this quarter, my donation to WSO included the addition of the 50% allocation of the profit from TBRCNA 13. This amount came to $564.00. With the 20% Service Committee donation of $606.00, the total donation to WSO this quarter was $1,170.00 (yes, I rounded it off). Since I just recently reconciled the receipts from last quarter, this donation, as well as the donation to SZF and the payment of AAI Invoices to WSO, was just recently mailed.

**AAI –** below is the current funds available for AAI. I have sent the payment for the 3 books for $48.00, and so our account with WSO should be Zero. I am not aware of any new orders, so if any are received that go over the

current funds for AAI, I will transfer the quarterly budget to bring it up to $400.00.

**AAI**

Starting Funds from last ASC $ 198.00

Payment of 3 books $ (48.00)

Credit applied to purchase $ ‐

**Funds Available $ 150.00**

**TBRCNA 14** – As of last quarter, I was holding $1,265.00 in Preregistration money for TBRCNA 14. Now that

**TBRCNA 13** has been reconciled, the profit difference and what I was holding was about the same. So I just

absorbed the money I was holding and will need to collect $76.40 from the Convention Account, bringing their

starting cash to $11,265.00. Last quarter I reported that I owed TBRNA 14’s account the money, but I had

forgotten to deduct the amount of sales tax I had paid towards TBRCNA 13’s taxable merchandise from the Service

Account already. This is why the Convention Account owes the Service Account instead. I already called Melody

W., the TBRCNA 14 Treasurer, and let her know to bring the checkbook. We are planning to go over her books

today anyway.

**Sales Tax Report** – The 2nd Quarter Sales Tax Report was mailed timely, by standard mail. I was not aware of any taxable sales during the second quarter, so I submitted a Zero sales report. I did not feel it was necessary to send this one Certified Mail.

**Mailbox** – Michael discovered that Postnet had given us our annual bill for the PO Box after only 9 months, and

had not calculated the 3 free month’s that we should have received for paying our PO Box in full for an entire year. Way to go Michael! I’m going to contact them because I think they did this last year too.

**Archives** – with everything going on at work, I haven’t done anything with the Archives. What I am thinking is

that, after electing your new treasurer, I’d like to keep a lot of the file boxes I currently have in order to start the

scanning process. I’m going to work backwards, scanning first what I need to give the new treasurer, hand those

off , and then keep scanning what remains. I’m hoping I can talk one of the CAC members to assist me, since 4 or

5 of the boxes are Convention Archives. Of course, this is all with the Regions approval. It’s just that it’s a lot of

stuff, and it’s hard to do that and the Treasury position too. I’m finally seeing a light at the end of the tunnel at

work, so by the time I need to turn over the files, I should have them scanned.

**Documentation of Procedures** – as I’ve been doing the books for this last quarter, I’ve been documenting

everything I do, when I do it, and how to do it. I’m doing this so your new Treasurer will have written guidelines

on how I’ve been taking care of the books (don’t judge me from this quarter.!!). I’m going to continue the process

this quarter as well.

In Loving Service,

LeAnn K.

TBRNA Treasurer

BTW…if anybody needs to get a hold of me….call me! I’ve been working up to 60 hours a week lately, so I

haven’t looked at my personal e-mail (or Facebook) very often. I do check it periodically, but not daily. You may

have to leave a message during the day, but I’ll call you back that evening….or just call me again!!

Todd – asked where do the funds go from here. LeAnn explained from the $46353.86 balance, we pay expenses for the RSC, PI, H&I, Literature budgets…so by the end of the RSC today, we will know where we are with our cash flow.

CBANA mails in their donation – but hasn’t received their receipt for a donation for about $1200. Asked for a receipt. However, the donation is not reflecting on the income portion of the report. LeAnn says a receipt wasn’t mailed because it wasn’t received

Prudent reserve is $1500 for WSC and $1500 SZF and service account for total of $3000.00

Esteban – received a couple of letters and had a check, not related to H&I – he will get with LeAnn tomorrow.

Break for lunch – 11:47pm, meet back at 1pm.

Back from lunch 1:25pm

Opened w/serenity prayer

**Policy – Brian S.** – Sent current TBRNA Policy and Policy Log to TBRNA body prior to meeting.

Comment: – website still has 2012 policy posted. Brian will ask webservant to post May 2013 version.

**Literature Report – Lynn S.** – absent with notice. Written report submitted.

**PI Report – Dianna H.** – was here, left early. Written report submitted.

Public Relations/Information Report

August 10, 2013

Again, not a lot has been going on since our last report to TBRNA. We are still available to the areas

within the region to come out and assist in any aspect of Narcotics Anonymous that we can.

An event (**Recovery Oriented Systems of Care) –** a community collaborations and

partnership, including governmental agencies at all levels, to ensure the continuum

of care available for other chronic care diseases for persons affected by substance

use disorders. was brought to Regions attention by a concerned member. We on the

subcommittee appreciate this information. We were unable to attend this event in August in

Corpus Christi; however, we are planning and informing the areas that this event will be held in the

rest of the year.

 8/14/13 Beaumont

 8/16/13 San Antonio

 8/23/13 Galveston

 8/23/13 Austin / San Marcos

 8/30/13 Houston

For more information areas can go to: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/substance‐abuse/ROSC/

Also, a Service Appreciation Day event was held in CTANA last weekend that I was unable to attend

due to my son being flown home from Los Angeles last minute. My apologies to CTANA. Esteban

took up the slack and moved a PI replacement speaker in … that is how H&I and Public Information

work together 

Regional Public Relations / Information have had low attendance since I assumed this

responsibility approximately three years ago. Our brick and mortar meetings had about three

areas in regular attendance, so as a subcommittee we opted for monthly online meetings which the

initial meetings started with a bang and gradually died out. We then transitioned to eight meetings

a year which is where we are now. The past three meetings have had no attendees. There is also a

problem of not being able to elect / keep a Co‐Fac because there has been no willing participant and

there is no funding for the Co‐Fac to attend the Region. Currently we are looking at our options and

what is best for the fellowship at large. We are entertaining the thought of moving towards a type

of ongoing online Tejas Bluebonnet Regional PR/PI subcommittee with ongoing area outreach and

project based service. Which would operate something like either a Facebook secret page, a Yahoo

Group or perhaps a Google Group, with only PR/PI issues, questions, training information that all

members / areas could participate in the discussion and input or information and answers to PR

problems and questions.

Finally, WSO is hosting online webinars / sharing experiences, and we would like to encourage area

and regional chairpersons to participate. The areas of service we would like to bring together are

conventions, H&I, and PR. If you would like to join us and discuss issues and solutions with others

who are serving in these areas, please send your name, email address, trusted servant position, and

region and/or area to events@na.org for conventions; HandI@na.org for H&I servants; and

PR@na.org for PR/PI trusted servants.

Diana M, TBRPI Facilitator

publicinfo@tbrna.org or (409) 377-2004 **TBRCNA14 – Dawn E**. – will send written report tomorrow.

Lack recorder for committee.

Received checkbook today from treasurer.

$10,815.00

Only 100 pre-convention T-shirts are available - $20 each.

20th year of TBRNA, 14th year of convention.

Have had volunteers, but they have limited experience, but working with them.

Emerald Beach Hotel will host the committee

Room block allocated, reservations can be made – call now – encourage it!

Looking at different options for entertainment

Really looking for artwork for “Living the Dream in 2014” – new deadline is now 9/30/2013.

[dawnedwr@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnedwr@yahoo.com)

Hotel just finalized the phone number, logo, etc. on Friday 8/9/13.

**H&I Report – Esteban** R.– **An H&I blank report form was mailed out to all Areas and 3 - Central Texas, Esperanza and** Texas Tri-County responded.

Esteban read those reports and will submit compilation report following RSC.

* Any TDCJ training – when completed, TDCJ will not notify of approvals, participants have to call a number in Huntsville to check on approvals.
* Update on Writing Steps for Recovery on creating a standing committee – see report and proposed guidelines.

**Question** – is it required to be a TDCJ volunteer to be a Step Guide? No, per Esteban.

Received 14 letters requesting books, 6 also asked for sponsorship.

**Question -** It was asked if this committee currently has volunteers? Yes.

**Question -** Would it need a budget? Yes – for office supplies, copies, postage.

**Question** – what literature would be provided?

**Question** – suggested to re-visit the clean time requirement of 1 day to have worked the steps to be a Step Guide…minimum 3 years. The 1 day requirement applies to be able to be a member of the committee.

**Question** – suggested something be put in the guidelines to let the inmates know if they participate in this program, it doesn’t mean they will get paroled earlier. This is not affiliated with parole or probation – what they do with it is up to them.

**Question** – why not combine this committee with AAI? The duties and responsibilities of each subcommittee are different. This is not specifically and H&I function.

**Question** – has the Regional H&I person coordinated with Area H&I’s? Should we take these guidelines back to our Areas? Yes – the Regional sub-committee was asked for their input, and it was disseminated at the last Regional sub-committee.

**Question** – has this sub-committee thought about creating an informational packet for the fellowship? Working steps is sponsorship…it doesn’t have to be called something else. Suggested the guidelines be used in a different way. Answer – if it happens the NA way – then the person could be compromised. This is guidance- not sponsorship. Comment – if we take the message in – then we send a confusing message.

**Comment** – use this as a single project – to create the guidelines and then it is done. Answer – If the members are willing to participate in this project, ask them to participate in H&I standing committee.

**Comment** – so, if we are talking about sending in copies of steps, can we do this legally? Not sure about the legal aspects. Esteban will check with WSO specifically about photocopies of the steps.

**Comment** – use the CD version of the Step Working Guide – can print out only the questions and save $$. May cause confusion about sponsorship regarding face to face vs. through the mail. Doesn’t like the idea of different classes of sponsors. But does like the idea of bridging the gap.

**Comment** – Suggest providing different materials to inmates to support them – like schedules, other information about recovery and send the guidelines created to members interested in participating. Esteban – wants the guys behind the walls to experience the freedom we on the outside have.

**Comment** – sponsorship teaches honesty, communication, caring. Doing it another way, how can we create a spiritual relationship with a piece of paper? It is understood that when a letter or piece of paper is received when an inmate – it is an intimate interaction.

**Suggested taking this information** back to the Area to H&I committees and discuss further – bring it back for further discussion in November.

**Comment –** guidelines on how to work a recovery program with a basic text would help a lot and further the cause.

**AAI** – Robert - Absent with notice. Written report submitted.

Note: address to send requests for texts:

6425 S I – 35 #105-PMB105

Austin, TX 78744

**Adopt An Inmate Report August 10, 2013**

Hello Everyone!!! As always it is an absolute privilege to be of service to our region and to NA as a whole. Being of service is never a chore when you are doing something you love and believe in. My goal as AAI Facilitator is to continue to work harmoniously within the TBR, to stay within the proposed budget, and most importantly to provide literature to the still suffering addict behind the walls. An Adopt An Inmate flyer is available to distribute to our PI/PR facilitator, our H&I facilitator and to anyone and anywhere else were it would be prudent.

In this last quarter there were a total of 15 copies of the Basic Text sent to 8 different facilities. There were 4 copies of the Basic Text were sent to Plane State Jail, 2 BTs were sent to the Woodman Unit, and 3 BTs were sent to Dominguez State Jail. Two Basic Texts were sent out to the Lockhart Unit. The following facilities each had one copy of the Basic Text sent out this last quarter: Lopez State jail, Clements Unit, Pack Unit, and Garza West Unit.

Big thanks to Michael S from CTANA for checking the mail more often and getting the mail down to us in San Antonio quite expeditiously. I’m sure the inmates appreciate the quick turnaround from the time they send their letters out until the time they have a beautiful 6th edition in their hands. And thanks to LeAnn for helping me to insure that I do stay within budget. Also I did fill another order of 8 more BTs, but I did so after this quarters treasury account was reconciled so they will be part of my next quarterly report

IN LOVING SERVICE,

Robert R

**CAC Report – Monika V.** – verbal report given, written report to be submitted tomorrow. (Report received and attached):

**Written report submitted following RSC**:

Convention Advisory Committee

RSC-August 10, 2013

TBRCNA 14 - The latest item we have to obtain from the hotel is an online booking link. The previous hotel name, Holiday Inn Emerald Beach, has been changed to The Emerald Beach Hotel. The new logo and photos have been sent to Dawn to have added to the website. There are no contractual changes. However, because of the internal changes, this has delayed acquiring the link. Everyone is encouraged to make old school reservations, in other words, by phone until a link is issued.

TBRCNA 15 / 16 – We are in negotiations with two hotel brands. Both are good contenders—the Embassy and Omni Hotels. It is more of a matter of whether we will be in one location 2 years in a row in San Marcos at the Embassy, or if we will use Omni Hotels in San Antonio, then South Austin.

Love to serve, Monika V

**Verbal report provided at RSC:**

No contractual changes, but late delivery in logo and changed name…..reservations can now be made.

Reference “Tejas Bluebonnet”. Rate is available 2-day pre and post event @ $85 single/double rate per night.

Southern Zonal Forum 1/24 (Friday) -1/24/13–Hilton Houston location - $79 rate/single/double. Reservations

#866-577-1154refer to Southern Zonal Forum Group to receive the rate.

2015 – Esperanza Area

2016 – Hill Country

If we could book 2 years at a time, it would help us financially – to lock in rates.

TBRNA – we are new business to the Omni brand and we are getting a few more concessions.

Comment – is there a price difference, what is the “deal”? Embassy - $125, Omni $117, $119

The pick-up: we purchase a 150 room block so we must meet 80% of that block in order to receive the comped

meeting rooms. Food and Beverage (F&B) minimum (banquet) is $8K at South Austin.

Embassy has complimentary breakfast, Omni does not.

Does F&B include coffee? No.

Discussion about having one hotel for two years or two different locations. More support for two different

locations.

Is there a certain amount of $$ that we save for booking at one or another?

Not a definitive number except for $1250 for the complimentary rooms for meeting space offered by Omni.

CAC is asking for input only.

How does the hotel section happen? The CAC – looks at how to capitalize on getting the most value for TBRNA.

Send out bids city wide to Corpus Christi. And we have to consider capability of hotels in the areas vs. price.

Comment – need to consider asking for discounts on Audio/Visual package.

Comment – mentioned a convention book…compiling historical information. Convention committee has to

develop a better tool. Convention committee has developed tools, but the tools haven’t been able to be used

by the convention committees. So when will we have these guidelines?

**Open Discussion**

**Learning day suggestions: Area inventory planning tools and building home groups, CAC**

Vote taken – 1 for CAC book, 7 for strengthening home groups keeping in mind if the completion of

the new SSP (Service System Proposal).

Comment – requested update from CAC about a “book”.

Comment – purpose of CAC is getting confused. One purpose – to negotiate hotels, 2nd – provide

outline on what, when and how to order and organize a convention, 3rd – to provide written guidelines.

Comment – proposal made to bring to learning days – “Changing the Culture of Service in Narcotics

Anonymous”. What does this mean? Currently our culture of service that brings us results of 5% of our

members doing service and all the work. The groups individually don’t believe they are responsible for

moving NA forward. So, how can we increase involvement and counteract apathy throughout the

fellowship. Schedule is traditionally 10am – 2pm.

**No Old Business.**

**New Business:**

The Esperanza Area of Narcotics Anonymous has directed its RCM Team to introduce a Proposal to the Tejas

Bluebonnet Region. This Proposal is that only RCM’s have a vote at Region. This Proposal would require a Policy

Change:

VOTING AND PROPOSALS: Policy states that.

Voting and proposals are made by any Regional Trusted Servant (RCMs, Committee Chairs, RD, RDA or Administrative Committee members). Decisions will be made by consensus when possible. Otherwise, voting is done by a show of hands. TBRSC Facilitator votes only in the case of a tie. Co-facilitator is excluded from voting on all proposals before the RSC. The administrative Committee members shall have no vote on old business proposals which have been sent back to the areas for consideration. Positions of service are voted on by paper ballot or by hand if nominated individuals are not present. Majority is 1 plus half of the voting members (Regional Trusted Servants) present. Quorum is however many voting members are present (so business can always continue).

Policy to Read:

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Discussion:

Comment: how do we get around the 7th concept “about decision making process of the full

body”

Comment: concepts are part of a whole that is one part of the whole. But the proposal says the

votes of the RCM’s are more spiritual than other members or trusted servants.

Comment: If the RCM’s take part in voting in the Administrative members, do we want to elect

people here who are not trusted.

Comment: the motion has nothing to do w/trust. It has to do with the intent “The final

responsibility and authority for NA services rest with the NA group.” But the 7th concept doesn’t

mention anything about voting.

Comment:

John S. – stepped up and then said he wants it to go back to the groups.

Comment: Question – at your ASC – does the executive board have votes at business

meetings? EANA – No, only GSR, HCANA – No, only GSRs, CBANA – Yes, CETANA – Yes,

HASCONA – Yes, SETANA – No, Northside Yes, Tri-County – GSR’s .

Comment: We elect people because we hold them in esteem.

Comment: Administrative votes – carry the same weight as one RD, a single person.

Comment: How do their Area’s vote? See above.

This will be old business in November and only RCM’s will vote.

**Proposed policy change by SETANA:**

“Money given to the Area hosting the regional meeting to be use as that Area sees fit they must

have receipts and be accountable.”

In the past, we’ve had an issue that people bought stuff that wasn’t related to RSC and the

Region decided we would only reimburse for facility rental and things that are directly related

to the RSC (pens, workshop materials, etc.) refreshments were not included.

Policy Chair – refers to page 4 of the Rental facility notes.

Policy Chair – page 11, item 3 – item #b: “meeting facility expense maximum - $150.00”\*

Change to “hosting Area reimbursement….”

Proposal change will require change to both parts of the policy.

Proposal was withdrawn. Suggested SETANA set a location where food could be brought in.

**CTANA – proposed to make a date set in stone for the definite creation of a convention timeline book**. Also to have the meetings publicize dates and times to allow for the fellowship to participate and to hold the committee accountable to its members.

Comment: Some parts aren’t a fixed thing.

Concern: That this is a closed meeting.

Comment: Isn’t the committee still meeting online?

Comment: CAC will begin publicizing their meeting times/places. CAC says they understand this is really needed. There are openings on the CAC. But can’t commit to a date that it will be done.

Goal is to have something to get to TBRCNA2014 by November RSC.

CAC started in 2009 – so at the next August RSC, rotation will begin. The TBRCNA2012

Facilitator did not participate so there is an opening.

Proposal was withdrawn:

CAC has been directed to return to November RSC with an update as to their progress and

possibly to have had a meeting, but with a report.

LeAnn suggested a break-out session with CAC and any other members following the RSC in

November to assist with the transition of the materials she has on hand and to provide to the

CAC and to answer questions and move this process forward.

**Nominations for volunteers for CAC:**

Ruben – declined.

Aaron – declined.

Ruben asked to review the qualification and rotation guidelines.

2 positions open and it is a 5 year requirement and minimum 7 year clean time requirement.

**$2,659.30 is the cash in reserve at this time.**

Comment: WSC pays for the RD’s to attend WSC.

**Question: Does the body want to send that $$ to world?**

Much discussion about how what and how much $$ to keep and why.

Comment: Be careful – next RSC is a two day conference – suggest sending $2000, and to hold $600 to

cover RSC expenses for the next RSC.

Comment: mentioned we have SZF expenses….

Consensus to send WSO $2000. No objections.

Took nominations for TBRCNA2015 – Ollie S. – qualified himself 10-15-1982 clean date.

* Active in NA since 1984
* Helped start new groups in San Marcos, Longview, Arlington,
* Helped start a new Area – Trinity River Area
* Involved in 6 conventions
  + 1st one in 1988
  + Served as GSR in multiple groups
  + Has management skills
  + Has been in the entertainment business 36 years
  + Team player
  + Participated in TSC in San Antonio
  + Sponsors convention chairs
  + Here to serve
* Left a service position due to kidney transplant
* Has not misappropriated any NA funds

Vote taken

(12 RCM 1 & 2’s), 8 Administrative = 20 total possible votes.

Ollie elected by consensus.

Brian volunteered for CAC – his term as Policy Facilitator ends in November. Please take that back to the groups.

Marty has the cash registers – and will give to LeAnn to give to Steve C.

Anyone opposed to the multi-zonal symposium?

Benefits? – longer, more learning topics, more interaction with other Zones, and possibly World Board members.

Final TBRCNA 13 Report read by Marty C.

Closed with serenity prayer.