



**TBRNA Regional Service Conference – August 12, 2023 – Hybrid Meeting**  
**Next Quarter TBRSC will be a hybrid meeting on November 11 , 2023**  
**in Northside Area of NA**

### The Record

Meeting opened after technical difficulties by Michael C. at 9:25am with a moment of silence followed by the readings of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts.

Service Work Prayer by Michael C.

New participants in attendance were Kamie H., Bart, Monica C., and Christina R.

#### Attendance

#### Servants

Facilitator	Michael C.	Present	Present
Co-Facilitator	Chris H.	Absent w/notice	
Treasurer	Kent L.	Present	Present
Co-Treasurer	Tom K.	Present	Present
Regional Delegate	Steven P.	Present	Present
Regional Delegate Alternate	Ruben P.	Present	Present
Recorder	Esteban R.	Present	Present
Adopt an Inmate Facilitator	Herb M.	Present	
Convention 2024 Facilitator	Tom M.		
Standing Convention Committee Member	Michael S.	Present	Present
Standing Convention Committee Member	Susen GB	Present	Present
Standing Convention Committee Member	Randie B.	Present	Present
Hospitals & Institutions Facilitator	Richard T.	Present	Present
Internet Technology Facilitator	Steve S.	Present	Present
Literature Review Facilitator	Lynn S.	Present	Present
Policy Facilitator	Megan H..	Present	Present
Public Relations Facilitator	Patsy P.	Present	Present
Service Pool Facilitator	Michael S.	Present	Present
NA.Tex	Randie B.	Present	Present
Ad Hoc Sponsorship Behind the Walls	Susen GB	Present	Present

**Attendance**

**Area Representatives**

	Brazos Valley Area			
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	Central Texas Area	Cleto M.	Present	Present
	Central Texas Area	David P.	Present	Present
	Coastal Bend Area	Mario V.	Present	Present
	Coastal Bend Area	Tom M.		
	Esperanza Area	Jesse D.	Present	Present
	Esperanza Area	Gary L.		
	Freedom Area	Chris C.	Present	Present
	Freedom Area	Laura S.	Present	Present
	Hill Country Area	Shan O.	Present	Present
	Hill Country Area	Brian B.	Present	Present
	Houston Area	Sarah H.	Present	Present
	Houston Area	Hurshell C/ Henry H.	Present	Present
	Northside Area	Shawn P	Present	Present
	Northside Area	Paul C.	Present	
	Rio Grande Valley Area	Rebekah L.	Present	
	Rio Grande Valley Area			
	Southeast Texas Area	Micah J.	Present	Present
	Southeast Texas Area	Paulina G.	Present	
	Texas Tri-County Area	Bryan B.	Present	Present
	Texas Tri-County Area	Jamie	Present	Present

**Elections:**

Public Relations Facilitator – Patsy P. **Consensus**

TBRCNA 2025 – Kamie H. – Qualified herself.

**Discussion and questions.** Wants to do this position because she is willing to be of service for TBRCNA and the Region and most importantly, to fulfill our primary purpose and also recognizes that having a regional convention and as our literature mentions that there are times where 7th Tradition from groups and various entities within our service structure do not supplement everything we need to do, so being able to be of service in that manner and help the various committees in that form is an area that is my passion. I enjoy being able to see our region come together in unity.

**Discussion:** Question whether or not this went back to the groups because in the Guidelines (Policy?) this isn't done till November.

Policy actually states that election is done in August.

We use the Regional Policy for this election and not the newly adopted guidelines.

There is a conflict between the new convention guidelines and Regional Policy so there's a need to change the convention guidelines. Regional Policy takes precedent over convention guidelines.

Convention Guidelines needs to be corrected in order to follow Regional Policy.

When Convention Guidelines were updated and changed, those changes should've been carried over to the Regional Policy and it's not being reflected anywhere. In the Roll Call, the CAC is still being asked if they are present and a whole lotta stuff that hasn't been changed since those guidelines were approved.

Question was asked that how many RCMs discussed this at their ASCs that this nomination was being brought forward and be voted on today at this RSC because of a possibility of having another nomination and then we have more conflict.

And we don't have to do it today. This convention is more that a year away.

**RCM wants to take this back** to Esperanza Area.

Discussion continued with questions about why we're not voting today.

In November, we will have elections for convention facilitator, co-facilitator and treasurer.

**Regional Facilitator has sent this back to the Areas as per policy.**

Kamie is willing to come back to the next RSC.

Facilitator Michael addressed the issue of the conflict between the convention guidelines and the regional policy and to have them corrected.

### **Delegate Team Report:**

#### **Regional Delegate:** Steven P

In July there was a conference participant's webinar. Mostly we spent time in small groups discussing the independent discussion topics (IDT's,) concerning predatory behavior and inclusive language. I was in group #2 and Ruben was in group #9. The notes from all the groups are 20 pages long, and they will be included as a separate email to all at the Region.

As far as predatory behavior all of the groups seemed to agree on a few things.

- The one idea that was universally presented in every small group was seeking to address the issues by educating members of the fellowship.
- Perhaps making changes in the service pamphlet (SP 2204) on Disruptive and Violent Behavior that will address predatory behavior more specifically; or by creating a different piece of literature discussing predatory behavior in depth.
- Using workshops to discuss the matters and educating the fellowship.

As far as gender-neutral and inclusive language a few ideas were mentioned almost universally. To me it appears that a percentage of the fellowship totally supports the idea of providing inclusive language, and that a percentage does not want to even entertain the notion.

The majority of those present seemed to be accepting of the idea but they had specific concerns and sticking points that got the small group mired in details and searching for solution. This resulted in:

- Much discussion about what those changes would entail, and how they could be implemented.
- What impact would these possible changes in our literature have on gender specific languages?

On non-gender specific languages? On various cultures around the world?

- What impact would these changes have in parts of the world where the governments are not accepting of non-binary people, or where non-hetero relations are actually illegal?

Are there any questions about my report? Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Steven P. TBR RD

*Discussion on report.*

#### **Regional Delegate Alternate:** Ruben P.

Let me begin by saying that I have a few things to report. I have asked Chris the Co-Fac. to allow me extra time to present my report.

I want the body to considering giving the RD team more time to give our report. As we go into the next phase, we will be receiving a lot of information that we will need to present. The 15 minutes will not be enough time.

→ Let me begin with, that I attended the Mid-West Zonal forum on July 9. The collaboration of the US zones consisted of action plan tasking, survey updates, website, domain testing and the next steps. What we need from our region is to go to <https://usa-na.org/tell-us-what-you-think/> . Chris will put on screen.

o When you go to the link, select Resource for NA members tab, then select Tell Us What you think tab. As you can see we are already apart of this. Answer the questions as a member. It will give you information on the zone. How it was formed and what its goals are. Please share with your areas and groups. The more votes that are received will allow for a better conscious for the US Zones. As we move forward. Please remember to not share with the public this is only for NA members.

→ The next event I attended was the NATexas.org committee meeting. We are submitting a proposal. I can read the proposal or we can wait until new business or discuss it now. Along with the proposal are the guidelines from the committee. Members created the guidelines. If you have any questions, Randie B. will have more details.

→ I attended the SZF on July 28-30. I also attended the PR for Professional Event on Friday morning. It appears they had a good turnout. There were questions regarding who should and should not attend. There were several members from this region who did not agree with that decision. I will voice my concerns as we move forward this.

o Several items came up one of them was the Volunteer region has decided to not donate to the SZF because it is not a 501.3c. Therefore, the donations are illegal. We are in the process of rectifying this in the future. We need to consider how we are donating to SZF. That would be a question for the Treasurer.

o There were several regions in the zone with service issues and concerns with what the SZF is doing.

o We filled all empty administrative positions at the SZF.

o On Sunday, we did a workshop that was an extension of the conference participate meeting on the two issues discussions topics. I am proud to say our region was represented unlike the other regions.

o There are concerns regarding lack of participation by the SZF trusted servants. Other members have voiced their concerns in the communication channels we use at the zone.

o We will be conducting an inventory at the MZSS for the zone. We will use an outside participate to facilitate. More will be revealed.

→ I attended the CP meeting on July 22. The primary focus for the CP meeting were the two issue discussion topics.

We were asked to participate in small group on both topics.

o Topic 1: Dealing with disruptive and predatory behavior.

o Topic 2: Gender neutral and inclusive language in NA literature.

o I have notes that are attached to the report from the WSC. I attended Group 9.

o Soon we will be giving a series of questions that we will workshop through the region. I have asked Lynn to assist with this task. We will get information soon and will send it out the fellowship.

o Some of you may have received the 120 Day Notice for NA Survival Kit. For information on this project go to <https://www.na.org/?ID=legal-bulletins-fipt> and select 120 Day Notice for NA Survival Kit. See link below. <http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/NA%20Survival%20Kit.pdf> If you have any comments you can send them to [WB@na.org](mailto:WB@na.org) by November 26..

♣ This is letting the fellowship know that it plans to bundle steps from NA books. Three different books, which contain information about the steps. We are proposing to bundle this material into a box set called NA Survival Kit. It will include sections from the Basic Text Chapter, How It Works, It

Works How and Why, and questions from the Step Working Guide with numbers instead of bullet points.

♣ (CAR/CAT 2023)

♣ There will be two CP meetings on September 23 and November 18 that we will attend. There will be CP meetings held every other month until 2025 until we go to the interim conference.

→ I would like to ask members to complete the form using the link and answer the questions.

[https://naws.formstack.com/forms/volunteer\\_form](https://naws.formstack.com/forms/volunteer_form). We are short staffed at NAWS, as the heading said, opportunity to help. Please take this back and get your area involved and maybe as we are sitting here today some of you could fill it out.

→ WCNA 38, Power of Love will be held on August 29-September 1, 2024 in Washington DC. The last quarter of the calendar year, we will have updated registration, hotel, and etc. information by the end of the year.

→ Also by the end of the year, the local fellowship will be contacted by NAWS, Finding a meeting search. NAWS will no longer update the online directory. They will still manage the virtual meeting directory. When updates are requested, they will return to the local fellowship to update their meeting information. Instructions will be provided. When we receive the time frame and details I will let everyone know.

→ The last thing I would like to report is I attended the first Saturday afternoon meeting held at the Kickapoo Nation in Uvalde, TX on June 10. Fourteen people attended the meeting. It was an incredible, spirit-filled experience. In the past, we have tried to connect with the addicts in that part of the state when we were connecting with the addicts in Mexico. There appears to be a need for us to do PR/Outreach work. Last quarter we witnessed the Rio Grande disband their area service. As you can see, they are not here today. There are still meetings happening there. I contacted Rebecca whom we all know.

→ Last year we had the opportunity to conduct a workshop in conjunction with World Unity Day in Austin. A PR presentation was also part of the event. I will be asking for funding as part of my duties to conduct a workshop in the Rio Grande area in conjunction with the PR subcommittee. I will ask the PR subcommittee to conduct the PR portion of this event. We are hoping that someone picked up the PR presentation display; it will be nice to have it set up o that day.

o We have secured a room at the Abundant Grace Community Church, 2110 South McColl Road, Edinburg TX 78539 for the event. I believe this is where we had the last RSC in May.

o Here is the flyer for the WSO Unity Day event <https://www.na.org/?ID=nawsevents-event-reg> . I have attached a hard copy also.

o I believe the region gave me \$200 to put on this event. I will ask the Treasurer to double check. Travel monies will also be requested. I have equipment for use to log into the WSC Unity Day Event, which are projector, microphone, speaker and laptop.

→ Lastly, I would like to thank the CBANA Outreach subcommittee for doing an Outreach event to the Rio Grande area this past week.

→ I would like to request the following reimbursements:

**MZSS**

Airfare \$410.95

Hotel \$462.30

Pre-registration \$30

Per Diem \$200

**Total \$1103.25**

**Region**

Gas \$100.00

Hotel \$103.96

**Total \$203.96**

Thank you for allowing me to take up your time and allowing me to serve. ILS, Ruben P. AD  
**Proposal:** To reimburse RDA \$1103.25 for MZSS participation **Consensus**

- \*Attached to this report were the Guidelines for the NA Texas Website Committee.
- \*Also attached was a proposal: NATexas.org
- \*Attached to this report were flyers for World Unity Day; First Ever NA Website for the USA.

### Servant Reports:

**Facilitator:** Michael C.

**Co-Facilitator:** Chris H. –

Greetings,

Thank you for the honor of serving this committee and by extension each of you, your areas, and the addicts we serve. I feel privileged to serve on this committee, Thank you, each of you.

I promised Esteban that I would follow up with the written report I owed you before the conference.

I did not have much regional service during this last cycle. However I assisted Ruben and CTANA in a CBDM learning experience. We focused on the change in thinking from self to consensus and found new ways to guide that area away from Roberts's Rules thinking in a CBDM environment. It was wonderful.

The Texas State Convention Committee either did not meet, or did not inform me. However a mid-September meeting is scheduled. Let me know if you need the dates and info as they have slipped my mind at this writing.

I repeat, I am at your service. Call, even better Text or write me any time day or night. You might find me on Facebook, but not often, but I try to make up for that by keeping the FB messenger on most of the time. Yours, Chris H

**Treasurer:** Kent L.

#### **Check list for Treasurer**

All Donations Deposited   
within 7 days

Sales Tax Reported/ Paid   
(if Applicable)

Check Book Reconciled

Insurance Paid   
(if Applicable)

Pay AAI Lit. Invoices Qtrly   
(if Applicable)

Southern Zonal Donation   
(if Applicable)

**Prepare RSC Report**

include All	
"Account Activity"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Donation Record	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NAWS Contribution Receipt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Web File Receipt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Regional Insurance Receipt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(if Applicable)	
Bank Statements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checks to Naws	<input type="checkbox"/>
front & back	

### Quick Financial Glance

Starting Balance from last RSC:	\$13,765.55
All expenses paid out:	\$17,301.30
Total:	\$ (3,535.75)
All Income Received:	\$18,224.68
Total:	\$14,688.93
Minus our Prudent Reserve of \$7500,00:	\$ 7,500.00
Starting Balance for this RSC	<b>\$7,188.93</b>
SZF Qtr Donation	\$ 300.00
Literature hold for RGVANA per RSC 5/23	\$1,000.00
Total expenses plus income this RSC	\$1,300.00
<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$5,888.93</b>

RSC Working Balance	\$5,888.93
Prudent Reserve	\$7,500.00
Ending Balance	\$13,765.55

\*Spreadsheet Attached

Good Morning all@ TBRNA as of the Compiling of this report we have a working balance of \$7188.93. This is after deducting our Prudent Reserve of \$7500.00. I would also like to remind you all that last RSC we accepted a proposal to allow RGVANA to have up to \$1000.00 for Literature needs, I have not been contacted by anyone as of yet on this. I am moving it forward as a current projected expense.

We now have a few Areas utilizing Zelle as their form of sending Region their donation. I continue to encourage any Area to use Zelle if you can, as there is no fee to do so and it is deposited the same day. To locate region in your Zelle search for "Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee" by using our

email "[web@tbrna.org](mailto:web@tbrna.org)". as always feel free to contact me via phone or text at 512-844-4736.  
ILS Kent L.

**Recorder:** Esteban R.

The May 2023 RSC was sent out. Are there any corrections?

**Policy Facilitator:** Megan H.

Hi everyone, here is my report for the upcoming RSC meeting: Per passed proposals during RSC meeting in May, the following changes have been made to policy:

- Section 3: Proposals
  - Added to policy: Exception: Any proposals intended to be presented in the CAR as a motion at WSC will go back to areas for discussion.
- RCM TBRNA Service Guide added to policy as Appendix D
- Section 7.7: Committee Appropriations
  - Subcommittee budgets will be submitted each year at the August RSC or three months after election when filling a vacancy. This budget will be developed by considering past expenditures and upcoming plans.
  - Budget amounts will be recorded by the Treasurer and compared to fund requests.
- Section 8.2: Conference Planning February RSC
  - Added to policy: Administrative committee budget approval
  - RD, RDA and servants will submit estimated expenses for inclusion in administrative committee budget
- Section 8.4: Conference Planning August RSC
  - Added to policy: Subcommittee budget approval
  - Subcommittee facilitators will submit estimated annual expenditures for inclusion in subcommittee budget (including travel to RSC)

The passed proposal regarding budgets resulted in specific dollar amounts being removed from policy in multiple sections. Please refer to the attached draft of policy which includes comments to show what changes were made. The current final draft of policy (with changes included) is also attached. Both copies are on the website. Thank for you allowing me to serve, Megan H.

**Service Pool:**

Working with Tom K. this past quarter, we created a more user-friendly access for resume building on our website, TBRNA.ORG. Remember to click on the drop-down window under Service and follow a simple procedure.

Once you are registered as a "site member" complete your resume within the categories shown below. A member will also be able to edit, and/or update it at any time. Presently, there are 6 people who have



built their resumes online.

Privacy: Your information will be available to participants of the Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee (RSC members). In particular, RCMs may take it upon themselves to assist their Areas and the Region by reviewing resumes for open positions.

Personal Information \*

Recovery \*

Service History

Relevant Education, Occupation, and Life Experience

Any questions? ILS Michael S.

**Standing Convention Committee:** Michael S.

We, Randie B, and I have completed the contract for our Region's Convention in 2025.

TBRCNA 25, will be in Houston during Valentine's Day weekend.

Kent L., our treasurer, has already paid the deposit for the hotel.

Committee members such as Randie B., Vyki D., and I have been working with the convention committee for 2024: assisting in decision-making, giving our support, and providing information.

I am grateful to the Convention Committee for allowing me to be of service. ILS Michael S.

**TBRCNA 2024:** Tom M.

Dear Family, my apologies for not being present at region.

Things are moving along well with the 24 convention planing by mid next week we should have the banquet tickets available on the website.. if your area would like too host a event to support function please let me know In loving service tom m. Convention 24

**Central Texas:** Cleto M. & David P

CTANA Austin, Includes Surrounding Counties, Serving Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Fayette, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson County.

We hope all is well with everyone. Our meetings are basically going well. We have a couple of New Meetings and an influx of newcomers.

Our Unity and Enthusiasm is really showing in our members. CTANA has 39 groups with over 90 meetings a week. Our newest RFATX meeting place holds 18 meetings a week and are talking about adding some morning meetings, TBA.

Our donation to TBRNA for this quarter is \$626.69

H&I is currently in 10 Treatment Center Facilities and are looking at adding 1 more to our list, TBA. / Currently need 4 Co-Coordiators.

EVENTS:

- Miracles & Solutions is having their 30 yr. Anniversary. Aug. 31, Sept. 1 – 2

Holiday Inn Midtown, 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd. Austin, TX 78752

(See ctana.org for more information and Flyer)

- RFATX: 5555 N Lamar Blvd Suite J-103, Austin, TX 78751

Aug. 20, 2023, [https://ctana.org/event/70s-karaoke-and-pizza-night/?instance\\_id=7927](https://ctana.org/event/70s-karaoke-and-pizza-night/?instance_id=7927)

Aug. 20, 2023, <https://ctana.org/event/descadenados-22nd-anniversary-event/>

- New Way of Living Group Fish Fry/Cookout "GROW IN THE PARK"

Sep. 16, 2023, Johnson Park Marble Falls Pavilion 1 (Go to ctana.org for more info & Flyer)

- Another Chance Group Oldtimers Speaker Jam (Noon to 6:PM)

Sep. 23, 2023, 508 N Gray St. Killeen, TX 76541

Thank you for allowing us to be of service, RCM1 – 2 / Cleto M. & David P.

**Coastal Bend:** Mario V. –

Coastal Bend Area of Narcotics Anonymous has 24 groups and 63 meetings a week.

Lyman is our Facilitator

Richard is our Co-facilitator

Jason is our Treasurer

Leslie is our Recorder

Mario is our RCM1

Tom is our RCM2

Tiffany is our H&I

Carol is our Literature

Jolene is our Activities

Paul is our PI/PR

Victoria is our Policy

David is our RBS Chair

Our area just had a wonderful fun-filled fellowshipping Recovery By The Sea 39 and so the countdown has started and we are at 349 days til RBS 40. Our area has created a "Learning Day Dubcommittee" with more to be revealed. I'm sure we'll be asking for a workshop from our RDs, however we're still in the planning stages at this time. I would also like to report we took H&I back into the Three Rivers Federal Correctional Institution. If your area wants to have a time slot for Hospitality at TBRCNA, please take it back to your area and I'll have a sign-up sheet at the next regional meeting.

Thank you. In loving service, Mario V. RCM1

**Esperanza:** Jesse D.

Good morning everyone . I am happy to announce that all is well in the Esperanza Area. We currently have 51 groups carrying the message in our area. Our subcommittees are going strong fulfilling their purposes and we are looking forward to another Frolic (10/6/23-10/8/23@ Garner State park) and Area convention (1/12/23-1/14/23 at the Marriott Airport 77 NE loop410) We have got a Frolic pool party happening 8/26/23 at 5809 Homestead Parkway from 12-4pm Food fun swimming and fellowship! Hot dog and hamburger plates will be available. Suggested donation \$10.

We also have an EACNA support function 9/16/23 from 3-8 at 1018 East Grayson. We will have 4 speakers , bar b q plates, and a bingo night.

That is all I have to report. Thank you. In loving service Jesse D.

**Freedom:** Chris C.

Freedom Area thanks everyone for being in Alvin and those who are attending today's RSC.

We are doing well and still looking to expand our Area. We currently have 3 groups and have 6 meetings per week with an average attendance of 7 to 10 addicts each.

We would like to request that the Region donate 5 each of Basic Texts, It Works How and Why, Step Working Guide, Living Clean, Guide to Spiritual Principles and Just for Today books so we may pass them on to the Never Alone Deaf Group. Our current treasury can't cover this expense. Thank-you for the consideration.

In regards to the proposal brought back to the areas about Proposal section Exception. We came to a consensus to Block the proposal based on the NA Service Structure of an inverted triangle - Areas give Region direction. We also based this block on Traditions 5 and 9 and Concepts 2, 3, and 5. An

attachment with details is included. Light and Love to all! In Grateful Service, Chris C - RCM 1

**Hill Country:** Brian B Shan O

Hope this finds you all smiling, feeling loved, and inspired. Both Shan and I are excited to be coming to this coming RSC in person and giving and receiving the hugs and affection that have attracted so many of us to stay and grow in NA.

The Hill Country Area is going through so many positive changes and so much growth. Our area is now hosting 18 meetings per week, and there is at least 1 meeting for each day of the week. The amount of growth that has happened in our area over the last two years is humbling and a testament to the gifts of and hunger for Narcotics Anonymous in and around our area. Our trusted servant positions are filled.

**Past events:**

- Recovery on a River (ROAR) was yet another success. It was a well attended event and the speakers did a fantastic job of carrying the message.
- Our area co-hosted a Kickball event with the Esperanza Area that was also well attended, and everyone seemed to have a great time. It is always such a pleasure to fellowship with people we may not get to see all the time and remind ourselves that we are all connected and one.
- We also recently had a PR and H&I learning day that featured two guest speakers and was very informative.

**Upcoming Group Events:**

- Courage to Change, which meets Fridays at 3 Commercial Place, building 3, in Schertz has a birthday night on the 2nd Friday of each month. Please come out, celebrate, and let us all know how you did it! That group's 1 year anniversary will also be taking place on October 14th.
- Surrender to Win, which meets Sundays at 7pm at the Kyle VFW - 107 Veterans Drive, is now hosting its birthday night on the first Sunday of each month. It has been a big hit so far. Parking on the side of the building is limited, but there is parking in the back of the land that is open that is connected to an adjacent park.
- Women Do Recover, which meets Wednesdays at 7p at 790 Generations Drive, suite 515, in New Braunfels, will be celebrating their 1 year anniversary on October 18th from 6:30p-8:30p. There will be a potluck, as well as two fantastic speakers in Laura B and Michelle M.

**Upcoming Area Events**

- August 19th - Hill Country Area is hosting a night float from 7p-9p at Prince Solms Park in New Braunfels. Parking will be free at and after 7p. Floaters will need to bring their own tubes and glow sticks will be provided. There have been good turn outs for this event in the past and we would love to see you there!
- October 21 - We are hosting a night volleyball game from 6p-9p at Landa Park, 350 Aquatic Cir, New Braunfels. The event will be hosted right next to the pool. There will be fun, refreshments, and a speaker. A few people will also be celebrating milestones in their recovery.

The Hill Country Area has reached consensus and voted yes on the motion pertaining to making it mandatory for the RCMs to bring back motions with the intention of being submitted for the CAR back to the groups.

Our treasurer has relayed to me that our area is sending a donation of \$374.56 to the region.

Once again, we are excited to see everyone. In loving service, Shan O and Brian B

Attached are the flyers for the night float and the volleyball game.

**Houston:** Sarah H.

Good morning, everyone,

I am pleased to share an update on the efforts of the Houston Area of Narcotics Anonymous in fulfilling our primary purpose of helping the still suffering addict. We are excited to report significant progress

and expansion in our Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) facilities, reinforcing our commitment to making a positive impact on those in need.

Our commitment to helping the still suffering addict was recently underscored by the successful execution of the second annual multi-area H&I Learning Day. This event, hosted collaboratively by four areas—North Side, HASCONA, Tri-County, and SETANA—served as a testament to our dedication to carrying the message of recovery to addicts in various institutions.

The H&I Learning Day was a momentous occasion, bringing together volunteers from the aforementioned areas to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices in carrying the NA message to those who are incarcerated or otherwise confined. Through informative sessions, interactive workshops, and insightful discussions, attendees had the opportunity to learn from one another and enhance their ability to carry the message of hope, recovery, and fellowship to those who need it most. One of the most exciting highlights of the H&I Learning Day was the announcement of our expanded H&I facilities.

This expansion will enable us to reach even more individuals in need of support, compassion, and understanding. By collaborating across areas and pooling our resources, we are reinforcing our commitment to being of service and extending a helping hand to those who are still struggling with addiction.

It is through the selfless efforts of our members that we continue to fulfill our primary purpose and provide hope for those who may have lost their way. As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our mission to help the still suffering addict and to extend our outreach through the expanded H&I facilities. We are excited about the positive impact we will continue to make in the lives of those who are seeking recovery.

World Donations: \$35.29

Region Donations: \$70.58

Groups in the ASC: 30

Active Groups: 23

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SATURDAY AUGUST 12th , 1960 group will have their anniversary from 4-9 pm @ 1711 Cypress Creek Pkwy Houston, TX
- SATURDAY AUGUST 19 from 1-8 pm "UNITY DAY" Richmond, TX
- We have a learning day on September 9th that the RCM's will be hosting.

The primary focus of the Learning Day is informative and interactive with awareness on GSR/GSRA. How important is the connective tissue from Groups to ASC and vice versa.

For any further information on these celebrations please go to HASCONA.com.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to sharing more updates on our journey of service and recovery. In fellowship, RCM1 and RCM2

**Northside:** Ron P. –

We currently have 11 groups 33 meetings weekly meet. Our H&I is active in 3 prisons, 3 in Montgomery county jails and 2 in a treatment facility. Thank you.

**Rio Grande Valley:** Rebecca L.

Good Afternoon Yall,

This is an official notice, as stated last region, we have not had an area chair in over 3 months.

At this point we do not have anyone with the clean time or willingness to step up as area chair.

As patsy suggested, we can move forward with voting with our GSRs and use the groups conscience to help us with decision making, but we would like to reach out and see if we can have someone from region step up and help us further.

The next three training dates we will be voting on this Friday is for -Phoneline -Group service structure -Area service structure. -H&I

Probably 1 each month for the next four months, starting with phone and ending in H&I service. Is there someone who is willing to help us more hands on until we can get a better perspective about area service structure. We do have the service manual, but the couple of us that have read it over do not understand it enough to implement a sustainable structure or training.

Thank you for your continued support, as region witnessed this weekend, there is really only 4 of us doing the work down here and its the blind leading the blind. Myself included.

In loving service, Your favorite valley girl - Rebecca L.

**Southeast Texas:** Micah J.

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

### **H&I**

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

Trusted Servant Positions

- Facilitator : Bert
- RCM : Micah J.
- RCM 2 : Paulina G.
- Treasurer : Cindy B.
- Co-Treasurer : Amber B.
- Recorder : Adam D.
- H&I : Bryan A.
- Co H&I: Becky
- PI : Dave H.
- Activities : Teresa B.
- Outreach : Twana S.
- Co - Outreach : Marcus W.

Our second quarter Regional Donation was \$73.18

### **Area News**

Our new Area Policy was voted in at our June ASC. It took a lot of time and effort this past year to come up with guidelines and policy to best suit our area, but I know it will be worth the effort. A special thanks for region putting on a CBDM workshop last year to help get the ball rolling for SETANA.

Just for today had a successful speaker jam despite some last minute obstacles.

CCC's Relay For Recovery fundraiser for their beach bash had a great turn out as well.

We have no Area Concerns.

### **Upcoming Events**

SETACNA Comeback Bonfire September 9th, 2-9pm McFaddin Beach

Come be a part of and help us in bringing back SETACNA!! I'm attaching a flyer to my report! T-shirts can be preordered until August 15th for \$20 using the QR code on flyer. After that they will be \$25. QR code can also be used to preorder links or boudain at the event!!

**Texas Tri-County:** Jamie F. –

I am totally excited about being an RCM for the TRI COUNTY area and I am looking forward to getting to know and work with all of you Thank you for allowing me to be of service

1. Area Name TRI COUNTY
2. There are 14 groups in the area there is a total of 85 meetings a week.

3. AREA LEVEL TRUSTED SERVANT POSITION All area positions are full our Treasurer wants to step down but not until somebody steps up

4. AREA GROUP EVENTS the area has a lot going on right now. The last Dike meeting will be the first Saturday of September. There is a fish fry on Saturday August 12 at 5 pm at the Here and Now Group. The fish fry is for the TRI COUNTY CONVENTION which will be happening Nov the 3 through the 5th at the NASA Hilton. We are also getting ready to start the planning for the Queen of Hearts which will be held in Feb. This is an H and I fund raiser. The Clear Lake Group is starting to plan their 25 anniversary, we are having a tie dye fundraiser to help with our anniversary.

5. PROPOSAL Our Area voted that there was no need for any car motion to come back to the Area because that is what the RCM is for. We need to allow them to do their job. This was a unanimous decision.

Our Area unanimously supported the proposed RCM guidelines be added to the Region Policy per the motion.

6. DONATIONS TO REGION we have not made any donations to Region, there was an issue brought up by the former RCM that I do not wish to get into but a motion to start sending our donations back to Region is going to be brought up so that we are supporting the service structure.

Thank you for all me to be of service Jamie F \*Flyers attached to this report.

### ***Subcommittee Reports***

**Adopt An Inmate Facilitator:** Herb M. – Adopt An Inmate (AAI) sent out 21 basic texts and 1 It Works How and Why this quarter. I have been assured by Ron S. at HASO that all requests have been mailed out.

Please see attached letter from the John B. Connally Unit in Kenedy TX. The author is requesting 50 Basic Texts. Yours in Service, Herb M. \*Attached was a letter requesting Basic Texts.

**Internet Technology Facilitator:** Steve S.

Hello Family,

I'm not going to be able to make today's meeting because of a family emergency.

I'll try to get on zoom later today if possible. Not much to report other than a reminder that if your area uses Twilio for the Yap software your SMS(texting) feature may be suspended if you did not fill out the campaign for your service body. If you need help with this please contact me at [steve@californiasteve.com](mailto:steve@californiasteve.com) or (210) 279-9199

Here's the next IT Subcommittee meeting info Sept 13th 2023 at 7pm CDT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85619396995?pwd=Ly9JMk9sMzg2MG9hMExGbTM0TmdDUT09>

Steve S.

**Literature Review Facilitator:**

Hello from Literature Review!

Input is being collected for revising H&I Basics. You can fill out the survey at [na.org/survey](http://na.org/survey)

Let Your Voice Be Heard! Lynn S.

**Public Relations Facilitator:** Patsy P. –

Good Morning/Afternoon Everyone,

First, I would like to thank you for tasking me as the interim PR facilitator. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve this region again. Second, my apologies for the lengthy report.

Attached you will find the following documents:

- Email from May regarding the tasks that I completed in order to establish a connection with the PR facilitators within the region.
- May email follow-up, Minutes from the June and July PR meeting.

- Flyer for Upcoming PR Presentation Workshop (SZF).
- Take aways from the WSO PR meeting.
- Service Resume.

I want to thank the members of this region who attended the meetings and for their participation. Each meeting was structured to provide information and resources based on the consensus of the texts and emails I received from the May email listed above. Each meeting was a teaching/learning meeting for the people who attended and myself.

I asked Joseph N. from the CABANA area to assist me over the last three months with PR.

He was the past PR Facilitator for CTANA and has vast experience. He and I worked together at that time and I felt he would be a great resource for the committee and myself.

He has been an amazing help with contacting the PR facilitators by phone and email individually, participating in the meetings and supporting me in general. He also spoke at the Hill Country H&I/PR event in July.

I would also like to thank Ruben for answering all my calls, my endless questions and guidance on service for region and the SZF. (He always knows somebody who knows somebody for a contact).

At the July meeting, the consensus was for a PR meeting to be held on a monthly basis. This will allow continued training and provide resources as needed. My hope is that the resources that are shared will be passed on to other members who may be interested in PR work or who are not sure what services PR provides to the fellowship and the community.

It has been a busy time for me and I am grateful for the other opportunities to serve the fellowship and bring back the experiences to share with others. Below are meetings, trainings and upcoming workshops I have attended and will attend in the near future:

- On July 27, I attended the WSO PR Webinar for the first time. It was amazing to hear what other committees are doing in their regions/areas and the challenges and solutions that they have experienced regarding PR service work. Attached our takeaways from the meeting. (See attached).
- On July 29, I attended the SZF business meeting. I serve the PR and FD committees as the Communication Coordinator. Consensus was determined that I would attend the Multi Zonal Forum in Detroit along with the SZF PR Coordinator to assist with the PR for Professionals event on Friday morning, October 13 and attend the PR workshops on behalf of the SZF.
- o On July 30, I attended a workshop on Predatory Behavior that was conducted by the SZF. It was an interactive workshop. Useful information was presented for future use.
- I have been able to attend my area's PR subcommittee meetings and provide information as needed.
- August 5, I attended a virtual training for RCMs in TN. Useful information was provided, discussions were conducted and questions were answered regarding the process at their region's service meeting and the role of the RCMs. All materials presented was from "A Guide to Local Service". Major take away is that even when someone is a RCM we should not assume they understand their responsibilities to their area and region.
- September 16, (Saturday) @ 10.30am-12.30pm there will be a SZF Virtual PR Training Workshop everyone is welcome. Meeting ID 836 9212 9840, Passcode 121212. (Zoom). Flyer attached. PLEASE ANNOUNCE.

I would like to be considered for the PR Facilitator position during elections. I have the support of my home group and area. Surrender to Win (HG), Hill Country area.

In addition, Joseph N. is interested in being the Co-Facilitator for the PR committee.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve. Patsy P., Addict

\*Attached to this report were the Minutes from the PR Subcommittee Meetings, a Service Pool Resume and a SZF Flyer.

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Richard T. –

Good morning family.. this is my report for August 2023

As of now it's been kinda quiet from the areas needing help from our region.. I used \$150 of my budget to send to Central Texas H&I and I'm going to do a presentation at the TTC convention in November and I'm working with TBRCNA 24 about the behind the walls presentation in February.. if any area needs help in any way please let me know .. In loving service.. Richard T

### **Old Business: On-going Discussion –**

**NATEXAS.ORG** – Randie B.

We have Guidelines!

We have a proposal going to the 4 Regions.

Lone Star Region – September 19 (Henry)

Tejas Bluebonnet – August 12 (Ruben)

Best Little Region – August 5 (Krista)

Red River Region – August 1 st (BJ)

### **Next Steps:**

Gather emails now in Excel Spreadsheet preferred

Send individuals to these meeting that are interested in fulfilling these positions.

Next Meeting: August 21st @ 6:30 PM In loving service, Randie B.

### **Guidelines for NA Texas Website Committee**

Purpose of this Committee is to create an interface between the Service Committees in Texas with the public services (Hospitals and Institutions), the State of Texas and its citizens.

#### **HOW**

This Committee will meet regularly on Zoom or another platform if created. Business decisions should be determined by Consensus with a goal of 80% of membership.

#### **WHO**

Members

2 members of each Region identified in the State of Texas. Best Little Region, Lone Star Region, Tejas-Bluebonnet Region

1 member from Areas in the State of Texas that are attached to regions outside of Texas, El Paso Area or a member from Rio Grande Region, Okla-Tex Area or a member Red River Region

These members should have at least 3 years Clean time and willing to commit for a minimum of 3 years.

They should be elected or appointed by their local service committee. They may serve for 2 consecutive cycles. Repeated absences (2 consecutive or 50% of meetings in a year) will require resignation and notification of the region or area they represent.

Trusted Servants-

Facilitator- to call, conduct, and create an agenda for regular meetings of this committee.

Co-Facilitator- to assist and act in the absence of the Facilitator or as requested.

Secretary- to record minutes of the meetings and to send out notices of the next meetings. Minutes to be distributed within 2 weeks of the end of each meeting. Meeting should be recorded for back up, accuracy or distribution in lieu of written minutes.

Treasurer- to collect contributions from member service committees and to pay cost incurred. (Website, Zoom, and other projects as determined and approved by member regions and areas.

Website Coordinator- maintain integrity of the Website, and to assure that decisions made by the committee are implemented.

Public Relations and H&I Coordinator-



These TS members should have a minimum of 5 years clean and be willing to serve this position for at least 5 years. They may serve 2 consecutive cycles. These members may initially be a volunteer, or elected, and/or appointed by the Ad-hoc committee. Repeated absences (2 consecutive or 50% of meetings in a year) will require termination and a new trusted servant will be elected or appointed.

## **WHAT**

A website for NA Texas has been created. It will be the decisions made by this committee to determine what information is to be included. We have over the years been identified by individualized names with the autonomy offered in Narcotic Anonymous. We have found that lacking when attempting to interface with outside entities that interact with individuals who could benefit from contact with NA. We will create, maintain and/or support Public Relations activities that impact all meetings and service bodies in Texas.

## **HOW IT WILL WORK**

An Annual budget for activities will be submitted to all regions and areas. An annual contribution will be assessed to each region and area. Initially for startup funding we would ask that each region contribute \$400.00 and each area outside of a region \$100.00. A financial report will be sent to each region with a brief report of activities at the end of each year along with a proposed budget for the next year. A commitment to this source of funding will be required as there is no plans for other funding or fundraising. Any additional project will be proposed to all member regions and area with a budget and plan, and will require approval before the onset or undertaking of the project.

**Proposal:** That NA Texas Website Committee (NATexas.org) be a Standing Subcommittee. **Consensus**

**Proposal:** That this Subcommittee be directly funded with \$400. **Consensus**

\*Discussion on having H&I and PR on this committee.

Passed proposals during August RSC that will affect policy:

- NA Texas Website Committee has been added as a standing subcommittee
- Section 3: Proposals
  - No longer in policy: *Any proposals intended to be presented in the CAR as a motion at WSC will go back to areas for discussion.*
- Section 6: Regional Assembly
  - Guidelines for conducting business at the regional assembly has been changed to match WSC 3-year cycle
- Section 7: Financial
  - Hard numbers for admin & subcommittee budgets have been added back into policy

## **Open Discussion & New Business:**

Facilitator Michael C. requested a roll call.

Question about whether an Area can request to host a WSC? Steve S. provided the process of how it's done.

Discussion on what to do with literature in PR inventory. PR has discretion over literature in this pile of tubs to disseminate how they see fit and part of PR's responsibilities as it is understood.

**Treasurer's Update:** \$2,617.13 working balance  
-523.47 25% NAWS  
\$2093.66 New balance

**Recorder's Note:** Freedom introduced a Block to the Proposal submitted by Adopt an Inmate Facilitator and the recording of this RSC doesn't show where exactly this was discussed. Policy sent me an email that addresses this Block and the proposal was blocked.  
This discussion is not on the recording that was sent to me.

Record deciphered to the best of my ability – Esteban R.