



August Area Service Committee Minutes

August 3, 2025

Call To Order @

Meeting open by Sean F (Facilitator)

Reading of service prayer, traditions and concepts.

Roll Call

Executive Body	Servants	
Facilitator	Sean F	Present
Co-facilitator	Todd B	Present
Recorder	Toby	Present
Co-recorder	Chris M	Absent
Treasurer	Joey G	Present
Assistant Treasurer	Sydney	Present
RCMI	Karla L	Present
RCMII	Cecilia	Present
Subcommittees		
Activities	Allen E.	Present
Common Welfare	Anel J.	Present
H&I	Tasha	Present
Literature Bank	Sarah P.	Present
Assistant Literature Bank	Kathryn	Present
Policy	Robin	Present
Public Relations	Todd – Interim	Present

Groups	Attendance
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1. Another Chance	Y
2. Breakfast Club	Y
3. Choices	N
4. Clean and Free	N
5. Clean House	Y
6. Courage to Change	N
7. DesencadeNAdos	N
8. Eastside	Y
9. El Nuevo Camino	Y
10. Far Out	N
11. Freedom Group	Y
12. Here and Now	Y
13. Hill Country	Y
14. Just for Today	Y
15. Just for Tonight	Y
16. Manor Meeting Makers	Y
17. Men at Work	N
18. Miracles and Solutions	Y
19. More Will Be Revealed	Y
20. Never Alone	Y
21. New Beginnings	Y
22. New Hope	Y
23. New Way of Living	N
24. Non-Fiction Addiction	Y
25. Our Gift	N
26. Out and About	N
27. Primary Purpose	Y
28. Regeneration X	Y



29. Right Stuff	N
30. Searching and Fearless Women	Y
31. Serenity First	Y
32. Serenity the NA Way	N
33. South Austin Recovery	Y
34. Spiritual Mechanics	N
35. Spiritual Seekers	Y
36. Stay N Change	N
37. The Twelve Steps to Freedom	Y
38. Tuesday at Last	Y
39. Twisted Sisters	N
40. We Can	N
41. Willingness to Try	N
42. Young, Clean, and Free	Y
43. Get Lit	

Groups Active in Area 43

Groups Present:30

Number of groups for a consensus:

Last Month Minutes Approved @ 2:13 pm

I. OPEN FORUM

II. ADMINISTRATIVE BODY REPORTS

Facilitator – Sean F



Hello area,

Here we are again, living the first tradition. I am grateful for everyone that participates in our area as a whole to save the still suffering addict.

We will have one proposal on the agenda per last area, and we will come to a consensus on the proposal.

Here and now proposes becoming an officially identified ASL interpreted meeting. Here and now collects donations for ASL interpreters and is asking Area to supplement donations through a monthly invoice to Area in the amount of \$280-\$350 a month for 4-5 meetings. This will cover the cost of \$70 a meeting and will include time before and after the meeting for discussions.

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This proposal is seconded by Spiritual Seekers. Authored and submitted by Here and Now GSR- Noah M. Thank you, Sean FO,

To maintain a productive meeting and a respectful atmosphere during the CTANA Area Service (ASC), I want to call attention to section two of the CTANA Area Service Policy:

SECTION TWO: AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2.9 Mutual respect is the expected standard of conduct during the ASC meeting.

2.10 Some essential concepts regarding conduct are:

Remarks must be confined to clarifying and understanding the proposal.

We cannot repeat what's already been said during the proposal discussion.

Proposal discussions will be closed by the Facilitator.

Another member's motives may not be attacked.

To speak, please raise your hand to be recognized by the Facilitator.

Refrain from talking adversely about an idea that is not pending.

Refrain from speaking against your idea.

If the Facilitator interrupts, you must yield to the floor.

You must not disturb the body.

The Facilitator may implement a time limit on a particular subject with the consent of the ASC.

Report Concluded at 2:14pm

Co-Facilitator – Todd B

Hello, I am Todd, a recovering addict. I'm not saying I'm an expert, but I've probably done enough NA service to qualify as a professional, so should I resign or just keep on violating tradition 8?

This month I attended 2.33 of the 4 subcommittees, these small subcommittees are getting the job done, but more are needed.

PLEASE ANNOUNCE THIS AT MEETINGS YOU ATTEND:

Next Subcommittee Sunday will be August 31st @ RFATX.

- 1:00 Activities
- 2:00 Public Relations



- 3:00 H&I Orientation
- 3:30 H&I Business Meeting

Report concluded at 2:15pm

Recorder – Toby T

- Please speak clearly during the group reports
- Last month's meeting minutes

Report concluded at 2:16pm

Treasurer-Joey G

CHECK BOOK RECONCILIATION:

Chase ending balance per bank statement as of 07/31/25 is 14652.29.

There is an outstanding check for 50.00 written to Rise Recovery that has not been cashed yet.

(PER BANK ONLINE)

Pay Pal Balance as of 07/31/25 is 0.00.

(PER STATEMENT ONLINE)

Of the 14652.29 reconciled ending balance, 1750.00 is set aside for prudent reserve, and the outstanding check for 50.00, the available amount to spend in the Chase account is 12,852.29.

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 25 - 3162.40

CASH 7th Tradition - 1168.13 Pay Pal 7th Tradition - 922.09 Lit Bank- 1037.74

Area 7th Tradition - 25.00 Square T-Shirt Sales - 9.44

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 25 -1757.43

NAWS Lit Order - 828.79 Comptroller- 218.93

Extra Space Storage - 171.00 Phone.com - 35.47

RFATX - 200.00 Opty, LLC - 2.00

Twila - 20.00

Global Printing Solutions - 131.24 CK 4585 - 50.00

CK 4586 - 100.00

Hello All,



Nothing too exciting to report for this month. I did call and pay for the mailbox for another 6 months and that total was 246.00 and it'll show up on the August bank statement.

Questions-

Todd - this is the month we donate to the region.

Joey - \$621.18 15% of our 7th tradition - This check will be written today.

Report concluded at 2:22pm

RCM1 – Karla

*******Pending update report*******

Questions –

???? - What was the original budget, \$12000.

Taking conscience –

On proposal 1. raising the budget. No stand asides, consensus.

On proposal 2. raising the IT Budget, No stand aside, consensus

On proposal 3. making all virtual meetings except for one, No stand aside

On proposal 4. regional assembly moving to all virtual meetings. No stand aside.

Report concluded at 2:35pm

RCM 2 – Ceci

Proposal:

Change regional policy such that only the regional committee member (RCMs) is counted as voting members during consensus-based decision making (CBDM) when proposals are discussed at regional service committee (RSC) meetings for the Texas Bluebonnet



Region of Narcotics Anonymous (TBRNA). This includes both new and old business. Trusted servants are welcome to participate in discussing proposals, but RCMs carrying the conscience of their area are the only participants in the final decision-making process under CBDM. We do not propose any changes to TBRNA policy regarding how RCMs will vote.

Rationale:

The current May 2025 TBRNA policy states:

"Any Regional Trusted Servant (RCMs, Committee Chairs, RD, RDA or Administrative Committee members) except the Facilitator or Co-facilitator may have their voices heard on a decision. Decisions shall be made by CBDM when possible. Unless otherwise stated herein, consensus is defined as 80% or more of the participating members.

The Administrative Committee members and subcommittee chairs shall have no voice on old business proposals that have been sent back to the areas for consideration. Only RCMs will participate in decision-making on business proposals that have been sent back to the areas for consideration. Refer to section 2.2 for clarification."

This confers decision making power to individuals that are not RCMs when proposals are brought to the RSC. The current policy has been justified in the past based on the 7th concept of NA service, which states that "All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes". However, interpreting this concept as a justification for individuals who are not RCMs to participate in CBDM is misguided. The NA service structure is meant to ultimately serve individual addicts, whose voices and conscience are carried through the service hierarchy from groups to areas to regions. Consensus is reached at areas by group service representatives who carry the conscience of a group of addicts, and then RCMs carry that area's conscience to the region.

This begs the question: whose conscience is a regional trusted servant carrying if they are not an RCM? They do not represent a group or an area - they represent only their own conscience when they participate in CBDM. Those individuals already get to participate in the regional decision-making process by making their voice heard in their group, so how is it justified to give those individuals additional sway at the regional level? Their individual voice at RSC is held as equal with the voice of an RCM who carries the conscience of an entire area of recovering addicts. There are only nine areas in our region, and each area has one vote. However, there were 23 voting members of the region counted as present at the most recent RSC meeting in May of 2025 - see the image attached below of that record. The voices of our areas are outnumbered by individual people in service roles at the RSC. The second concept states that "The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups". The way that the groups make their voices heard is through GSRs and then through the RCM for their area. Drowning out their voices by giving decision making power to individual regional trusted servants violates this concept and goes against the spirit of how the NA service structure is built. The 12th concept states that "In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous, our structure should always be one of service, never of government." We must protect the integrity of our structure such that we ensure that we are serving the groups, not serving ourselves as trusted servants are the RSC.

This portion of TBRNA policy has been a source of contention for many years and has been changed many times before. Our hope is that if this proposal is accepted and put into policy, the policy document might include a footnote with the rationale for this policy.

Discussion

Allen - suggested limiting the wording.

Todd - Do you have another area that will join you?

Ceci - we have to have 20% of the RCMs to have the proposal sent back to homegroups.

Ceci - our challenge is to get this out of new business and into old business.

Anel - doesn't policy changes have to go back to the groups, no.

Groups have no issue with the proposal so far.

The more people from area at region to support this proposal. It's a hybrid meeting. This Saturday. Ceci will send out the link.

Report Concluded at 2:43pm



Policy – Robin

I have had no new changes to policy since our last meeting and there were no new GSRs last month for orientation.

Report Concluded at 2:45pm

Literature Bank – Sarah

Monthly Report:

- Beginning Inventory: \$4456.70
- Please pay by Money Order, or Cash under \$25 (Exact change).
- Lit Bank opens before Area begins (typically around 1:30 pm) and runs through the opening half of Area.
- Once Lit Bank is done processing all the orders, and turns money over to the Treasurer, Lit Bank is then closed - in order for Inventory may be taken.
- If you have not received your order by the end of Area, please come pick up your filled order at the literature.
- Our goal is to simplify Lit Bank operations, therefore 70+% of the work will be carried out on the day of Area.
 - We will only fill orders in the first half of Area.
 - We will typically process the NAWS order on the day of Area (or within a reasonable time frame).
 - Inventory will be conducted during Area (once money is turned over to the Treasurer).
 - We will not be accepting emergency orders. Any orders which are not in before the closing of Area will have to wait till the next Area meeting.

When ordering literature, please go to the CTANA.org website and go to "Downloads" at the top right hand of your screen. Then scroll down to "Service Area Group" files and choose "CTANA literature order form". When you are done filling out your order, please send it to literature@ctana.org. If you need help with ordering, get with us during Area, or email us. Our email is at the bottom of this form.

NAWS ORDER

NET order	\$841.70
Less Discount	-\$54.70
Shipping	\$72
TOTAL	\$858.99

Request from area.

*H&I Order (do not
need right way)
Thanks for letting
me be of service.

Lit Chair Sarah P e-mail: literature@ctana.org



Report Concluded at 2:50pm

Subcommittee Reports

Activities – Allen E

Good day addicts, here's the report of the last month. We met on July 27th.

Recap of the clean and creative event: the event was well attended and everyone had fun, enjoyed lots of incredible Talent and fellowship.

We took in \$138.00 in 7th tradition, \$55.00 cash on anniversary t shirt sales, and \$10.00 in square sales for a total of \$203.00.

Our next events will be –

- September 5th- "Unity Day Rave" with DJ Ximena! 9 pm till??? At RFATX
- September 6- World Unity Day- we will join the worldwide stream to join in the serenity prayer. Event goes from 10am till Noon.
- Recovery in the Park, September 27, 5-9 pm- we will join PR at their booth, come celebrate with us!
- October 11th-
- Clean and Creative- @ RISE recovery... flyers out soon
- November 1-
- Dia De Los Muertos Halloween dance and Sub Committee learning day- Costumes encouraged! Kids and adults' prizes! More will be revealed!!!

Holiday H&I book drive function date may change due to a scheduling conflict. Looking to move it one week in either direction dec 6 or 20th. stay tuned to your current channel!

In addendum I forgot to add we have 37 shirts left from the anniversary

Discussion

Allen will bring the money he forgot next month.

Allen is asking to keep money to spend on area events coming up before the next area.

Check issue to Allen for \$200 for supplies, Unity Day event, rave.

Report Concluded at 3:00pm

Common Welfare – Anel



We met on July 29th, I was out of town, and I want to thank Leanne for running the meeting. We are asking for this area for support at our subcommittee meetings as we move forward with planning future workshops for CTANA home groups. We meet the Tuesday before Area at 6pm, on Zoom. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 2nd, Zoom link can be found in the calendar on ctana.org.

On July 12th, we hosted a watch party for the World's webinar on predatory and disruptive behavior, and it was a success! We heard from areas and regions all over the world on what is considered the number one problem putting our fellowship at risk, according to the WSC. It was well attended with great conversations surrounding this topic.

During the webinar, we learned that the Asia Pacific Forum created an NA-approved pamphlet called "My Safety, Our Responsibility (In and Out of Meetings)". We are seeking approval to print copies to provide to each meeting, either through PR or otherwise. I have attached a copy of the pamphlet for your reference. Please let me know if you have any issues with the attachment, and I will send the link.

Will need to seek more information on cost.

I am seeking reimbursement of \$132.27 for the food and beverages.

Food/Costco	\$ 108.48
Sodas/Walgreens	\$ 23.79
Total	\$ 132.27

Link to the pamphlet <https://na.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Digital-Reading-My-Safety-Our-Responsibility-V5.pdf>

Report Concluded at 3:05pm

H&I – Tasha

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Positions that are open on the H&I Subcommittee:

- **Literature Coordinator**

Requirements are:

- 2 years clean, working the steps with an NA sponsor, and attending meetings.
- Must attend all H&I Subcommittee Meetings
- Is a 1-year commitment.

H&I Policy: [<https://ctana.org/HospitalsAndInstitutionsPolicyJuly2023.pdf>]

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We are always needing Volunteers:

Facility needing the most help now:

- Requirements to Volunteer for most Facilities are:
 - Minimum 6 months clean, working the steps with an NA sponsor, and attending meetings.
 - Must be orientated (only do once every 2 years)
 - Understand the NA clarity Statement!

H&I Orientation Packet: [<https://ctana.org/HospitalsAndInstitutionsOrientationPacketMay2023.pdf>]

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H&I Volunteer Service Opportunities (Facilities that need Speakers): [https://ctana.org/H-I-FACILITIES_09_24_2023.pdf]

(https://ctana.org/H-I-FACILITIES_09_24_2023.pdf)

New Map of H&I Facilities: [<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/4/edit?mid=1B0pKJgPotUiAqycTFN3i>]

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H&I Subcommittee Meeting Info:

- Meeting on the last Sunday of the month.
- Orientation is from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- Only come in for Orientation the one time.
- Next Subcommittee meeting, 08-31-2025 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

H&I Subcommittee Info and Virtual Link: [<https://ctana.org/committees/hospitals-and-institutions-subcommittee/>]

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H&I Literature Order Report: \$826.06 for this Month

Regional H&I PR Learning Day:

- Date: October 18th, 2025
- Location: 1203 Wirt Rd, Houston, TX
- Time: 12 pm - 5:30 pm
- Please bring desserts and condiments
- There will be a chili cook-off and Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
- There will also be a book drive.
- Will have PR and H&I Speakers from each Area.
- Everyone is welcome.

- Is there anything else you would like to adjust or add? 😊

Report Concluded at 3:13pm

Need co-facilitators for several facilities.



Public Relations – Todd

Here is the PR subcommittee Report:

-Web Servant report: Stephanie F is the coordinator. Email services have been changed to a different provider to save on costs and allow for more email forwarding.

-Phoneline Report- Tony C is the coordinator. We got 24 calls last month, and most of them came to him while he was in Europe. Only 7% of calls were missed. Caller Id is showing up as CTANA Yap on the phone of the phoneline volunteer, he is working on getting that changed.

-Fellowship Development Report- Tracy B. is coordinator. The meeting of the month is going to be More Will Be Revealed, and on Saturday August 16th there will be an event to go there as a large group. Fellowshiping before will start @ 5PM @ Bluebonnet café, with the meeting to follow @ 6:30PM. You can go to one or both events within this event. If any other meetings would like to be the meeting of the month for September, please reach out to Tracy.

***1--UPDATE: August 20, Taylor, TX Meeting 7:30pm. Chemistry Lab 6:30pm Ice Cream Before, Meeting is Willingness to Try. —**

Possible meeting at Caritas if anyone wants to start a new meeting.

-PI Report- Becky D. is the coordinator.

We were unable to represent CTANA at Austin Round Up. This event did not cost us anything, so we did not waste money, and we apologize for announcing we would attend, there was just some scheduling miscommunications that happened which prevented our volunteer from being able to attend.

We are looking at putting an ad in the Austin Chronicle. 3 months of quarter-pager ads will cost us \$1,500 total. Frank, our co-facilitator, is working on finalizing negotiations and the ad design to go up.

Austin Pride Festival is coming up on 8/23, and we will be needing volunteers to work at the booth. We are working on finalizing volunteers and details. We do plan to hand out stickers from last year as well as some that Sean Fo is having created and donated.

Recovery in the Park takes place Saturday 9/27 at Fair Market in East Austin. We will be doing this event in conjunction with Activities. This year, they allowed us to register for free. We are planning on getting the 3d photo/video booth that was at the anniversary. He cost for that is \$100. Here is a link if you'd like to register for yourself. It's pretty fun.
<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/ritp2025>

Newsletter Report

They are working on changing the publishing date to the first week of the month to allow more time for submissions. Also, looking forward to getting some printed versions available.

Need help with submission on Reflection.

Next meeting on August 31, 2025



Consensus on the \$1516 for four months on Ads for the Austin Chronical. Consensus passes at 3:33pm

Joey wants to pay Tony C passes at 3:33pm

Payment to PI for schedule

Welcome New GSRs

Group Reports

Cynthia – Searching and Fearless

Donation roll over, reports are amazing.

Michael – Our Gift Jarrell, TX

Good coffee needs support. just kind of fell off because there were only a few of us and after talking about it the other night we decided it doesn't matter whether y'all come or not we're going to start out with the basic text and when we get done with the basic text we're going to it works how I'm lying then we'll figure out what to do after that so you're welcome to come on out in country.

Tony, you mean you know two things our donation was \$150.00, and I don't know I've been trying to resubmit because mine didn't go through either.

Leonard – I got a call from the Home group member that was upset that the three before the meeting where everybody was going to be meeting was at the same time as our business meeting and we wanted to be able to host them and be able to meet the people coming out from the Austin area.

Dylan – Non-Fiction Addiction

our group has a secretary for the first time in four years supposedly so we're going to have two treatment centers that come out there sometimes it's like 4 of us sometimes like 25 so it's really cool I had a question from our treasurer is it possible for us to purchase literature outside of this area like from this building anytime during the month and that's a question from our treasurer sometimes.

Travis – Far Out group

Our building is demolished. New building built back. Will keep us updated.

Noah – Here and now

\$114 donation



\$138 collected for ASL

Allen – Freedom

Basic text tonight and also the last Sunday of the month we host the area wide birthday night for everyone who is celebrating in that month is welcome to come celebrate you do not have to be a home group member to attend and that's it thanks. We donated \$142.00.

Lynette – Miracles and Solutions

Need support for groups. Anniversary is coming up.

Old Business

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The amount is there to supplement the cost.

Anel – You raised approximately \$150; more donations will come out of the Venmo.

Questions

Dylan – talks about what his homegroup comments.

Allen – you can submit a proposal for a prudent reserve.

Leonard – when can we get this on the meeting list? Today

Stand aside – 2.

Proposal passes at 3:51pm

New Business –

Working on a new proposal.

Co-Recorder – has missed 3 meetings. Robin –two or meetings, the servant forfeits their positions.

Robin list duties of the recorder.



Elections

Co-Recorder – no nominations

Announcements

[Next ASC Meeting September 7, 2025](#)

[Meeting concluded at 4:08pm](#)