CENTRAL TEXAS AREA NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 2022

This meeting was held on July 10th virtually & in-person at 6809 Guadalupe St. Austin.

Meeting opened by Facilitator at 2:05pm. Moment of silence observed, followed by the service prayer, 12 traditions, and 12 concepts.

Attendance

Secretary took administrative, subcommittee chair, and group attendance.

Executive Body	<u>Servants</u>	
Facilitator	Todd B.	Present
Co-facilitator	Victor F.	Present
Secretary	Kristin G.	Present
Assistant Secretary	Nick F.	Present
Treasurer	James R.	Present
Assistant Treasurer	James M.	Present
Policy	Tony C.	Present
RCMI	Sean F.	Present
RCMII	Cleto	Present
Literature Bank	Billy G.	Present
Assistant Literature Bank	Richard D.	Present
Subcommittees		
Activities	Kevin B.	Present
H&I	Monica C.	Present
Public Relations	Scott P.	Present

Group	
Another Chance	Present
Austin Powerless	Present
Clean & Free	Present
Courage to Change	Present
DesencadeNAdos	Present
Desire to Stop Using	

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Eastside	Present
Far Out	Present
Free at Last	Present
Here & Now	Present
Hill Country	Present
Keep Coming Back	Present
Living Clean	
Men At Work	Present
Miracles & Solutions	Present
Never Alone	Present
New Beginnings	Present
New Hope	
New Way of Living	
Non-Fiction-Addiction	Present
Our Gift	Present
Out & About	Present
Primary Purpose	Present
Regeneration X	Present
Rhythm of Recovery	
Right Stuff	Present
Searching & Fearless	Present
Serenity in the Dark	
Serenity the NA Way	Present
Spiritual Foundation	
Spiritual Mechanics	Present
Spiritual Seekers	Present
Stay N Change	
Taylor NA	Present
The Journey Continues	
Twisted Sisters	
Why We Stay	Present
Wild with Flair	Present

28 groups present of 38 total. Consensus is ACHIEVED with 23.

Welcome New Groups and GSRs

Michael Spiritual Seekers

GSR

Open Discussion

Safe Atmospheres for Recovery

- Angela M. introduces topic for discussion. Predatory behavior in the rooms of NA.
- PR Chair reads Section 18 of CTANA Policy
- Solutions:
 - Adding preamble statement on predatory behavior to meeting homegroups
 - o ad hoc committee
 - o remove notebooks with phone numbers from groups

Facilitator creates ad hoc committee for safety and appoints Angela M. as chair

Approval of August Minutes

7Approved with corrections

Admin Report

Facilitator

Todd B.

- Moment of silence
- Serenity Prayer & Service Prayer
- 12 Traditions/12 Concepts
- Roll call/establish voting members
- Welcome new groups/new GSR's
- Open forum
- -Safe Atmospheres for Recovery
- Approval of previous ASC minutes
- · Admin Body Reports: Facilitator, Co-

Facilitator, Secretary, Treasurer,



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RCM I, RCM II

• Subcommittee reports: Activities,

H&I, Lit Bank, Policy, Public Relations

- · Group reports
- · Old business
- New business (Proposals)
- Elections: ALL POSITIONS FULL
- Announcements
- Next ASC: October 2, 2022
- Adjourn
- Closing Prayer

Co-Facilitator

Victor F.

Hello All

My first month as co-facilitator has been eventful. I attended the Unity Day event, and it was great to see both members from our local community and the NA fellowship at large. Thank you, Kevin, and the rest of the activities committee for a great event. Scott did a great PR orientation presentation. I hope we can do it again at another function this fall or winter. The Miracles and Solutions anniversary event had some powerful speakers that made me all weepy. Thank you, M&S.

I was able to attend both the H&I and PR subcommittees. Attendance seemed relatively low at both committees. I know I'm guilty of not being of service enough to all the subcommittees. They are such a vital part of getting the Narcotics Anonymous message out to still suffering addicts in facilities and society at large. I'm glad I attended and look forward to the next ones. I was not able to attend the activities, but I touched base with Kevin this week to check and see what has been happening for activities. We talked about the annual year end shindig and I'm really looking forward to that. That is going to take a lot of work and they will need support in the coming months. There are still some service opportunities in all the subcommittees. Activities needs a Treasurer and, as of the last meeting, PR needs an outreach coordinator and co-facilitator. I would like to ask GSRs to announce this



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at their homegroups as well as letting members know that all the subcommittees need support.

Finally, I and other members of NA, have concerns about some resent predatory behavior by some members of NA. I think it is important that we, as members of NA, look out for each other and make NA a safe and comfortable environment for recovering addicts. I have been personally told by people and groups outside the fellowship that NA has a reputation for predatory and inappropriate behavior. I have been told that some treatment centers won't take clients to NA meetings because of this. In the years I have been in the fellowship, I have witnessed this type of behavior and had to call members out on it. If newcomers are not coming to our meetings because they feel unsafe, it puts my recovery at risk. That is sad and frustrating. NA saved my life. I don't want NA to be tarnished by this. I know we must be careful about what is an NA issue and what is an outside issue, but we cannot just ignore it either. I don't have the answers on how to address this, but I have faith that as a fellowship we can make NA a safe and comfortable place for all members.

In loving service,

Victor F.

Recorder

Kristin G.

Proposal: to create registered agent to efile 2 forms Consensus Achieved

Treasurer

James R.

Beginning Balance \$8,598.76 Total Income \$1,829.55 Total Expenses \$3,591.20 Ending Balance \$6,837.11 Reserves \$2,484.34 Available Balance \$2,602.77 Net Group Donations \$1,146.46



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RCM	ΙI
Sean	FO

9/11/2022

CTANA RCM 1 Report Austin Texas

Dear Area:

Here we are again. The few, the grateful, and dedicated to carrying the message! I hope everyone has had a wonderful month. We have had a regional conference since last we met. So, here is the information to be shared.

The regional conference was nice, and it is always nice to hear other areas reporting growth, strength and unity.

There is a committee called the Service Pool, To which Michael S. is the facilitator. I have copied his email, and I am pasting it here in the report. World Services also uses a Service Pool. So, here is the information. The QR code will be included in the email. Thanks

There is a Service Resume online at tbrna.org. Log in or create user to access resume form under Service. Click on Service and drop down to Service Resume, click. Then create your resume then click on Submit Resume.

There is also access by using the QR code included in this report which will take you to the Service Resume site, Then Log In and fill out the resume. So now there is access by laptop, desktop or mobile.

Information requested is Personal Information, Recovery, Service History, and Relevant Education, Occupation, and Life Experience. Then click Submit Resume. We can also log in to edit our resumes.

There will be a link provided to me so that I can access the resumes to view and host open positions, a URL, so I that know when a resume has been submitted.

I will also send out Service Resume Forms, an URL and the QR code to the Fellowship and candidates regarding open positions. RCMs take this information to your Areas,



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please.
Michael S.
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New Business

Proposal: By Esperanza Area that RSC fund PR **\$900** to re-stock literature, a new IP Rack and a new Tri-fold Display Case. Consensus

Proposal: Current Policy: 1.1.2 Virtual Meetings (Zoom) For virtual meetings on electronic platforms, the Region shall provide the meeting code, (and password if applicable,) to all members and participants at least 48 hours before the time that the RSC convenes.

Proposed Change to Policy:

1.1.2 The Region shall make all RSC meetings virtual or hybrid. 1.1.3 Virtual Meetings For virtual meetings on electronic platforms, the Region shall provide the meeting code, (and password if applicable,) to all members and participants at least 48 hours before the time that the RSC convenes. This information shall be posted on the home page of the Region website.

Proposal

- Financial Policy 7.1 **Discussion** How much are we going to spend per quarter? **Proposal** goes back to the Areas.

Discussion on this current Regional Delegate Team or the new one at the Regional Assembly covering the CAR/CAT in one day. This will not happen in one day. Need two days. Saturday will be elections and Sunday the CAR/CAT workshop or CAR/CAT and elections.



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Proposal

- that only RCMs 1 &2 vote at Region so that the Group Conscience on any business matter

Old Business...

Proposal "To have the RD, and the RDA to attend the World Service Conference on the scheduled cycle"

CONSENSUS

When the WSC happens, our Regional Delegate attends, but not the Regional Delegate Alternate. This means that the new RD, from RDA, is going to the WSC blind. The RD, and the RDA are 2 year commitments. Or, now they follow the WSC cycle. The proposal is for having both attend the WSC together to learn together. This would be a policy change. And, we are asking the areas to bring their consensus back to the next region meeting.

Proposal "To raise the RD/RDA budget for attending WSC to reflect sending both members"

CONSENSUS

region meeting.

This is only to reflect the previous proposal of sending both the RD, and the RDA to the WSC. This is a budget. This does not mean that both the RD, and the RDA will spend the budget total during the WSC, it is a budget. This would be a policy change. And, we are asking the areas to bring their consensus back to the next region meeting.

Proposal "To combine Public Relations and Adopt a Inmate" CONSENSUS

This is to start a committee, and policy on addressing letters to, and from inmates writing in for support. This would be a policy change. And, we are asking the areas to bring back their consensus to the next

Proposal "To combine the standing committees of TBRCNA and CAC policies" CONSENSUS

This is to have one location of where to look to for convention guidelines within our region. Many areas host the TBRCNA, and have had two policies to look through for the convention. This would be a policy change. And, we are asking the areas to bring their consensus back to the next region meeting.

Events...

Houston Area Convention HACNA is the weekend of 9/16-18/2022 (NEXT WEEKEND)!!!

Let us go have fun in recovery!

I included the website within the email.



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I have also included more links within the email pertaining to what is going on in our region, zones and world. Thanks for being of service, and being a part of. You all ROCK!

Again, Thanks!

Sincerely, Sean FO RCM 1

RCM II

Cleto M.

Hello Family,

Our Regional Meeting in San Marcos was productive. Here are a few items that were accomplished and discussed.

In reference to TBRNA Convention 2024, these members were voted in.

Facilitator; Tom Co-Facilitator; Donna Josette??

Old Business:

- 1. RD's proposal to increase Policy Budget to \$300.00 for fuel, plane, car-rental, and lodging per/each Quarter. (Bring Receipts) PASSED
- RD's from 2 yr. to 3 yr. Term to reflect NAWS. PASSED
- 3. Raised RD's budget attend the WSC. PASSED
- 4. Adopt an Inmate, from basic text only to other literature as requested in Policy. PASSED
- 5. Need Vote on US Collaboration by December 13, 2022.
- 6. T-Shirt design needed for the Southern Zonal Forum Conference to be held in Austin, January 27-29, 2023

New Business:

1. Reimburse Travel Cost for 7 of the Regional Service Committee members to travel to Area Service Meetings. TAKE BACK TO AREA!



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- 2. H&I will change Adopt an Inmate flyer to reflect 1 piece of literature per/inmate/request.
- 3. To lower funds, Region passes on to world from 20% to 10%. NOT PASSED
- 4. RCMs to pass on to Area's/Groups to send in resumes for members with a wide variety of Skills to help at next TBRNA Convention. TBRNA.org

Next Region to be held in Beaumont TX

In Loving Service, Sean F. RCM1 / Cleto M. RCM2

Subcommittee Reports

Activities Report

Kevin

Hello brothers and sisters

Unity day was quite a success. World broadcasted a number of speakers throughout the whole world. I personally caught the last few due to helping out with the grill. It was a surprise to hear from a another addict that knew and looked up to Jimmy K.

There was seemingly no games being played so we will hopefully try that again another time. We took in a total of \$132 in donations and we still had \$56 dollars in which we didn't use from area.

I have still yet to effectively get the receipts from the last activity to the area treasure. It's been requested of me to get them organized and copied. I will get the receipts for both events to the area treasure well before the next area meeting.

Speaking of treasures activities is looking for a treasurer!

I have been in contact with the rcm 2? I believe is his position. And it seems we have some options to as far as it goes with the storage unit that I will bring up in new business.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service Kevin B

THURS 9/15 AT 6PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays Trusted Servants needed

H&I

Monica C.



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H&I Subcommittee Report - September 2022

IN-PERSON meetings at:

- Cenikor Justin S, Coordinator, fulfills this commitment every Sunday at 7 pm, and no issues are reported.
- Rock Springs –Michiel R, Coordinator, fulfills this commitment every Wednesday @ 6 pm. However, Michiel reports extreme difficulty in actually fulfilling this commitment for various reasons. At this point, Michiel R has agreed to continue for an additional month in an attempt to resolve issues. The committee will reevaluate maintaining this obligation at the next subcommittee on September 25th. More will be revealed.

• Sage Recovery -

Tammy F is the coordinator for this facility and reports no issues. H&I panel presentations resumed on August 1st and will be held weekly at 6:30.

Recovery Unplugged

Marcos R is the current panel leader and has acquired a co-coordinator, Tisha R. He reports no issues. A panel presentation was held on September 6, 2022, at 7:30, with the next one scheduled for September 20th, as presentations are every other Tuesday.

• Willow Springs -

Billy G, coordinator, and Aaron J, assisting. They report no issues. The latest presentation was held on September 1, 2022, at 7:00 pm, with the next one scheduled for September 15th as a bi-weekly presentation.

• Cross Creek Hospital

Tom M is the panel leader and has actively tried acquiring clearance for Sarah C as a co-facilitator. I have assisted in resolving the issue, and although the process seems to have started as of now, clearance for Sarah C has yet to be approved. More will be revealed. The latest presentation was held on September 8th, at 7:00 pm, with the next scheduled for September 22nd as exhibitions are held bi-weekly.

New H&I Meeting Requests:

• New Hope Ranch- 11908 Sparks Rd, Manor, TX 78653. I spoke with Amy Parker, Clinical Director, who has asked us to return. The available days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. All volunteers will need to sign a HIPPA waiver upon arrival. Ms. Parker would also like to be present at the first presentation to ensure that all is operating smoothly. Mark W has expressed interest in this commitment and should be present at the next subcommittee to volunteer and perhaps be voted in. More will be revealed.

Old Business

• The H&I subcommittee voted to require an orientation every two years in January. The committee has begun contacting NA members on our H&I volunteer list to determine interest in volunteering on an H&I panel and conduct another orientation for those not in compliance with the new policy. Another mass direction was held, and five members of NA attended. The committee suggests that all who are still interested and need orientation please attend our next subcommittee meeting on September 25th at 3:00 pm in the large room of the Galano Club.

New Business

- The subcommittee voted that we order IP 30 Mental Health in Recovery for dissemination in the facilities we currently serve.
- •CTANA received one inmate letter

2022 H&I ADMIN BODY:

- Facilitator: Monica C
- Co-Facilitator: David A
- Secretary: Tammy F
- Lit Bank: Claire P

Our next H&I subcommittee is scheduled for September 25th at 3:00 pm for orientation and 3:30 for the regular business meeting. This will be held in the large room of the Galano Club.



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In loving service, Monica C

Literature Bank Billy G.

Not available at time of publishing minutes

Policy Tony C.

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT September 11, 2022 TONY C – POLICY FACILITATOR

Hello Family,

- The subcommittee did not meet this past month. Since we sent out the first draft to be reviewed there was no reason for us to meet.
- I suggested that GSR's bring it to home groups for review.
- I also highly suggest that those who have served in our area in any capacity to please review also. We want as much input as possible to make this a workable policy.
- I contacted the Galano Club to reserve the big room for September 18th,

 1-4pm. That time slot was available. Peter C said he would contact James, our treasurer, to secure payment for that time.
- NEXT SUNDAY the 18th is our workshop, it will be hybrid. All the GSR's and

ASC members have been sent a copy of both the draft and the current policy to compare.

- The workshop is for SPECIFIC LINE ITEMS only. We don't plan on reading it cover to cover. We are asking you state specific concerns you may have regarding the following:
 - Grammar
 - Spelling
 - Organization
 - Content
 - Rewording
 - Deletions
 - Additions

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

I.L.S. Tony C

Policy Subcommittee Facilitator

Public Relations

Scott P.

CTANA Public Relations Subcommittee Report Sept 2022

Web

New Meetings

Austin Powerless now meeting on Saturday at 9:15 as well as Monday. Closed Meetings

None

Area Group Donations Portal is fixed

Phone



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Begun investigation into estimating level of effort of upgrade to new system

PΙ

PR booth was at Pride, Hillcrest Ministry Day, and the Unity Day event. Presentation given to audience at Unity Day in preparation for presenting to professionals, organizations, institutions.

Will be at Recovery in the Park on Sept 17th

Outreach

Need Outreach Coordinator

Expenses

Need Reimbursement No.

Need Reimbursement None
Already Budgeted
None

Group Reports

Our Gift Thurs 7:30 - 8:30PM Jarrell TX Good coffee, always

Desencadenados Tues & Fri at 7:30PM You don't have to speak Spanish to attend!

> Non-fiction-addiction Thurs & Sun 7PM needs women support Burnet TX

> Hill Country Recovery Thurs at 8PM

> > Cedar Park

Clean & Free



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Tues at 7:30PM

Wild with Flair every night at 10:30PM online

Searching & Fearless Women Sun at 11AM online

Taylor NA Wed at 7PM Step Study format Speakers needed

> Austin Powerless Mon & Sat at 9:15

Miracles & Solutions Women's meeting Thurs at 6-7:15PM Sun meetings have a lot of newcomers

New Beginnings
Needs Support or will fold
Mon at 6PM

Old Business

None

New Business

Proposal:

Raise the minimum amount in literature inventory from \$2,000-\$3,000 to \$4000-\$4500

Intent:

to better fill the needs of the groups purchasing literature

Proposal Edited:

To add an extra \$480 for the current literature inventory. Lit chair will audit to see how much of an increase on the maximum amount is needed Consensus achieved

Proposal:

Rebuy NA books from Infinite Recovery. Member agrees to donate half the cost of books.

Consensus Achieved

Proposal:

Find alternatives to current Storage Unit. Activities chair and treasurer should be given the authority to find possible solutions.

Consensus Achieved

Proposal:

Pass 7th tradition basket Consensus Achieved

Proposal:

Donate white booklets to PR & H&I Consensus Achieved

Elections

None

Announcements

Houston Area Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (HACNA) September 16 - 18, 2022 **Houston Marriott Westchase** 2900 Briarpark Dr. Houston, Texas 77042

Next ASC Meeting

October 2nd at 2PM GSR Orientation at 1:30PM Galano Club 6809 Guadalupe St. Austin



Meeting closed with the Third Step Prayer at 4:53PM