



THE BORDERLINE
AREA

Area Service Committee Meeting- December 7, 2013
Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer @ 4:05 P.M.

I. Roll Call:

Present

- * Anonymity in Action
- *Fifth Tradition
- * Addicts in the Attic
- * New Clarity
- * No Butts
- * Rainbow Group
- * Chair
- * Co-Chair
- * Treasurer
- * Co-Treasurer
- * H&I
- * RCM

Absent

- * Main Street Recovery
- * No Strings
- *Whistle stop
- * Secretary
- * Co-Secretary

II. Meeting Goal(s):

- A. Review Minutes from 11/7/13
 - B. Officers report
 - C. Old Business
 - D. Group Concerns
 - D. New Business
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II. Review of Minutes

Minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS:

A. Chairperson:

Dear NA Family,

It's a good day to be of service. We look forward to the opportunity for someone to share willingness to our secretary, Alternate Secretary and alternate RCM position. Please continue to announce these positions at our meetings. Good news we are making some positive adjustments to ensure we are able to conduct business. We are continuing to make progress on our non for profit status. This will help to make the financial business easier to transition from year to year while maintaining accountability at the ASC. Moreover it will allow us to conduct business with the Bank under the Borderline Area of NA name.

After some discussion with some members of the ASC, Chris M has agreed to cover secretary position while we all work together to cover the responsibilities to the groups. This will help us ensure our business at hand and Area minutes are sent out to our GSRs. Please send the reports to be a secretary at banasecretary@gmail.com prior to the ASC or at least by the end of day. GSR's are encouraged to review the reports and area policy so we continue to build a solid foundation. Groups have the option to help maintain policy through written motions.

Next, we have multiple ASC members on our checking account. This process is a great improvement and will mature as we grow as an area. The final stages are near as to the filing with Secretary of State has been received fulfilling your request to become a nonprofit with BANA tax I'd number. As with any process if it's worth doing once is worth doing right the first time. As you have requested through motions we are here to serve. Any further questions about our non for profit \ BANA banking should be addressed to the Treasurer.

Since we are all new to this process please be patient. We want to be legal and responsible. Note I will continue to make myself available to come to your group for question and answers. All this information is transparent, documented and shared with GSR's. Any concerns

of what is being done please reference past minutes, policy and speak to your GSR. Your questions are important and valid regarding information you don't know or understand. Since no home group requested our ASC member to their conscience I will suspect that everyone understands what we do month to month.

Finally I met with members of the church regarding the letter last month about rent. We have not missed a single payment. The letter we sent in error

regarding only paying 2-3 months' rent this past year was not meant for us. I was told it can be shredded or just thrown away.. Lastly but not least we held GSR Q & A and GSR's orientation this month. Thank you for those who attended. Please feel free to ask questions. This is how we learn and improve. It is very important to take notes during ASC since ideas, discussions and concerns/theories don't always make it to the minutes. We are here to serve you the groups so the more informed we are the better decisions we make. We continue to carry the message of hope. Any changes in policy should be prewritten and brought as groups decide on various needs. These should be submitted in writing no later than group concerns during the ASC. With the holidays upon us be safe and enjoy the simple pleasures. Any events, updates or notification can be sent to the Chair, co-chair or secretary to update our web site. Please continue to review minutes and policy of our area. Our goal continues to carry the message, make ourselves available and improve the way we can transition positions each year while trying to keep a relaxed atmosphere.

In loving service

Wayne at [704-458-6090](tel:704-458-6090)

BANACHAIR@GMAIL.COM

Make it a Great Day

Wayne S

Questions for the chair: No Questions

B. Co-Chairperson:

Hello Family,

I was sad to hear about our secretary's resignation. I am currently assuming the secretary's duties. I am familiar with what the position entails and I actually submitted the minutes from the November ASC. I am also willing to continue update the meeting schedules with any changes that need to be made. If there are any schedule changes with your homegroup please email or call me at andnow_chris@yahoo.com or 704 804 2262. Also, it would make the process of putting the minutes together much easier if all ASC officers could submit their reports via email by the end of the day after the ASC meeting. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Chris M.

Questions for co-chair: No Questions

C. Treasurer:

See attached report.

Questions for Treasurer:

1) What is our prudent reserve? Currently \$500.

2) Why can't we cash a cashier's check made out BANA? Because the bank account is in Wayne S. and Bruce M's. name.

D. Co-Treasurer: No report.

Questions for the Co-Treasurer: No questions.

**RCM: RCM Report
December 7, 2013**

<u>Key Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/24 - 12/25		Hugs for Holidays Marathon Meetings	Area Service Office Third Presbyterian Church
12/31 - 1/1		Greater Charlotte Area	4019 Central Avenue Charlotte, North Carolina 28205
1/11	10:00	Carolina Reg. Service Comm. Quarterly Meeting	Grace Lutheran Church 426 Oakland Ave. Rock Hill, SC 29730
1/24 - 1/26		USCANA 34 Convention Upper SC Area	Greenville Marriott 1 Parkway East Greenville, SC 29615
2/14 - 2/16		RAW XIII Greater Columbia Area	Hilton Head Marriott Resort 1 Hotel Circle Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Greetings BANA! I apologize for not being with you last month. I did forward my report to the previous secretary and unfortunately it did not get to Chris.

I participated in a Carolina Region Service Committee (CRSC) meeting on October 12th. The minutes of that meeting are available but not posted on the web site because of technical difficulties that are being address with the implementation of new web site software. If you would like a copy of the minutes, please let me know and I will e-mail to you.

A few points of interest:

- The voting motion prepared by this area has been delivered and that motion is going out to all areas for a vote.
- The CRSC decided to revote the Budget, which this area previously approved, and this time the budget was accepted.

- Tax exempt status for the CRSC has been approved
- There is interest and penalties of over \$7,000 for late payment of employee withholding taxes for 2010 - 2012. This is being negotiated with the IRS and payments are being made to fully resolve. This was a major failing of the Treasurer and O&F Chairman during that time and steps have been take to make sure this sort of thing never happens again.
- The Treasurer and Finance Committee have uploaded all finances onto a cloud version of QuickBooks so multiple trusted servants will have concurrent access, the data is being backed up to prevent loss, and regular monthly reporting will be available.

There are four Regional Proposals that are being sent to this body for a vote during new business:

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I have spoken with the GCANA RCM, Charles on a regular basis. There is interest in developing a Metro as outlined in the Guide to Local Services. This is just at the discussion stage but thinkg about some key points:

- Any Area may participate
- Focus to be on H&I, shared resources for common jail meetings, etc.
- Focus on PR, joint support for 800 hot line, meeting directories, etc.

- Share information about activities, Workshops, Hugs for Holidays, Fellowship activities
- There will be no financials (donation/fund flow) other than agreed upon shared expenses
- There will be one representative from any active area

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

ILS,
Randy T.

E.

Questions for the RCM:

1)What would the effect of a metro area be? Some jails and institutions aren't being served by the area, also the pr committees are having a difficult time reaching some remote areas. It is a mechanism to support the entire area, not just the urban areas.

2)How many areas in this region? 26

3)7000 in penalties of interest? Didn't pay their bills.

4)Can it be resolved? It can be resolved but there are limitations.

5)Have we retained council? No, multiple people in the area are working to take care of this. We have been warned for many years about this by the IRS. All the officers that were in place when this took place are gone now. There was terrible and ineffective book keeping.

F. H&I:

This month only two other people showed up to the subcommittee meeting. We simply talked about how this past month had gone and our consistent issue with finding panel leaders for our meetings. We especially talked about how difficult this has been for the Friday night meeting at CRC. We did not conduct any new business. I was able to orient a new subcommittee member who has a little over 90 days and is eager to do some service work. All in all things are going well. We are getting really good feedback from the facilities and the patients. I have managed to fill panel leader positions for the month of January for Tuesday nights at First Step, however I still have to find someone to fill this position for the Monday night and Friday night meetings at CRC. Again I have talked with several members about the possibility of canceling the Friday night meeting and I would love to have some experience strength and hope on this matter. On one hand I would love to be able to keep this meeting so we do not miss any patients coming through CRC, however we have been talking about the lack of willingness and commitment for well over a year now and it does not seem to be getting any better. I do not want to make any decisions on my own since this is not a Heather subcommittee but a Borderline Area of Narcotics Anonymous subcommittee. However the lack of participation at

subcommittee meetings makes it a little hard to vote on matters at hand. I would really love some feedback.

Also, a member from the Charlotte area H&I subcommittee called me and wanted to talk to me about the possibility of forming a metro H&I subcommittee. The idea is that to form a larger subcommittee that is comprised of all the area subcommittees in the surrounding areas, such as Borderline, KISS, Charlotte, Rock Hill, North Charlotte, etc. The hope is that if we do this we could collaborate pull our resources together to more effectively carry our message into facilities. I think it is an intriguing idea and am eager to learn more about it. I do not know how many other areas are interested, if any. This is also a matter that I would love to get some experience strength and hope on. Is this something that Borderline area thinks is worth pursuing and being a part of or not?

I appreciate all the people that have been announcing that we need support at meetings, please continue to spread the word.

WE NEED PANEL LEADERS!!!!!!!!!! Please if anybody is interested in filling a panel leader slot for the month of December or January please get in contact with me

Panel leader responsibilities and requirements are:

- One month commitment one night a week
- Chair's a specified meeting one night a week for a month
- Responsible for getting to meeting early and setting up
- Is responsible for getting speakers to fill panel spots for those meetings, usually 2 speakers per meeting
- Reports back to subcommittee about how meetings are going
- 1yr clean time requirement
- Must be oriented in this area

We also need speakers who are willing to go into these facilities and carry their experience strength and hope.

6months continuous clean time and a clear message of recovery is required to speak and 3 months continuous clean time is required to go into a facility and observe. If you know of anybody who is interested please contact me

We also need an H&I co-chair and an H&I secretary if anyone is interested you must have a year continuous clean time for both of these positions. If you are interested or no anybody who is please contact me

Currently we are taking meetings into 2 different facilities.

Crisis Recovery Center (CRC) which is 5-7 day detox facility

Monday nights @ 7:30

Friday nights @ 7:30

First Step - A 28 day inpatient treatment facility

Tuesday nights @ 7:30

H&I Subcommittee meets on the first Saturday of every month @ 3:00

Located at Weddington United Methodist Church on the corner of 84 and Providence in the Blue play room

We hold orientations at the end of every subcommittee meeting for those who want to be oriented

In loving service

Heather H.

Questions for H&I:

1)What time is the Friday meeting? 7:30

V. Old Business :

No old business.

VI. Group Concerns :

Anonymity in action: Suggestion for H&I, if your spread thin, then focus on what you can handle. If it grows to fast then it fails.

Clarifications on the policy? Adding motions into policy. Updating policy.

Fifth Tradition: Don't agree with clarification of policy.

Agree with previous suggestion and the idea of a metro area.

What about continuity as far as the bank account goes? That's why we started the adhoc and it is being addressed. Once the nonprofit is set up it will be taken care of!

Until we get that non for profit status we cannot resolve it. We are in the process of getting that status.

Worried about individuals being sued. No personal liability while it's a corporation.

Rainbow group: Mondays and tues are plenty for H&I. We should eliminate the Friday meeting. This issue has been going on for months

H&I: Appreciate the feedback. It has been very frustrating trying to fill the slots. New Schedules! Put cigarette butts in receptacle! Church is complaining!

Jon B: Don't want to give up on Friday night meeting. Going to be calling everyone.

Josh R.: Why don't we change H&I meeting to wed? That's when AA goes in.
Please stop taking pictures in meetings. It violates anonymity!

Wayne: It is important that we protect each others anonymity! Someone could be a wanted felon and a picture in a meeting could result negative.

Want to thank Chris for stepping into Secretary Position.

Main street Recovery will be meeting on Christmas day Dec 25 for a "eating greeting meeting"!

No Butts: Def likes Jons approach to H&I. Even getting sponsees to do work

It is encouraged that GSRs give reports via group concerns. Forms are available online.

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*****NEXT ASC MEETING 1/4/14 @ 4:00 PM
Weddington Methodist Church-Fellowship
Hall*****