



THE BORDERLINE AREA

Area Service Committee Meeting- 1/11/14

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer @ 4:03pm

I. Roll Call:

Present:

Anonymity in Action
Fifth Tradition
Addicts in the Addict
No Butts
Rainbow Group
Main st. Recovery
No Strings
Whistle Stop
In the Solution (*New meeting!!!*)
Chair
Co-chair
H&I
Treasurer

Not Present:

New Clarity
Co-treasurer
RCM

II. Meeting Goal(s):

- A. Review Minutes from last month
- B. Officers report
- C. Old Business
- D. Group Concerns
- E. New Business

III. Review of Minutes

Minutes were unanimously accepted.

IV. Officer's Reports:

A. Chairperson:

Dear NA family,

I would like to encourage our Sponsees and other members to join the ASC service body. While we need support desperately on the H&R level we need support for the foundation of our service body. The RCM position is due to end in April 2014. We need an alternate secretary and a secretary so that we can be more effective during our monthly meeting. It's a good idea that these positions get exposure and experience to be successful in the position. I will continue working with Chris M, our cochair, to make sure our own tasks are completed, web site updated, minutes, policy and meeting schedules updated. The secretary position is one year clean time requirement with less than six months remaining in this term.

I purchased a carrying case so that we don't have to carry a folder around with our archives, minutes and forms. I took some time out to print out forms for each GSR to have on hand for your next group conscience. The Group form will help us better know who to email the minutes to and where groups are in need of support. Filling out motion forms and changes to policy are suggested to be filled out prior to the ASC. The forms will be handed out during the ASC. Also note that we maintain a copy of the policy if any one needs a hard copy. These and other forms are available online at the BANA website. Just search for borderline area of NA. Please take a few moments to check out the website for any changes that you would like to see, meeting updates, events or corrections. I would like to thank our Members for the meeting updates over the holidays. It helps especially when a newcomer is looking for a meeting and the facility is close. Using our website can be a useful means of communication as well as social media within the borderline area space and to preserve anonymity.

Finally,

As always I make myself available by email, phone or your group conscience. Please if anyone has any ideas, questions or concerns don't hesitate to ask your GSR or contact me or your cochair, Chris M, for any updates you may need. We will schedule our next GSR orientation in March 2014.

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In loving service Wayne S

B. Co-Chairperson: No report

C. Treasurer: See attached report

D. H&I:

First, I want to thank everyone who showed up this month for our subcommittee meeting. This month there were 7 people who were in attendance for the entire meeting and others trickled in towards the end. This is a wonderful change from the one or two people who have shown up for the last few months. We were actually able to talk about what challenges we are facing and work towards some possible solutions. It was a nice change to be able to bounce ideas off one another and get some experience strength and hope. We talked a lot about our consistent issue with finding panel leaders for our meetings. Although, none of the solutions we talked about were necessarily new ideas that have not been tried before, we talked about some new approaches to put these ideas into action. One of the ideas that was brought up again was the idea that home groups could commit to being responsible for one of our meetings in place of an individual panel leader. This would mean that as a home group you could commit to a month of being responsible for finding speakers and chair people to go in and carry a message at one of our scheduled meetings. Of course, the home group would need to make sure that they followed all H&I rules, regulations, and requirements that are in place, as well as kept in touch with me as to how the meetings are going. We believe that this could alleviate any apprehension that some may feel about taking on a month commitment all by themselves. We also hope that this will give more people the

opportunity to get involved. With this idea, I would be more than happy to come to your home group and do a mass H&I orientation to make sure members of your home group are familiar with what H&I does, formats of our meetings, do's and don'ts, as well as requirements.

PLEASE TALK WITH YOUR HOMEGROUPS ABOUT WHAT MEETINGS THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE ON FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH!! GSR's if you could please bring back to the H&I subcommittee meeting in February information about what meetings your homegroup is willing to commit to!! Also, bring back a list of times that I could possibly come do an orientation for your homegroup members!!! I think that this could be a great solution to our ongoing problem with getting individuals to commit to the job of panel leader.

Also, we talked about how we would LOVE for each homegroup to send a representative to our subcommittee meetings. This could be an added service position to your home group that could be filled at your group conscience. This would really help facilitate communication between home groups and the subcommittee. This will also hopefully increase subcommittee meeting attendance ensuring that we can properly do business and share ideas. Remember as I have said in the past, this is a Borderline Area of Narcotics Anonymous H&I subcommittee not a Heather subcommittee. It is IMPOSSIBLE for me to make decisions and conduct business without the help of the group. Remember, what we cannot do alone we can do together!! We need to work together to accomplish our goals as a subcommittee. We have been struggling for too long!! H&I is such an important part in carrying out our primary purpose. I know that we have enough people within our area, with enough time, as well as plenty of experience strength and hope to accomplish not only what we have been struggling to do for the past 3 years but also so much more. Please be a part of what we do. It is not only so important to the addict who still suffers but also such a rewarding experience for any addict in recovery no matter how long you have been around. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

Below is a list of our meeting locations and times. I am also going to send an attachment of our orientation packet. Please give your homegroups information of where they access this packet and have members **READ IT!!**. This will give members a chance to read about what H&I does and why it is so important!! It will also make orientations more efficient when I bring them to you!!

Also, as I mentioned before 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 subcommittees in the surrounding areas, such as Borderline, KISS, Charlotte, Rock Hill, North Charlotte, etc. The hope is that if we do this we can collaborate and 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. **I WOULD LOVE TO GET SOME INPUT, EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE ABOUT WHAT MEMBERS THINK ABOUT THIS IDEA.** 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.

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

Members need: 90 days to sit in on a panel as an observer
6 months to speak on a panel

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.

V. Group Concerns:

Co-chair: Need Secretary!

H&I: requesting homegroups to send H&I representative to the subcommittee meetings and to get a homegroup to take over an H&I meeting for a month.

Whistle stop: Starter kits? \$41.16

Doesn't agree with Carolina Region Donations.

Wants motion for policy approval.

VI. Old Business

A. Motions:

Motion by: In The Solution

Seconded by: Fifth Tradition

Motion: For BANA to give out free starter kits for new meetings not to exceed \$50.00.

Intent: To help new meetings get off the ground.

Pros:

Help still suffering addict

1st Tradition

Fully self supporting

Cons: None

POI: None

*******NEXT ASC MEETING Feb 1 2014
Weddington Methodist Church-Fellowship
Hall*******

<http://crna.org/>