

August 2013 ASC Minutes

Borderline Area of Narcotics Anonymous

Date: August 3, 2013

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4:00 PM

Roll Call

Present

5<sup>th</sup> Tradition

Anonymity in Action

No Butts About It

No Strings

Rainbow Group

Desire to Stop Using

Chair

Co-Chair

Co-Secretary

RCM

H & I Chair

Absent

Addicts in the Attic

New Clarity

Main Street Recovery

Secretary(Vacant)

Treasurer(Vacant)

Co-Treasurer

Alternate RCM(Vacant)

July minutes were accepted as written

ASC Officers' Reports are included at the end

### Old Business

Allison L was elected Secretary

### Group Concerns

No concerns brought by home groups

RCM expressed concern about the changing of dates for ASC causing conflict

RCM also brought up concern about the vote at the RSC concerning the budget, that the Consensus Based Decision Making was holding the RSC hostage in this matter. More information is in the RCM report. Also a motion to address is in new business

Co-Chair brought up non-personal e-mails for offices of the ASC

## Nominations

Treasurer- Bruce M(Nomination form with qualifications attached to these minutes)

Co-Secretary-Vacant-Need nomination

Alternate RCM-Vacant-Need nomination

## New Business

There are four motions to be voted on at your home group for the next ASC. They are attached to these minutes.

Meeting closed at 5:30

Nest ASC is Saturday, September 7, 2013, at 4:00

Thank you NA family for allowing me to serve. I look forward to our ASC members and GSR's sharing your thoughts and ideas. This is a relaxed ASC environment and we hope to continue that atmosphere. GSRs - if you have motions please have them ready prior to new business and use group concerns to talk about group ideas, challenges or questions.

I understand there is always room to improve with an open mind.

Our BANA area is now 3 Years young. Your input has helped provide ways and means to improve service structures and how we best carry the message to ANY suffering addict.

Regarding our treasurer position; I believe we have a person today sharing their willingness. Bruce M from 5<sup>th</sup> tradition will attend August ASC.

Next, please note the co-treasurer is excused due to travel. I did make last month's ASC bank deposit at Wal-Mart in Matthews off of Sardis Road. The Wal-Mart near my house and in the Arboretum do not have a bank. I believe there are two Wal-Mart's in the area that have banks. I will be collecting donations. I'm unable to write checks until we have two persons authorized to sign. I spoke to Tim, the past treasurer, and he will help on getting that done. We will need to call and schedule time to go there. He's been on vacation the past couple of weeks. He can be reached on his cell phone. Just get with me if you'd like to call to schedule that time.

Finally

I will work with each person individually and as a group help to serve as your Area Chair person. This committee is encouraged to attend meetings throughout our area so member can associate a face to a name. It's good for my recovery as well. I will make myself available to talk or review BANA services. Feel free to call me or email me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you in loving service Wayne

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## Co-Chair Report

Hello family,

I would first like to express my gratitude for this opportunity to better serve the fellowship and my area! I don't have much to report. I have met with the former co-chair and have a better understanding of how to update and maintain the BANA website. I made email addresses for each of the officers so that they could access the site if needed. I will have a paper set up for anyone needing to make any changes to the meeting schedule. I was also wanting to area's conscious as to whether or not we should put the officers email addresses on the BANA website in order to ease communications. I was unsure as to whether or not this violates anonymity. I am grateful to be a part of this area and I look forward to gaining experience. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Chris M.

704.804.2262

## Co-Secretary Report

I appreciate the opportunity to serve this area. I will do the best I can to live up to your trust.

In loving service,

Allison L.

## August H&I Report

This month we only had three people attend the subcommittee meeting. One of these people was me, another was our new ASC chair who came to offer support, which was greatly appreciated, and the third person was a new subcommittee member who was wanting to get involved with service. We really need some people to get involved with H&I to keep this thing going. We are somehow continuing to take meetings into the facilities that we have promised meetings, however it is sometimes a struggle especially finding panel leaders. If we cannot get more people to commit to this service position the subcommittee has talked about perhaps cutting back on one of our meetings that we take into CRC. This would be a shame considering the reason we decided to take two meetings in there a week was to make sure we got an opportunity to catch everyone who comes through this facility who stays the whole detox period. Patients are only there 5 to 7 days so if we only have one meeting there a week we are guaranteed to miss somebody. Also the subcommittee currently has no co-chair or no secretary, and really no people who CONSISTANTLY show up to the subcommittee meetings. This makes it very difficult to conduct business that is the conscience of the group, being that there is really no group. This is not a Heather subcommittee it is a Borderline Area Narcotics Anonymous subcommittee and I really need people to come out and support it and help make decisions about what is the best way to serve addicts in our area. Please bring this back to your groups and try and get more people to get involved. If anyone with a year or more clean time wants to get involved with service and take on the commitment for panel leader, secretary or co-chair please tell them to contact me either by e-mail or phone. Panel leader is a month long commitment that simply involves chairing a meeting once a week and finding and taking in two speakers along with you. Secretary position involves simply attending subcommittee meetings and taking minutes of what goes on at the meetings typing it up and sending it to me and other subcommittee members. Co-chair simply involves attending subcommittee meetings and assisting the chair. Sponsors this is a great way to get sponsee's involved with service work so please continue to try stress the importance of giving back. On a good note, the facilities really do appreciate us providing meetings. We are consistently getting good feedback from all the facilities and the patients.

**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.

6 months 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

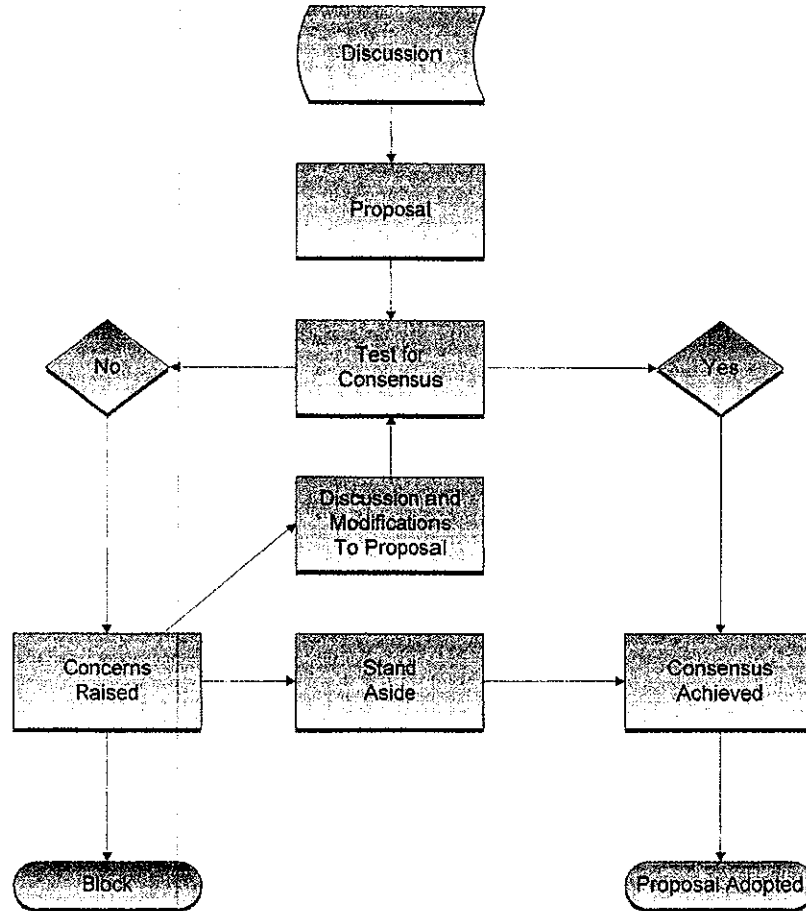
**H&I Subcommittee meets on the last Thursday of every month @ 6:30**

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.

## Carolina Region Service Committee CBDM Process



### Guidelines for Consensus-Based Decision-Making (CBDM):

- 1- Bring proposals to the body
- 2- Open up the floor first for clarifying questions about the proposal (not a debate on the merits but a brief session to be sure everyone understands the proposal)
- 3- Facilitator asks whether anyone has any reservations about the proposal. These are heard, and they may be answered or the proposal may be adjusted.
- 4- Once all reservations have been heard and answered, the facilitator will restate the adjusted proposal and will ask the body "Do we have a consensus?" At this point, only participants who still have a fairly strong objection to the adjusted proposal should try to be recognized by the Facilitator in order to explain their objection. In the case of such an objection, the discussion should continue to allow for further adjustments to the



proposal, for the purpose of getting to final proposal that is acceptable by body. The goal of all proposal discussions is to get to a point where the facilitator can ask if we have a consensus and hear no objections.

- 5- As participants in a discussion, members can have the following positions:
  - a) **Assent** – This means that I can support the proposal, all things considered. It may not mean that I'm in agreement with every aspect, but that I've heard the discussion and had my chance to participate in the process of finalizing the proposal, and am prepared to support it. Assent is signified by remaining silent.
  - b) **Assent with Reservations** – This is not materially different from "a" (above), and is the option often left out for that reason, but it is sometimes included as a way of giving people a place to stand when they don't want to object more strongly, but they do want to note that they have reservations. It is done by raising your hand and simply saying when the facilitator calls on you, "Assent with reservations." The assumption is that the reservations have been heard already, and you're simply noting that you can support the proposal, and continue to have these reservations.
  - c) **Stand Aside** – A common misconception about the stand aside is that it is similar to an abstention. It is not. It is more accurate to say it is similar to a "no" vote. It is a statement that I do not support the proposal, but my objection is not of the nature or the severity to warrant a block. One of the group's guidelines needs to be how many or what proportion of stand asides indicates a consensus too weak to adopt the proposal.
  - d) **Block** – This is also commonly misunderstood. Given that a proposal can be defeated by a sufficient number of stand-asides, the block should be an extremely rare step taken only when a participant honestly believes that one of the traditions or concepts is directly violated by this proposal, or a civil or criminal law or some very fundamental moral position of the participant is violated. A member who blocks should be able to articulate which tradition or concept or other principle fundamental to N.A. is violated by the proposal.
- 6- If at the end of a discussion, there are objectors that cannot either Assent or Assent with Reservation, the facilitator may ask for a count of the members that wish to Stand Aside. If the number of these is less than 20% of the participants (meaning that greater than 80% of the body is in consensus), then a consensus will be declared and the proposal is considered adopted.
- 7- If, at any time, the maker of a proposal feels that the proposal has been modified too significantly, they have the ability to withdraw the proposal from consideration.
- 8- Proposals presenting a non-budgeted item greater than \$1000.00 must be submitted in writing to the RCMs at least 60 days in advance of being considered at the RSC. If such a proposal is presented at the RSC that has not been sent out to RCMs, it will automatically be sent back to Areas for consideration and will be tabled at the RSC until the next quarterly meeting.

**RCM Report  
August 3, 2013**

<u>Key Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
08/10		Carolina Region Service Comm. Subcommittee Orientation	Serenity Club 206 Grayson Street Rock Hill, SC 29732
8/29-9/1		NA World Convention 35	Convention Center Philadelphia, PA
09/14		Carolina Region Service Comm. Subcommittee Service Day	Serenity Club 206 Grayson Street Rock Hill, SC 29732
	10:30	H&I and PR	
	10:30	Office & Finance	
	1:00	Literature Review	
	1:00	Policy	
9/13-9/15		Recovery in the Mountain XIII Upper South Carolina Area	Rolling Thunder River Company 10160 Highway 19 W Bryson City, NC 28713
9/13		Carolina Region Service Comm. Orientation Day	Serenity Club 206 Grayson Street Rock Hill, SC 29732
9/20-9/22		CampVention North Central Area	Kings Mountain State Park York Camping Area Blacksburg, SC
9/27-9/29		More Powerful than Words Central Piedmont Area	Concord Convention Center 5400 John Hammons Drive Concord, NC 28027

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My apologies for missing the Borderline Area meeting last month but there was a conflict with the Quarterly CRSC meeting. I would ask that we try to avoid pushing BANA meetings to the second Saturday of any month as this is the date commonly used for Region committee, subcommittee and learning day activities. I have attached a proposed BANA meeting schedule for the next year for us to discuss at Group concerns.

Fellowship Development is a major initiative this year. "Fellowship development isn't just something that happens in other countries. Fellowship development opportunities are everywhere in NA and our members and service bodies continually work to fulfill our primary purpose." (NA Way 7/2013) Several suggestions for the coming year include:

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1. The Regional H&I subcommittee is working to strengthen their relationships with statewide healthcare, addiction treatment, and criminal justice agencies. I would like to encourage the BANA H&I Chair and committee to participate in this Region subcommittee activity.
  2. There will be Regional subcommittee orientation and training on Saturday, September 13. Additional details will be available at our next BANA meeting and the CRNA.org web site. This is only a 25 minute drive for most of us and is an excellent opportunity to learn more about NA while supporting the development of the Area and Region.
  3. All BANA members support new and struggling meetings in the Area
  4. Collaboration with other Areas with the creation of a Charlotte Metro group to support common H&I and PR concerns while mitigating the duplication of services.
  5. Each Home Group may want to assess and improve their meeting's atmosphere for recovery with a Home Group Inventory
  6. This Area body may want to explore and implement innovative ways to interact with local NA members and groups.
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The 2013/2014 Region Budget was not approved as three Areas voted Stand Aside at the vote. This is a major challenge with the Consensus Based Decision Making (CBDM) process that is utilized today which allows less than 20% of negative votes to kill passage. Last month the Region had 19 Areas in attendance which meant that 17 of 19 were needed to pass a motion. I suggest an Area Motion to reduce the current requirement of 80% plus one to a simple majority plus one. Please provide your feedback in the Group Concerns discussion today and let me know your thoughts and suggestions?

The bulk of remaining Carolina Region Service Office inventory has been sold and/or written off. The debt obligations for employee withholding taxes and accountant fees should be covered with the funds raised but the extent of penalties and total obligation has not been determined. That leaves the Region with an outstanding debt to NA World Services of about \$62,000. The O&F Committee and Treasurer are actively negotiating to reduce this obligation while accepting responsibility and making amends as appropriate.

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**Proposed BANA meeting schedule for the next year**

9/7/13

10/5/13

11/2/13

12/7/13

1/4/14

2/1/14

3/1/14

4/5/14

4/3/14

6/7/14

Move July from 7/5 to 6/28/2014

8/2/14

Move September from 9/1 to 8/25/14

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The Borderline Area  
Narcotics Anonymous

Motion Form

Date: 8/3/13

Motion By: H+I

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: To re-submit budget of \$50 monthly for  
the new fiscal year for H+I for literature  
for H+I meetings. To be voted by home groups.

Intent: To provide literature to facilities to  
be taken in with members of H+I at  
H+I meetings. Help carry the message

Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion # TBD Housekeeping or Group (circle one)

Status (circle one): No Second      Withdrawn      Tabled  
Passed      Failed

Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

2nd. Rainbow.

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The Borderline Area  
Narcotics Anonymous

Motion Form

Date: 8/3/13

Motion By: Anonymity in Action

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: To have a late October  
Unity Day. Dance, costume party,  
eat & greet, treat or treat. Two  
speakers or workshops. NA.

Intent: To help promote unity within  
our group & NA as a whole. Also to  
help practice our 5th tradition by showing  
addicts we can have fun clean, and have a good time.

Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_  
SPEAKER of WORKSHOP.

Motion # TBD NA Housekeeping or Group (circle one)

Status (circle one): No Second      Withdrawn      Tabled  
Passed      Failed  
Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Random 2nd  
2 Pros      2 Cons      2  
1      1      1

The Borderline Area  
Narcotics Anonymous

Motion Form

Date: 8/3/13

Motion By: Anonymity in Action

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: We are suggesting that the  
BANA start a budget of \$300.00  
for activities, such as unity days, or  
conventions or dances, etc...

Intent: To help promote unity in our  
area and NA as a whole. To help further  
our primary purpose by helping the  
newer members feel welcome in NA, & that we  
can have fun clean.

Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Motion # TBJ ~~AA~~ Housekeeping or Group (circle one)

Status (circle one): No Second      Withdrawn      Tabled  
Passed      Failed

Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

2nd. Rainbow Group

2 Pros      2 Cons      2 Points Interest  
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The Borderline Area  
Narcotics Anonymous

Motion Form

Date: 8/3/13

Motion By: RCM

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: RCM to take motion to Carolina Region  
Narcotics Anonymous to modify consensus Based  
Decision Making Policy - Section 6 to read as  
"If the number is less than 33% of the participants  
~~intent~~ (meaning 67% of the body is in consensus), then  
a consensus will be declared and the proposal is considered  
approved.

Intent: A small minority can not block

Amendment: activity unless it is a breach of Traditions.

Motion # \_\_\_\_\_

Housekeeping or Group (circle one)

Status (circle one): No Second

Withdrawn

Tabled

Passed

Failed

Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_

Against \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

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Borderline Area  
Narcotics Anonymous

Nomination Form

Position: TREASURER

Name: BRUCE A MAGRUDER

Clean Time: FEB 12, 2008 (5+ YEARS)

Nominated By (Home Group Name): 5<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION.

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Qualification Questions (to be asked at Area Service Meeting by Area Service Committee)  
This is for your information.

Clean Time 5+ YEARS

Service Experience - HOME GROUP TREASURER FOR ABOUT 4 YEARS

Are you familiar with the responsibilities of this position and are you willing to fulfill these responsibilities? YES.

Statement of Willingness

I AM WILLING TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF  
TREASURER FOR THE BORDERLINE AREA NA