

RCM Report August 2016

For those wanting more information about Regional business, see me or access the RSC minutes <http://naflorida.org/groups/rsc-minutes>. LOTS of events around the Region can be found on the Regional Calendar at <http://naflorida.org/events/>.

Palm Coast Area has a LOT of treatment centers (approx 350 treatment centers and over 1000 halfway houses) and it is creating problems at meetings: large numbers of treatment center addicts in meetings, need bigger meeting space & more keytags but no more funds coming in, some of these addicts are “dropped off and wander the facility,” some meetings have lost their meeting space, low 7th tradition, etc. One HG finally asked treatment centers to stop coming to meetings. The Area is actively working with some community groups to get solutions. The Region is forming a Workgroup to deal with these issues. If you are interested in getting on this workgroup or any other workgroups that are currently formed or for future ones, please visit www.naflorida.org and click on “Help Wanted” tab to enter your information and preferences. I can show you how to get involved - we need your help.

Statewide Helpline is online and available and working. Contact Dominik (Recovery Coast) if need help with the process. 844 NAFlorida. If we want to “import” our number, or join in the state system (Grasshopper), it is ready. The Region pays the cost (\$100/year) so the Area would have NO cost.

Some events are listed below. Google the Area’s websites (or Regional Website) for more info.

- Big Bend Area is considering proposing changes to the 6th Edition of the Basic Text to reflect more gender-neutral vocabulary. More will be revealed.
- Bay Area: August 20th Zip Line Event in Bradenton. Would love to have Funcoast attend. Flyers on website.
- Daytona: Record attendance at DACNA. Made over \$10,000 which was donated to their Area. Next year May 5 - 7. New website being created (Google it).
- First Coast: Convention Aug 26 - 28
- Greater Orlando: Oct 21 - 23 Convention
- Recovery Coast: Lots of events coming up - check the website.
- Suncoast: Beach Bash Sept 3rd, Coquina Beach.
- Palm Coast: Golf Tournament; Labor Day Picnic.

Several other Areas are having trouble filling Area trusted servant positions. Some have as many as 5 open positions. This is a Region-wide problem.

AD Report:

- Traditions Book was approved at WSC and will be available in October.
- Check out events@na.org, HandI@na.org, PR@na.org, servicesystem@na.org
- IP on Mental Illness and Recovery being worked on. If you are interested in this or other service pamphlets being worked on, go the www.na.org.
- Web Meetings & topic blogs are available (http://m.na.org/?ID=for_members-m)
- Many FREE electronic publications available at www.na.org.
- World Unity Day Sept 3, 2016 @ 1pm. This is during our Beach Bash. Please announce in all meetings for addicts no matter where they are at 1pm on Sept 3 to take a moment of silence and say the serenity prayer.

If you were not aware, ALL members are invited to the Saturday Fellowship Development Session at RSC. Subcommittee chairs are encouraged to attend if available. Remember, the ASC pays for one male and one female room. If others are interested in attending, the group rate is at the end of the report. Get a group together and go!! You would only need to stay Friday night (no need to attend Sunday - though you may). If you join a Workgroup, the Region *may* reimburse mileage if your workgroup is required to meet at RSC.

HRP (Human Resources Panel) is “purging” the data base. Please go on <http://naflorida.org/service-list/> and update your Volunteer form so that you data is current. If the link does not work, be sure you are signed in (register for free).

GSRs (and anyone else in the room), please take a few minutes during today’s ASC to fill out or at least add 3 suggestions to the effective / ineffective strategies chart and return to Rebecca B.

Region is creating a SPECIAL volunteer form specific to the next World Convention in 2018. Several *thousand* volunteers are needed. This should be available soon. Volunteers must be registered for the convention.

FRCNA: \$78,000 in the bank. Much still yet to be paid out so final numbers next Region. \$10,000 was donated to RSC. 1,629 registrations, 312 Financial Hardships, 242 Newcomer Packages. Total = 2183. \$2750 Newcomer Donations (covered all of the Newcomer packages). Early Registration for FRCNA 36 "The Promise is Freedom" is \$30 through the end of July. Can register on the website. Currently already 92 banquets already sold!! It is important to pre-register. Location will be Rosen Center in Orlando. Pre-convention artwork due by end of September. Already accepting speaker submissions. Room nights \$129/night with \$5 parking for registered attendees. Looking for bids for auctioneer and DJ. Support committee meetings are the first Sunday of even months beginning October 2nd.

Issues you need to know:

- Vaping is NOT OK in hotels.
- Live video streaming in workshops is NOT permitted
- Most hotels prohibit outside food to be brought in - which is why there was no "free food" in the Hospitality room.

Question for the body - do you prefer FRCNA to be the weekend *after* July 4th as it was this year?

FRCNA 37 (2018) will be in Tampa.

RSO: Profit of \$31,000 this fiscal year. Remember - the RSO will ship items to any Area for a convention. They will ship it to us FREE, and we can return anything we do not sell (we pay shipping to return). RSO splits the profits.

Proposal # 5-4-16 - DID NOT REACH CONSENSUS - will be submitted to FD for revision (your issues / suggestions??)

To create and fill the position of Alternate Delegate pro tem as a trusted servant of the Florida Region and to be trained for the eventual roles of Alternate Delegate and Regional Delegate. This position will be a member of the admin body of the Florida Region but will not be required to travel to the World Service Conference unless needed to replace the AD or RD to represent the collective conscious of the Florida Region. The position will participate in the South East Zonal Forum and workshops for the Conference Agenda Report. (The initial position, to accept nominations in September 2016, will have a 5 year commitment. The AD pro tem will be expected to acclimate to AD in 2017 then to RD in 2019. Afterward, each AD pro tem will be expected to serve a 6 year term acclimating to AD then RD in 2 year intervals.)

Purpose:

By history, the Florida Region has seen the need and benefit of having an AD pro tem who was prepared to step into the role of AD then RD after those roles were not fulfilled by their previous elected trusted servants. The creation of this position will help fulfill Concepts 1,3,4, and 8. A well trained AD or RD is invaluable to the Florida Region at all levels of NA service carrying the collective conscious of the Florida Region and serving within the Florida Region.

Financial Impact:

The role of AD pro tem will cost an additional \$900 per year to the RD/AD budget plus the cost of travel for the purpose of training and co-facilitation of CAR workshops. Also, this role will increase the travel and lodging budget for SEZF attendance and participation.

Duties, Qualifications and Responsibilities: (The AD pro tem will have the same duties, qualifications, and responsibility requirements as the AD/RD except for WSC travel and attendance unless called upon to replace the AD or RD. The role is a training role and the duties, qualifications, and responsibilities will be written in the Florida Regional Guide to Services in the same language as the AD's.)

Change to the Guide to Florida Regional Service: Yes

Proposal # 5-5-16 - DID NOT REACH CONSENSUS - will be submitted to FD for revision (your issues / suggestions??)

This is a one-time request and not a change to the FRSC Guide. To allow the current Human Resources Panel members to remain as HRP members through to 2018 until the end of the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous 37, to assist the World Human Resource Panel in

soliciting and managing volunteers to work the WCNA 37. Further, two (2) Florida Regional NA members will be voted onto the Florida HRP to serve in the roles of Human Resource Panel Members pro tem to ensure mentoring and a smooth transition.

Purpose:

WCNA 37 will require a minimum of 2000 volunteers to facilitate the predicted single largest NA event in history. The Florida Region's HRP is uniquely modeled after the World Services HRP and can serve NA as a whole by facilitating the soliciting of and management of volunteers. The current members on the Florida Regional HRP have already begun the process of collaboration with World Services HRP and are the most prepared and skilled to meet the challenge.

Spiritual Impact:

This one time action will help the Florida Region fulfill Concepts 1, 3, 4, and 8 regarding leadership and service responsibility. The most trained and qualified trusted servants will be allowed to serve NA as a whole in the capacity in which the Florida Region has trained and trusted them. This action will also ensure a transition of continuity onto the Florida Regional HRP.

Financial Impact:

The budget for the two (2) additional temporary positions, "HRP members pro tem" to attend and participate in the Florida Regional Service Conference meetings will add an additional \$1800.00 annually, until the end of WCNA 37.

Change to the Guide to Florida Regional Service: This is a one-time request and not a change to the FRSC Guide. Elections were conducted. See Regional minutes for details.

The next Regional Weekend will be Friday September 16 - Sunday September 18. Homewood Suites, 11115 US Hwy 19 N, New Port Richey, FL 34666, (727) 819-1000. \$103.00 Studio with King, \$113.00 Two Queen Beds. Use "FRS" If registering online. Use Florida Regional Service Committee if calling Hotel. Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout Hotel. **CUTOFF DATE IS MONDAY AUGUST 15, 2016**

Area Secretary - Please include the information below in REGIONAL BUSINESS.

CBDM:

For the first proposal please select one of the 4 Consensus Based Decision Making options:

- **ASSENT** - you agree with all or most of the proposal and are willing to support it.
- **ASSENT with RESERVATION** - you are willing to let the motion pass but have concerns you want addressed. Please provide your concerns. I will take them to Region and discuss them. It is possible (even likely) that compromise could be reached and a portion of the proposal re-worked to address the concerns.
- **STAND ASIDE** - you have a serious personal disagreement with the proposal but won't stand in the way of it passing. Please provide your concerns. I will take them to Region and discuss them. It is possible (even likely) that compromise could be reached and a portion of the proposal re-worked to address the concerns.
- **BLOCK** - you believe the proposal violates a Tradition or Concept. Please provide the Tradition or Concept being violated.

Proposals: None

Work Groups open for new members - (Fill out the volunteer form on the Regional Website. You must use your full legal name and be sure to mark your preferences on this form. This form must be updated every 2 years or it will be "purged." [<http://naflorida.org/service-list/>]). All addicts are welcome to ask to be involved in these workgroups. You do not need Regional or Area Service experience to get involved on workgroups! Workgroups meet only on the Saturday of RSC, and many get their work done on-line without needing face-to-face meetings. We NEED addicts to help with this important work! Workgroup members are reimbursed by Region for mileage to RSC if the Workgroup is required to meet face-to-face (this must be pre-approved).

- Area Service Do's and Don'ts (*what are the most effective strategies for an ASC*)
- Mentorship (*veterans of service needed to mentor those newer in service positions*)
- PSAs (*creating PSAs*)
- Helpline Orientation (*creating online resources for Helpline training*)
- Multi-Regional Collaboration (*working to collaborate with the other 2 Regions in Florida*)
- The Treatment Center Presentation ***NEW*** (*work on solutions for Areas with large populations of addicts in treatment*)

- Alternate Resource Coordinators **NEW** (are there Regional RCs that truly need elected alternates; where would they come from; would this increase \$\$?)
- WCNA Support **NEW** (become a resource to assist with coordinating volunteers for WCNA 2018)
- On-going Workgroups:
 - Corrections Resource (Bridging the Gap, Behind the Walls, Pen Pals)
 - Website Support (help maintain the Region website)

Regional Positions open for nominations:

Please let Lisa know if you have a nomination for one of these positions. You must have a current HRP form on file. I can help you with this.

● **FRSC Public Relations Resource Coordinator** – 3-years clean time, act as a resource for members, Groups and Areas in their Public Relations efforts by providing supplies, literature, information and other materials necessary to better carry the message. As a Resource Coordinator and panel member of the Area Support Group, provides a forum for Area Public Relations/Public Information Sub-Committees to share their issues and experience, strength and hope. In order to act as a clearinghouse, the PR Resource Coordinator shall serve as a source of information by keeping records, guidelines, samples, etc., making these items available to those Areas needing them. (refer to the GTFRS for additional qualifications and responsibilities).

● **Alternate Treasurer** – 4-years clean time, keeps an accurate record of all transactions, prepares a financial report due at each RSC meeting, including a copy of the bank statement and quarterly reports. Disburses money as per group conscience of the FRSC. • Collects all donations from Groups, Areas, individuals or workgroups. (refer to the GTFRS for additional qualifications and responsibilities). Is not a signer on the Regional bank accounts.

● **FRSC Co-Facilitator** – 4-years clean time and liaison between elected trusted servants to ensure proper communication and sub-committee, FD coordinator, Regional and/or Area facilitator/chair experience. Performs all duties and responsibilities of the FRSC Facilitator in their absence.

● **Fellowship Development Co-Leader** – 6-years clean time assists the Fellowship Development Group Leader facilitate the Saturday FD meetings on RSC weekend, FDG Team meetings in between RSCs and Regional and/or Area facilitator/chair experience.

If you are a member interested in any open positions, please contact the Human Resource Panel, prior to the next FRSC to schedule an interview. Interviews are held in person on the Saturday of RSC weekend. Phone interviews are conducted for work group members only, when necessary. See me if you need help with this.