

Suncoast Area Meet of Narcotics Anonymous

Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January 12th, 2025

- Area Chair: Nancy (P)
- Area Co-Chair: ____ ()
- Area Secretary: Amy (P)
- Area Co-Secretary: ____ ()

Meeting Started promptly at 3:30 with:

1. The Serenity Prayer
2. Readings - 12 Traditions; 12 Concepts; Definition of an ASC
3. Roll Call
4. Secretary read the minutes from the May meeting.

Open Forum:

- Jay – Working with Britany on the Pas's. Would like to send our PSA video to add I to the site.

Subcommittee Reports: Please see all Reports.

- Treasurer Chair: Mark (P) Co-Chair: Aaron (A)
- Literature: Eric (P): Co-Chair: Simon (P)
- RCM 1: Trish (P) RCM 2: ____ ()
- H & I Chair: Kelly (P) Co-Chair: Ron C (P)
- PI/PR Chair: Britany (A) Co-Chair: ____ ()
- Phone Line Chair: Ryan (P) Co-Chair: ____ ()
- Rack Chair: Chris (P) Co-Chair: ____ ()
- Web Chair: Dominic (P) Co-Chair: Meredith (P)
- Activities Chair: Renae P (P) Co-Chair: Ricky (A)
- Policy Chair: Josh (P) Co-Chair: ____ ()
- GSR O&M Chair: Ron (P) Co-Chair: Jeff (A)

REMINDER: SEND UPDATES TO WEBSERVANT@SUNCOASTNA.ORG

Old Business:

- We are currently under prudent reserve.
 - Checks – New Year's eve party \$1200 for activities – voted on and accepted
 - Pop up canopy tent for PR for outreach – asked to revisit for the following year
 - Remainder of budget for Activities is \$1800

New Business:

- PR - Pop up canopy tent for PR for outreach – asking that all GSR's go to their business meetings to see if there is any interest on going to Area convention.
 - Pro- loves that we have women in recovery that is willing to create something like this for our area.
 - Con – experience with area conventions. Resources are hard, including finances.
 - Pro – always a good thing to unify, to enjoy each other's company and enjoy spending time with other recovering addicts. Can help with supply.
- RCM Position Commitment Change
 - From 2 years to 3 years clean
 - She would like to change the current Suncoast RCM commitment to 2 Years each. The intent is to match the timing of the CAT and the CAR. In the current schedule, the outgoing RCM1 leaves with a lot of knowledge about the CAR and the RCM2 is coming in and expected to vote on something without having all of the history/information/Bac.

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- Con- currently have not in the last 2 years have not had any RCM complete the amount of time in the position. The concern is if we double the time, it will be harder to fill it. If the pattern continues, the rationality is defeated. The positions have not been filled to the time needed in the past.
- Pro- agrees with the changes. If the person really has the willingness to serve, they should serve their full time.
- Con – feels like 4 years is a long time.
- Pro – if the commitment changes, people may be more willing to stay in the commitment.

Nominations & Elections:

- RCM 2 – Goes back to groups for a vote
 - Nominated Mara – Qualifications
 - 4 years clean
 - Consistent service @ Area Level (GSR for 4 terms, Activities committee for 1 year)
 - Has a sponsor and is working the steps
 - Has reliable transportation to attend region in Orlando
 - Has the willingness to serve
 - Nominated Tanya K - Qualifications
 - 4 years clean
 - Has a sponsor and is working the steps
 - Has sponsees
 - Of service to home group an H&I
 - Has observed region meetings in the past
 - Has reliable transportation to attend region in Orlando
 - Has the willingness to serve
- Co-PR
 - Melissa H – Qualifications (Melissa was voted in as Co-PR)
 - 17 ½ years clean
 - involved in PR in Baltimore for 10 years
 - 5 ½ years in H&I
 - Has a sponsor and is working the steps
 - Has the willingness to serve.

Open positions:

Vote of affirmation

- Policy – Josh (voted in)

- Co-Chair
- Co Secretary
- Rack
- Co-Rack
- Co-Help Line
- RCM 2 – 2 nominees – have to take back to the groups for vote.

- All Co-Positions are 2-year commitments. Please see Policy on Suncoastna.org for all position qualifications.

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Notes from Subcommittee reports:

Treasurers Report

- \$3678.57– Starting balance
- \$1822.41- Spent (692.37)
- \$6521.81- Deposit
- \$8377- Ending balance (\$7062)

RCM (see attached RCM report for details)

H&I

- Old Business
 - Kelly will contact Jess A regarding the Bridges issue.
 - Ron will contact ED regarding the Sarasota Jail.
 - Ron will contact NA members regarding Centerstone.
- New Business
 - Light Share may want to add a day. Panel leader will communicate with their contact.
 - Phone numbers cannot be given out by panel leaders and members.
 - Charlie is now panel leader for Light Share.
- Situations and Changes
 - None

PR

- Old Business
 - Request to use \$615.77 of the remaining \$959.80 budget to purchase PR tent and canopy.
 - Still would like to stock up on supplies.
- New Business
 - Working on finding places we can meet in the area.
 - Went out to STC. Someone spoke with the nursing students at Centerstone at the request of Shawn with STC.
 - Invited to Bay Area learning day on February 22nd.
- Situations and Changes
 - None

Activities

- Old Business
 - Christmas Marathon Meetings
 - Flyer was approved – currently finding trusted servants to chair
 - New Years Eve Party – 12/31 from 7pm to 12am (\$5 suggested donation)
 - Flyer was sent to Policy
 - Work the Steps Workshop
 - Currently in progress for be the first of 2025 in February
- New Business
 - Chili Cook Off on March 22nd
 - Garden Party in May
 - Unity Day at the end of August
 - Beach Bash in September
- Situations and Change

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- None

Help Line

- Old Business
 - 3 calls, none missed.
- New Business
 - In the process of switching emails and contact information to Ryan.
 - Have new phone line servants to replace the 2 that were removed.
- Situations and Changes
 - None

RACK

- Old Business
- New Business
 - Chris stepping down. Jamie is still willing to do Sarasota county. But there is currently no one available to do manatee county. Take back to your home group to find anyone with the willingness to serve.
- Situations and Changes

Web

- Old Business
 - Suncoastna.org Survey Report Results – Please see the subcommittee reports for information regarding the survey. There were 37 submissions.
- New Business
 - Updates were made on the meeting list page. Meetings that meet daily with different formats each day will now reflect the days format. Area services were also added to the meeting list.
 - In February, Web will present website design refresh suggestions.
- Situations and Changes
 - None

Policy

- Old Business
- New Business
- Situations and Changes

Literature

- Old Business
 - H&I for December = \$416.80
 - Ordering 6 survival kits totaling \$22.50
- New Business
 - H&I or January = \$540.50
- Situations and Changes
 - None

O&M

- Old Business
 - 4 in attendance for December 8th
 - Gynn L – New Alt GSR for Now What
 - Sierra B – New GSR for Get Hooked on Recovery
 - Tiffany B – New GSR for Progress not Perfection

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- Celeste N – New Alt GSR for Women of Spiritual Principles
- New Business
 - 4 in attendance for January 12th
 - Jacob S – New GS for Call Group
 - Matthew P – New GSR for Saturday Night Live
 - Christine S – New GSR for No Pants Meetings (online)
 - Aaron L – New Alt GSR for Recovery by the Books
- Situations and Changes
 - None

Motion to close at 4:50pm

Ended with the serenity prayer next ASC meeting is February 9th the 2nd Sunday of the month, @ 3:30pm.

RCM Report November 2024

Trish L.

Fellowship Development (Areas brings concerns or topics to the group. The body and admin team share experience, strength, and hope.)

- Can social media be used to request funds to assist with convention?
 - Concern about 7th tradition. Ensuring the post requesting funds are available only to addicts to participate.
 - NAWS website has a 'DONATE' button on the website. Maybe consider using a donate button on convention website.
 - Our area has so many convention that if we are willing to bend corners to get a convention going we need to reevaluate.
 - Change the name from Donate to Contribution.
- Area body is not repeatedly not following guide/policy and concepts when/how do we step in?
 - Region does not dictate to the areas. It's the other way around.
 - When we live by policy there could be blinders on. We see more and more areas moving to a guide vs policy to expand conversation and avoid conflicts.
 - Admin body is elected servants. If you feel they are not following 12 concepts, use elections to make a change.
 - Areas have removed the Admin Meeting prior to Area meetings to keep GSRs in the conversations.
 - To follow guidelines, they must read them, and ask questions for understanding. If you don't apply them they don't work.
- Are there any Area PRs that are reaching out to newcomers at the halfway houses? Can regional PR help acclimate this?
 - Found that Ockford houses are more difficult to get to NA in experience.
 - Younger crowd moving to other fellowships due to NA being 'rigid'.
 - If your area doesn't have PR maybe an Ad Hoc committee for one sole outreach purpose would work to do this.
 - You don't have to be a member of PR to do PR work.
 - PR host community meetings and invite servants of hospitals, rehabs, corrections, and halfways to attend for information and discussion.
 - Region PR will host a Zoom to collaborate with other areas to create a presentation.
- Can areas be added to the RCOs 501 c 3?
 - Not recommended because we are not a business, we are not selling anything. We should be a 501 c 6; a non profit of members.
 - Tim 352-494-6197: Treasure of the RSO - CPA - Available to answer area questions for the Areas.

- Bay Area Holds their own 501 c 3 - Ask their RCM/Treasure for questions bascna.org - menu - ASC Resources - Tax Except Packet and guidelines for us to use if we want to do that.
- If Area holds Tax Except 501 c 3 - it should not be used a group level - should only be used for Area, subcommittees of areas,
- If your area obtains 501 make sure your future trusted servants to will follow due diligence in paperwork.
- Area needs to ask itself what the motive is.
- Disaster Plan:
 - Was not sent out pre storm or on the site
 - Intended to assist the areas in how to prepare, during storm, and post storm.
 - Changes will be made to the plan for updated information.

RD Team (Regional Deligates represent the Region at the World level. These are note from their report.)

- CAR NAWs meeting November 7th. Zoom Workshop held December 21st
- Bay Area hosting in person and Zoom workshop regarding Interim CAR on December 8th and willing to partner with us. RCMs will take back questions to RDs on December 21st. We will bring answers to those questions back to the area on January Area meeting, then we will vote at January Region.
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Regional Business Meeting

- New Elected Positions
 - Corrections Coordinator - Angelo B, Bay Area
- Corrections
 - Help wanted flyer with anyone who wants to join the workshops.
- Public Relations
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- Regional Service Office
 - Paper key tags for corrections can be orders from RSO. Make sure that our literature doesn't have an outstanding balance.
- FRCNA
 - Room cut off June 22nd \$146 plus tax
 - Pre-register online
 - December 15th Virtual next support meeting
 - live entertainment at breakfast
 - If you want to get involved go to FRCNA.org
- Human Resource Panel
 - If you want to get involved in any workshop or be considered for any current or future open positions scan the QR code and fill out a Volunteer Form. Attached.
 - Newsletter Workgroup
 - Open Positions

- Alt Sec 3 Years Clean
- Tech Alt Resource 3 Years Clean
- 2 Tech Resource Panel Members
- 2 Human Resource Panel Members 8 Years Clean

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Events/Conference

- Bermuda Convention Sept 11-13 Partner with Uncoast to plan travel and reservations
- East Coast Convention Proceeds buy Lit for inmates Selling Tshirts June 20-22 College Dorms Dining Hall Registration \$50 Deposit Estimate \$300 a person. ECCNA.org.
- DACNA June 6-8 Theme ? Submissions DACNA.org

Other Mentions

- Region has 3 Zoom accounts that Area can use is we want to use it for our Area meeting.

Florida Regional Service Conference

Corrections Workgroup

Volunteers Needed



We're currently looking for a few NA members to serve in the following capacities...

Workgroup meetings held the second Sunday of the month on Zoom at 6:30p EST.

Behind the Walls

Applying to be a state DOC or Federal BOP volunteer and physically bringing a meeting into the grounds of a correctional institution. Requires background check. Not H&I.

Meeting ID: 810 1946 1788
Passcode: 111111

Between the Walls

Applying to be a state DOC volunteer and connecting over Zoom to bring a virtual meeting to addicts within Florida Region correctional institutions. Requires background check. Not H&I.

Inmate Step Working Group

Addicts behind the Walls work the 12 steps of Narcotics Anonymous with an addict in recovery on the outside through the mail.

Bridging the Gap

Accompany other addicts from your area to meet a recently released addict and take them to their first outside meeting and maybe out for coffee or dinner after.

Hope Rises

Attend NA Conventions to assist in selling Fellowship created apparel to support literature delivery to incarcerated addicts.

Purpose

To ensure NA meetings are available so that freedom from active addiction may always exist.

There is no clean time requirement to serve on the workgroup or in some of the projects listed above. Bringing meetings into DOC & BOP Institutions requires one year clean and a background check.