

MRSCNA Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2010

Hosted by Greater Grand Rapids Area

1. Opening

- a. Patti K. opened the meeting at 9:07am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- b. The Twelve Traditions were read by Marianne G.
- c. The Twelve Concepts were read by Bob P.
- d. The World Vision Statement was read by Jim B.

2. Roll Call

- a. Absent – Secretary, Battle Creek, Northwoods
- b. Visitors –

3. Chair Report - Accepted

4. Secretary's Report – Minutes Accepted

October 2, 2010

My Dearest Regional Family and Friends,

It is with the deepest regret and thorough self and group reflection that I respectfully pass the Regional Secretary torch to my able Co-Secretary, Micha. The reasoning behind this is two-fold.

First of all, I started working on my Masters degree in Social Work a month ago. I was totally unprepared for the challenges this would present me with academically, intellectually, personally and especially emotionally. I am completely overwhelmed in all of these areas and am struggling tremendously with finding balance in my life for homework, work, and recovery commitments. I haven't yet come close to finding this balance.

Which leads me to the second and most important reason that I must step down. I am faced with recovery challenges that, in 8 years, are new to me. I moved to Traverse City in June and have not yet attended one meeting there. I have survived on the handful of meetings I attended in Holland monthly during my frequent visits there. I did a horrible job of balancing my new dream job working as a horse trainer and a trail guide at a horse ranch one hour from my home which had me out from 7am to 9pm most days, and, well, just about anything else in my life including relationships (friendship, family and intimate) and most importantly, meetings, contact with my sponsor and stepwork. Now my job has been replaced with the blessing of my graduate program which I am well aware will all go to shit if I do not find some balance in my life and raise my recovery up to the top of the ladder where it currently resides as the dangerously lowest rung.

It's back to the basics for me. Meetings, sponsorship, literature, and putting one foot in front of the other. I am no longer prepared or balanced enough for service at either the regional or area level (of course, I would have to attend a meeting or two in my area to actually get involved in my area....) and I hesitate to even think ahead to group service right now. My commitment has to be to me, the suffering addict who has managed to let her program go to complete shit in a matter of months.

No worries, I am still holding on by my little white knuckles and I plan to make this major leap of courage and faith any minute now, but, for now, I am home, in Traverse City, reading at least 8 chapters about how

dysfunctional my life has been, and beginning the first of three 20 page papers on the who I am, what my issues are, how I got to be that way, and how I feel that will affect my future clients. I am considering just turning in my stepwork to date and calling it good.

I will miss you all terribly!!!! And I don't feel good about backing out early on a commitment that I have taken very seriously up until now. I do this as I am officially afraid of myself and what direction my life may or may not take in the future.

I am absolutely confident that my little Micha D., my prodigy from day one that I am so proud of, will do an excellent job filling my shoes.

And Fred, I will get your notebook thingy to you likely as soon as Micha comes to visit me and brings it back with her! lol (hopefully sooner).

In loving and eternally grateful service that has made me who I am today,

Lizzie S.

Former Secretary for the Michigan Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

5. **Treasurer's Report** - Accepted

MRSCNA Treasurer's Report

October 3, 2010

	Balance
MRSCNA Bank balance on Jan. 1, 2009	\$3,963.58
MRSCNA Bank balance on Jan. 1, 2010	\$4,387.59
MRSCNA Bank balance on Feb. 1, 2010	\$4,287.59
MRSCNA Bank balance on Mar. 1, 2010	\$4,972.17
MRSCNA Bank balance on Apr. 1, 2010	\$2,962.07
MRSCNA Bank balance on May 1, 2010	\$2,473.57
MRSCNA Bank balance on Jun. 1, 2010	\$2,583.57
MRSCNA Bank balance on Jul. 1, 2010	\$3,489.19
MRSCNA Bank balance on Aug.1, 2010	\$2,614.23
MRSCNA Bank balance on Oct.1, 2010	\$3,538.51

Deposits/Credits

Credit Debit

Chk

#	Source	Description	Dep.Date		\$2,541.28
Cash	SWMASCNA	Area Donation	8/1/2010	\$40.00	\$2,581.28
Cash	A New Way to Live	Group Donation	8/1/2010	\$10.00	\$2,591.28
Cash	Heavenly Express	Group Donation	8/1/2010	\$25.00	\$2,616.28
Cash	Heavenly Express	Group Donation	8/1/2010	\$10.00	\$2,626.28
		Convention			
Cash	MRCNA	Profit?	8/26/2010	\$660.14	\$3,286.42
1366	NWMASCNA	Area Donation	8/1/2010	\$100.00	\$3,386.42
1225	Saginaw Bay Area	Area Donation	8/1/2010	\$51.21	\$3,437.63
2914	CASCNA	Area Donation	8/1/2010	\$36.98	\$3,474.61
2918	CASCNA	Area Donation	9/21/2010	\$227.59	\$3,702.20
2922	CASCNA	Area Donation	9/21/2010	\$22.85	\$3,725.05
2789	GGRASCNA	Area Donation	9/21/2010	\$195.27	\$3,920.32
1679	WASCNA	Area Donation	9/21/2010	\$90.56	\$4,010.88

\$1,469.60

Payments/Debits

Chk

#	Destination	Description	Chk.Date	Cleared		
						\$4,010.88
3863	State of Michigan	Filing fee	9/22/2010	Y	\$20.00	\$3,990.88
3862	Carman Ainsworth Senior Center	Room Rent	8/1/2010	Y	\$110.00	\$3,880.88
3861	Karl S.(Co-chair)	mileage	8/1/2010	Y	\$68.50	\$3,812.38
3860	Michelle D.(Co-secretary)	hotel	8/1/2010	Y	\$120.99	\$3,691.39
3858	Patti K.(Chair)	mileage	8/1/2010	Y	\$77.00	\$3,614.39
3857	WSO(NAWS)	World Donation	8/1/2010	Y	\$113.83	\$3,500.56
3859	Metro Detroit Region	PSAs	7/1/2010	N	\$750.00	
					\$510.32	

Greetings Family: I just obtained the September bank statements, and we still have more money in the account than we're supposed to but now it's \$37.95. In looking over the 2010 statements I discovered a donation was sent to our accountant which they deposited in May. I'm planning on mailing a check for \$131.59 to NAWS tomorrow. (12% of donations received since the August meeting). Dave C. contacted me regarding additional money we owe Metro Detroit Region on the PSA's for inserting our contact information. I'm writing a check to Metro Detroit Region for \$225.00. The final numbers from the MRCNA treasurer are in and the MRCNA 26 convention made a profit of \$287.14.

I contacted the insurance agency that wrote Metro Detroit's liability policy, they are paying \$1300 annually, but the agent intimated that a policy for MRSCNA would probably cost less because we don't maintain an office. I'm still not convinced purchasing this coverage is necessary or would be the best of NA funds?

The current MRSCNA account balance is \$3538.51

The current MRCNA account balance is \$5795.32

YLS,

Bob P.

- Discussion on getting a credit card machine for only one month, instead of paying for a whole year when we only use it for MRCNA. Pablo P. suggested that a MRCNA committee member should look into it, as they use it, and Bob P. has enough to do already.

6. RD Report - Accepted

RD Report

Hello Family, hope all is well with each and every one of us today. I guess the most important thing to discuss this Meeting is how to proceed with Service System Project. As most of you know from the e-blasts after the World Workshop in Dearborn, Brian and I were able to attend and get trained on how to best facilitate our own Regional Workshops throughout the State. If we are to get in on the early input, the deadline is Dec. 31st. Yes, there was a lot of discussion on the timeline, but was told, it is what it is. We have power point presentations available, not that I've ever done one, but think with the proper equipment, I can do it. The web site to go to for all past, present, and future input on the project as it continues to get updated is: www.na.org/servicesystem. This is being headlined as **Objective 4 of the NAWS Strategic Plan: Transition from a service structure to a service system that is driven by unity in fulfilling our primary purpose and that is flexible in meeting the diverse service needs and goals of NA communities.** This will continue to be a work in progress throughout the Conference Cycle. What I understand to be a few of the important goals are: Geographic Boundaries for better interfacing with outside organizations such as police, clergy, treatment, anyone wanting to get in contact with us or send

addicts our way. Intermediate Bodies to better serve the Groups, and Conference Seating. What we're trying to do is update a Service Structure, created in the 70's, before the Concepts and Vision Statement, to a Service System that will flow from our Concepts and Vision Statement. That's condensed down from about 10 hours of workshops. How would we like to proceed from here is primarily up to our Areas, I think. I'm requesting two workshop slots at MRCNA, but that's a long way off. I'm asking our RCM's to go back to their Areas and request our presence to present this information. Let's do our part in the line of communication see what the Michigan Fellowship has to say about the biggest change in our Service Structure in almost 40 years. Enough said, I leave it in your hands and anxiously await your invitations to fulfill my position.

I'd like to do is thank Dave C. for his forwarding the Conference Internet discussions. Wish our RD would have thought of it. I've forwarded the information on the Living Clean Project. Chapters 6 and 7, and the preface, are now available for review and input. The deadline for this is Dec. 31st.

Did a workshop at SMM's annual pig roast; we choose the topic of Leadership. Had a great turn out, and got some positive feed back. Will be doing a workshop at SWMACNA. Dave C. has graciously volunteered his time and equipment to help us put on a power presentation. Thanks again Dave. I'll leave it at that. Hoping to hear from a few of our Areas to maybe hold a multi-Area workshop in the near future.

ILS, Les P.

7. RDA Report –
Addict named Brian,

I don't know what I can possibly report that Les hasn't already taken care of? I can tell you that the workshop in Dearborn was very informative and that some of the ideas presented could help some of the groups and areas, and could reduce the cost of the WSC. It was made very clear to us that this project was in its infancy and that nothing, including the names of the structural bodies, was set in stone.

I also received chapters 6 & 7 of the Living Clean book project. NAWS is asking for input on both of these projects by 31 December 2010! These projects are very large and could be very important. Usually I don't insert opinion into my reports, but this is a little frustrating for me. This seems to be a lot of work in a very short period of time? I don't understand why the office (NAWS) wants to rush these projects through the fellowship in such a big hurry. This seems to be very unfair and unrealistic to our trusted servants and the fellowship as a whole.

I will do my best to be of service to any area or groups that would ask for help, my time is limited, as I'm sure all of ours is.

In gratitude
Brian H.

8. MRCNA Report –

Fellow NA Members,

It's good to be here in my hometown of Grand Rapids this morning. I'm happy to come and report significant progress on behalf of MRCNA. First off, we've chosen a theme for this year's convention: **Living Clean... Living Free**. We've decided our deadline for logo submissions is November 15th; please pass this information along to your areas. Additionally, we've finalized our register for MRCNA 26, it is as follows:

Date		Income	Expense	Balance
7/19/09	seed money	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
7/19/09	Pre-reg from XXV	\$1,581.00		\$6,581.00
7/19/09	merch 25 sales	\$197.50		\$6,778.50
7/19/09	Pre-reg	\$227.00		\$7,005.50
7/19/09	Bank Fees		\$64.00	\$6,941.50
8/17/09	Misc deposit	\$12.00		\$6,953.50
8/16/09	PO Box		\$62.00	\$6,891.50
8/16/09	Hotel (partial deposit)		\$200.00	\$6,691.50
8/4/09	Bank Fees		\$81.16	\$6,610.34
8/12/09	Bank Fees		\$79.44	\$6,530.90
9/20/09	merch 25 sales	\$11.00		\$6,541.90
9/4/09	Bank Fees		\$20.00	\$6,521.90
9/18/09	Bank Fees		\$8.95	\$6,512.95
9/20/09	Cash box		\$10.59	\$6,502.36
9/20/09	Seed money (E&F fundraiser)		\$60.00	\$6,442.36
10/18/09	Fundraiser income	\$570.00		\$7,012.36
	Merchandise sales	\$735.00		\$7,747.36
	Pre-reg	\$240.00		\$7,987.36
	Seed money returned (E&F)	\$60.00		\$8,047.36
	Seed money (E&F)		\$200.00	\$7,847.36
	Agendas		\$2.12	\$7,845.24
	Bank Fees		\$28.95	\$7,816.29
	Fundraiser expense		\$398.62	\$7,417.67
	Pre-Merchandise		\$1,783.17	\$5,634.50
	T&R Copies		\$16.96	\$5,617.54
11/14/09	Pre-reg	\$20.00		\$5,637.54
	Merchandise sales	\$295.00		\$5,932.54

	Agendas	\$2.97	\$5,929.57
	Bank Fees	\$28.95	\$5,900.62
	Airfare (comedian)	\$360.84	\$5,539.78
12/20/09	Merchandise sales	\$546.00	\$6,085.78
	Pre-reg	\$72.00	\$6,157.78
	Fundraiser income	\$334.51	\$6,492.29
	Bank Fees	\$73.95	\$6,418.34
	Storage totes (merch)	\$20.67	\$6,397.67
1/17/10	Merchandise sales	\$159.00	\$6,556.67
	Agendas	\$2.12	\$6,554.55
	Bank Fees	\$28.95	\$6,525.60
	Petty Cash acct. (Merch)	\$20.00	\$6,505.60
2/21/10	Merchandise sales	\$232.00	\$6,737.60
	Pre-reg	\$173.00	\$6,910.60
	Fundraiser income	\$390.50	\$7,301.10
	Group donation	\$27.00	\$7,328.10
	Bank Fees	\$28.95	\$7,299.15
	Fundraiser expense	\$404.02	\$6,895.13
	T&R Copies, supplies, postage	\$118.06	\$6,777.07
3/21/10	Pre-reg	\$80.00	\$6,857.07
	Agendas	\$2.12	\$6,854.95
	Bank Fees	\$28.95	\$6,826.00
	T&R copies	\$33.88	\$6,792.12
4/18/10	Merch sales	\$300.00	\$7,092.12
	Pre-reg	\$469.00	\$7,561.12
	Fundraiser income	\$636.85	\$8,197.97
	Agendas	\$2.37	\$8,195.60
	Bank Fees	\$28.95	\$8,166.65

	Cash box	\$19.36	\$8,147.29
	T&R Binder	\$19.07	\$8,128.22
	Fundraiser expense	\$516.64	\$7,611.58
5/16/10	Pre-reg	\$97.00	\$7,708.58
	Fundraiser profit	\$18.25	\$7,726.83
	Agendas	\$2.39	\$7,724.44
	Timer, copies (Programming)	\$10.12	\$7,714.32
	T&R copies	\$31.54	\$7,682.78
	Airfare (speaker)	\$477.75	\$7,205.03
	Bank Fees	\$28.95	\$7,176.08
6/13/10	Merch sales (includes \$20 seed \$)	\$375.00	\$7,551.08
	Pre-reg	\$1,793.00	\$9,344.08
	Group donation	\$150.00	\$9,494.08
	Programming (Copies)	\$11.37	\$9,482.71
	T&R postage, supplies	\$125.20	\$9,357.51
	E&F flyer set-up fees	\$90.00	\$9,267.51
	A&G banner and misc.	\$500.00	\$8,767.51
	Hugger/Serenity Giver shirts	\$854.25	\$7,913.26
6/27/10	Pre-reg	\$960.19	\$8,873.45
	E&F Band for convention	\$350.00	\$8,523.45
	Programming (programs)	\$319.00	\$8,204.45
	E&F (Comedian)	\$1,500.00	\$6,704.45
	CI (printing & mailing costs)	\$178.08	\$6,526.37
	Hotel (remainder of deposit)	\$554.00	\$5,972.37
	Programming costs	\$11.13	\$5,961.24
	T&R costs	\$78.74	\$5,882.50
	A&G (banner transport costs)	\$59.81	\$5,822.69
	H&H (food for hospitality rm)	\$500.00	\$5,322.69

	Bank Fees		\$28.95	\$5,293.74
7/1/10	Registrations	\$2,438.00		\$7,731.74
	Merch sales	\$950.00		\$8,681.74
	Serenity Giver shirt sales	\$440.00		\$9,121.74
	Programming (copies)		\$211.28	\$8,910.46
	Programming (program reprint)		\$150.00	\$8,760.46
	H&H (radios)		\$264.89	\$8,495.57
7/2/10	Registrations	\$4,973.00		\$13,468.57
	Merch sales	\$2,276.00		\$15,744.57
	Serenity Giver shirt sales	\$560.00		\$16,304.57
	Programming (CD sales)	\$195.00		\$16,499.57
	H&H (donation)	\$5.00		\$16,504.57
	E&F (remainder of seed \$)	\$150.67		\$16,655.24
	Programming (speaker travel)		\$394.00	\$16,261.24
7/3/10	Registrations	\$5,131.50		\$21,392.74
	Merch sales	\$2,164.00		\$23,556.74
	Serenity Giver shirt sales	\$335.00		\$23,891.74
	Programming (CD sales)	\$1,070.00		\$24,961.74
7/4/10	Registrations	\$936.00		\$25,897.74
	Merch sales	\$696.00		\$26,593.74
	Programming (CD sales)	\$725.00		\$27,318.74
	E&F (DJ-2 nights)		\$600.00	\$26,718.74
	Merch		\$60.00	\$26,658.74
	T&R (reg packets)		\$8,481.52	\$18,177.22
	Merchandise		\$7,362.30	\$10,814.92
	H&H (banquet/brunch)		\$3,547.57	\$7,267.35
7/18/10	A&G (remaining balance of \$500)	\$5.48		\$7,272.83

	Programming (taper supplies)	\$136.88	\$7,135.95
	T&R	\$19.37	\$7,116.58
	Hugger/Serenity Givers	\$20.47	\$7,096.11
8/1/10	Programming (Basic Texts)	\$264.00	\$6,832.11
	E&F (JFTs)	\$138.60	\$6,693.51
	Program (WANA taping costs)	\$638.00	\$6,055.51
	MSO (copies)	\$30.00	\$6,025.51
Aug.	credit card fees	\$138.51	\$5,887.00
	Seed money	\$5,000.00	\$887.00
	Pre-reg MRCNA XXVII	\$1,260.00	\$(373.00)
	Hotel over payment	\$660.14	\$287.14
		\$39,472.59	\$39,185.45

PROFIT MRCNA XXVI = \$287.14

In terms of MRCNA 27 business, our Arts and Graphics Chair has recently resigned due to an advancement opportunity at his place of employment. We have yet to fill this position, and I encourage anyone with the willingness and necessary qualifications to attend our next business meeting October 17th in Midland, MI.

Also, our Entertainment and Fundraising committee is well underway in planning fundraisers for the coming year, however the venue for they're first event schedule in the Washtenaw Area recently canceled. We'll have more details on this event and others as they develop.

As many of you know, the MRCNA subcommittee has formed an ad hoc subcommittee of it's own to revise and reformat our guidelines. In the review required for this process, it's been revealed that a formal process for submission and approval of MRCNA budgets to the region is lacking from both the current MRCNA guidelines as well as the Michigan Regional guidelines. Members of the MRCNA committee have requested that I see this body for guidance. Should our ad hoc committee create such a process and submit it for approval to this body, along with the rest of our revised guidelines? Please advise.

Lastly, MRCNA has received no formal bid submissions for the 2012 and 2013 convention years, however I hear the Capital Area is in talks with a hotel in that area. I am optimistic about these negotiations, however if this bid does not result in a signed contract, the MRCNA subcommittee will solicit bids directly from potential venues. Surely, more will be revealed regarding this issue at the next Regional meeting.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve, and speak with me after the meeting if you'd like to know the good places to eat around town.

ILS,
MRCNA Chair
Joshua S

9. Webservant Report -

MRSCNA Webservant Report Oct 3, 2010,

I have a new person helping me with my local Area webservice. He has extensive experience with commercial web design and maintainance. I am hopeful he will also help guide me through deployment of BMLT for meeting searches on our websites.

I tried to post the videos of the PSA's on our Resource page but they were too big for the upload limit. I will try to post each file separately and see if the videos can be streamed to home computers. Unless there's direction from this committee not to do this.

NOTE TO ALL AREAS: we have available email addresses that can be used for any Area or Regional service purpose. Use of our "...@[michigan-na.org](mailto:...@michigan-na.org)" email domain would prevent the association of personal email accounts and names with our NA service efforts. So I can provide email addresses for Area RCMs, Chairs, Sec, Treas, Public Info, H&I, etc. Please check your Area trusted servants to see if anyone is willing to take advantage of this little-used resource.

I recieved a request today to add a map to the Regional and State home pages showing the outline of each Area's boundaries. I will try to create this graphic and post it to those pages.

Please contact me if any Area or Regional web concerns come up. mrscna@michigan-na.org

If anyone is willing to train for web service or replace me in this position I am willing to step down.

In Loving Service, Jim B

10. MSO Representative Report -

Hello family,

The Michigan Services Offices is doing better these days than we expected. August was a good month and September is going well too. The remodeling work is near completion.

We are updating the office computer equipment with new flat screens and other equipment to help design new merchandise. The office is still closed on Friday and we expect to stay that way for the remainder of the year unless things pick up.

ILS,
Chris B.

11. PR Report -

Hello family,

No areas have requested my help lately for PR related issues. Looking forward to hearing from Area H&I chair involvement to participate in the Regional Sponsorship Behind the Walls committee. Waiting for direction as to my involvement in this "Regional" endeavor. I believe Robert D. has flyers to give to RCM's.
ILS,
Marianne G.

12. Ad Hoc Reports

Public Service Announcements (PSA)

All the final editing web page information and extending the sound to 30 seconds has been completed. The project was a combine effort of the Metro-Detroit and Michigan Regional Service Committees. The approved budget was \$2000.00 per region for a total of \$4000.00 actual ending cost was \$1950.00 that resulted in each region paying \$975.00.

When we started the project it was never about regaining the cost to produce them, but more about the need for new PSA and providing a tool for PR committees. The company that we used for cutting in web site information in is local he is not a member and I believe the cost that is being asked for to make changes and provide a Beta tape at a reasonable cost of \$60.00 with all for 4 PSA. The first DVD of same Beta tape is \$10.00 and all copies of DVD's after that \$5.00 each, the DVD's are continues play showing the PSA to be used at presentations where booths or seminars are. Mentioned that a RCM had stated that they were going to put PSA on U-tube it was explained that the PSA/DVD were given to the RCM to show at their area meeting and to be given to the PR committee to be used responsibly. It was suggested by a member to copyright the PSA, mentioned that release were being signed by both regions to allow World Services to post for other regions possible use. It was suggest that we ask World Services to copyright the PSA's

In Fellowship
Dave C.

13. Area Reports

- a. **Battle Creek Area** - Absent, no report received.
- b. **Capitol Area**



M.R.S.C.N.A.

*Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report*

Name: Pablo P

Date: _____

Area: Capital

Area Meeting Location: 1210 W. Saginaw, Lansing, 4th Floor Board Room

Area Meeting Day / Time: 2nd Sunday/Month: 3:00-5:30 pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 35

Number of Meetings..... 56

Number of H&I Meetings..... 12/month

Total 7th Tradition Collected..... _____

Region Donation..... 5% of donations to Area 75% of moneys over prudent reserve

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM			
RCM alt			
Area Chair	Jim P.		
Treasurer	Blake H.		
H&I Chair			
PI Chair			
Web Servant	Stephen J. Web Master		

The Capital Area sent me to the Service Workshop last month. The Capital Area will hold a workshop on either the 16th or the 23rd. This will be a pot luck. My home group has agreed to give up one of their meeting times in order to host the work shop. The flyer will go out after Area RCMs if you plan on attending along with your GSRs could you let me know how many will be attending. We would like to be able to plan accordingly as far as printing and settings are concerned. Our Area has many positions unfilled and is struggling to fulfill or commitments. Our H&I resigned and so did the new Area Co-Chair.

- C.**
- d. Flint Area**



M.R.S.C.N.A.

*Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report*

Name: Heidi D.
 Date: 10/03/2010
 Area: Flint
 Area Meeting Location: Bridge Church
 Area Meeting Day / Time: Last Sunday of Month

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 34
 Number of Meetings..... 57
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 10
 Total 7th Tradition Collected.....
 Region Donation.....

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	Heidi D.		
RCM alt	Thomasina T.		

Area Chair Gary R.
Treasurer OPEN
H&I Chair Lonnie Jerry
PI Chair Jamie H.
Activities Chair OPEN

Flint Area Report

Good morning family,

The Flint Area is doing well.

We are having a Chapter Jam in Lapeer on Saturday, October 16th, 2010. Please see the Flint Area website for the flyer.

The Flint Area will be holding an all day marathon meeting on Thanksgiving. The Area always has a very good meal at the marathon meeting. We gratefully have many good cooks in the Area.

We are in need of an Activities Chair and a Treasurer.

We are still having issues with the Webpage. Sharepoint is not user friendly. If anyone is having an easier time please email me with the tricks. Our WebMaster is vexed.

ILS, Heidi D

e. Greater Grand Rapids Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

*Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report*

Name: Ryan M.

Date: 10/03/2010

Area: Greater Grand Rapids

Area Meeting Location: SS Peter and Paul church

Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Wednesday 7pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 18
Number of Meetings..... 36
Number of H&I Meetings..... 4
Total 7th Tradition Collected..... n/a
Region Donation..... quarterly

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM			
RCM alt			

Area Chair

Treasurer

H&I Chair

PI Chair

Activities Chair

Name is Ryan I'm an addict,

All is well in our area in Grand Rapids. We held are boyz to men speaker jam event last night here in Grand Rapids. The event was well attended but we didn't raise any funds at this event. Activities are not doing very well in Grand Rapids as of late. We need to get some registration flyers to bring to events and meetings for MRCNA. We do currently have all our positions filled in our area which is good. Unfortunately we have no upcoming events or activities schedules at this time. We definitely need help in that department. But on a good note new meetings are forming in our area on which includes a young in recovery meeting which is Thursday nights at 8pm. That's pretty much all I have thanks for the opportunity to be of service,

Ryan Marshall.

f. Greater Muskegon Area

Good morning to all and thank you for keeping Muskegon on the rotation for the Regional meeting...

As you may know our area is going through participation problems which is resulting in the closing, changing and the consolidation of meetings...

The worst of it is that shoreline serenity meeting of 23 years had to close...

There are still 8 groups in the Greater Muskegon Area holding 23 meeting a week.

Meeting list is still being maintained and activities are being held.

The still suffering addict is still recovering....

The Saturday night event is to be announced However the plan is to have it held at ..

Bethany Christian Reformed Church Parish House

[1105 Terrace St](#)

[Muskegon, MI 49442](#)

maps.google.com

[Get directions](#)

ILS

Jeff C.

The December Regional meeting will be held at Shoreline Inn & Conference Center in Muskegon 750 Terrace Point Blvd., Muskegon, MI (866) 727-8483. It's in the Marina View room downstairs. Be sure to mention MRSC when you make a reservation.

ILS

Micha

g. Livingston County Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee

**of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report**

Name: Chris B.
Date: Oct 3, 2010
Area: Livingston
Area Meeting Location: Livingston County Alano Club
Area Meeting Day / Time: 5:30 pm. 3rd Sunday of month

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....16
Number of Meetings.....19
Number of H&I Meetings.....1
Total 7th Tradition Collected.....??
Region Donation.....??

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	<u>Chris B.</u>		
RCM-Alt.	<u>Joe B.</u>		
Area Chair			
Activities Chair			
PR Chair			
Web Servant			

- Have new Livingston County Area meeting
- Hosting Regional meeting in Feb 2011
- Would like workshop on service work, traditions, H&I
- Working location now
- MRCNA fundraiser Feb 6 2011

h. Northwestern Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.
Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Tim C.
Date: 10/03/2010
Area: Northwestern
Area Meeting Location: 5th & Oak Traverse City
Area Meeting Day / Time: 3rd Sunday @ 4:00pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....17
Number of Meetings.....34
Number of H&I Meetings.....4-6
Total 7th Tradition Collected.....
Region Donation.....\$500

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	Tim C.		
RCM alt	Jeff B.		
Area Chair	Mike W.		
Treasurer	Pat H.		
H&I Chair	Dave T.		
PI Chair	Michelle E.		
Activities Chair	OPEN		

Greetings from Northwestern Area

Meetings are happening. We had area elections @ our meeting in August; I will continue as RCM. All area positions were filled except for sub-committees. We did however elect a PI Chair, Michelle E., and an H&I Chair, Dave T., at September's Area meeting. Our old Literature Chair reported too much money sitting idle and returned \$500 to area. Also, the retreat committee returned \$479.60. I asked GSR's to take back to groups anyone interested in Sponsorship Behind the Walls contact me. So far I have 2 men and 2 women signed up. Need some kind of guidelines. Area agreed to send myself and RCMA to Service System Workshop in Detroit. RCMA couldn't make it and I couldn't find anyone else to go. I attended the workshop and feel more apart of NA than I have before. The workshop was very well done and I would like help to do a workshop up north so others could feel more connected.

Thanks,
Tim C.

- i. **Northwoods Area** – Absent, no report received
- j. **Saginaw Bay Area**



M.R.S.C.N.A.
*Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report*

Name: Willard Y.
Date: October 03, 2010
Area: Saginaw Bay
Area Meeting Location: New Vineyard Church, 1014 E. Ashman St., Midland, MI 48642
Area Meeting Day / Time: Saturday October 23, 2010 @ 1:30pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....	<u>38</u>
Number of Meetings.....	<u>50</u>
Number of H&I Meetings.....	<u>12</u>
Total 7 th Tradition Collected.....	<u>\$776.10 (August) \$202.90 (September)</u>
Region Donation.....	<u>\$97.90</u>

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	Willard Y.		
RCM Alt	Ron W.		
Area Chair	Jason G.		
Literature Chair	Tammy R.		

PR Chair	Tim R.
Web Servant	Bryan H.
Activities Chair	Brett K.

Upcoming Activities: Recovery Fall Festival

When: Saturday, October 9th, 2010 from 5:00-9:30PM

Where: Grandma's Pumpkin Patch, 4319 North Eastman Road, Midland

What: 50/50 Raffle, Bonfire, Corn Maze, Hay Rides, Petting Zoo, Pig Races, Inflatable Haunted House, Cow Train Rides

How: \$5 admission; Meatballs will be provided; Bring a Dish to pass ... flyer is on our website

- Our Retreat Committee is meeting monthly to plan the 2011 "**Mothers' Day Retreat**" at Higgins Lake which will NOT be held on Mothers' Day weekend but rather the weekend AFTER: **May 13-15, 2011**
- Our Public Relations Committee is comprised of H&I, PI, & Phonline activities. This month we increased H&I activity by starting separate men & women's meetings in the Midland County jail and starting a meeting in Tuscola County at the Prison Release Re-entry Center. PI activities have been focused on improving our relationship with the State Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies. In November, 2010, we will conduct training for Helpline volunteers and conduct a mass Public Information mailing in conjunction with PSA distribution.
- As RCM, I attended Service System Workshop that was held at the Dearborn Doubletree from September 17-19, 2010. I have attached a copy of the first report that we provided to our Groups in the Saginaw Bay Area. Ron W. (RCMA) and I thought that other Areas might find it helpful to see how we are communicating within our Area on a complex but important NA change. Here's our report:

Service System Workshop Overview:

I attended the first of five (in the U.S.) NA Service System Workshops at the Doubletree Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan on Friday, September 17 & Saturday, September 18, 2010. I was unable to stay for the Sunday morning Summary session (on the 19th) due to a previous family commitment. Fortunately, no new topics were covered on Sunday.

The Workshop was led by 2 NA World Board (WB) members: Mark (Milwaukee, WI) and Paul C. (New Brunswick, Canada). Shane & Nick from the NA World Service Office provided administrative support. The Workshop was attended by approximately 100 (attendance fluctuated throughout the weekend) NA members from the Midwest Zone. A partial list of the States represented at the Workshop included Michigan (of course), Wisconsin, Utah, Illinois, Ohio, South Dakota, Iowa, and Utah.

This Workshop covered proposed structural changes to our Service System. The format of the Workshop was to prepare/train the attendees to be able to return to their respective Areas and Regions to lead discussions regarding this important process with the members they serve.

Background:

Currently the World Board (at the direction of the World Service Conference) with the help of a Service System Workgroup is preparing solutions to improve NA's Service System for the Fellowship to consider. Our current Service System has over 1,000 area service committees in well over 100 regions serving nearly 60,000 meeting, approximately 50% of which are in the U.S. It's an understatement to say that this is a large-scale organizational change!

Although the current Service System was designed in the 1970's – pre-Basic Text -- for a Fellowship very different from the Narcotics Anonymous of today. Although the current system works for some, major problems exist for many. The driving factors for change are the commonly experienced, ongoing challenges in NA service:

- Ineffective communication
- Insufficient resources
- Frustrated trusted servants
- Poor atmosphere of recovery in service meetings

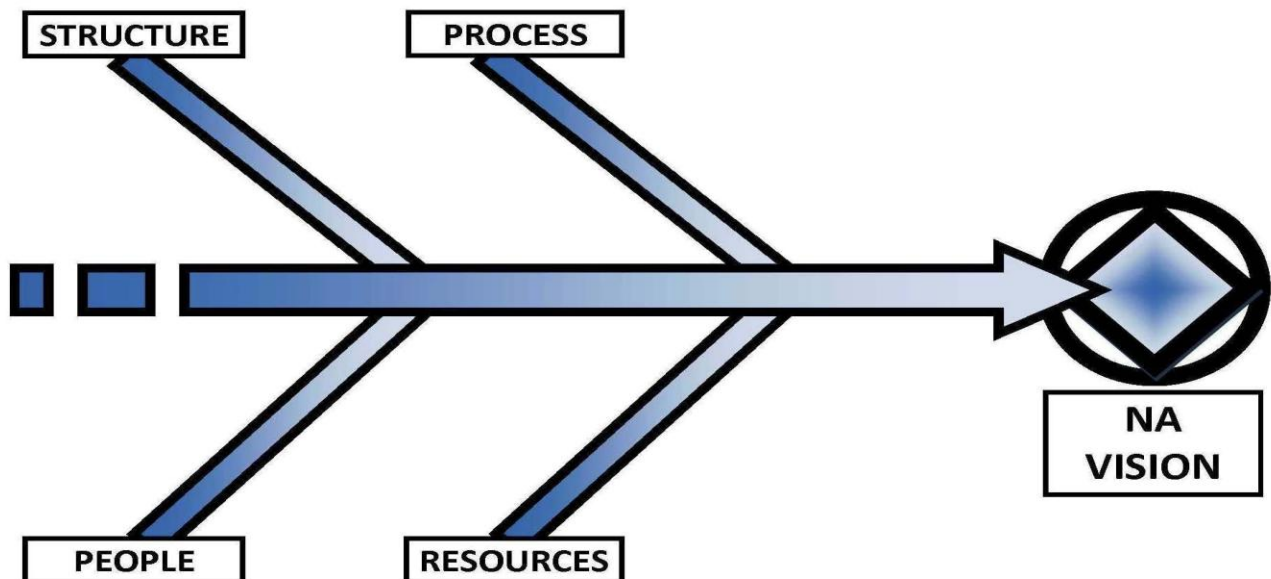
Current State:

An effective system has four major components: Structure, Process, Resources, and People. All of these should work together in harmony to achieve the purpose of the system, which is captured in our Vision Statement: **A Vision for NA Services**, which was adopted at the last World Service Conference and is read at each of our Area Service meetings. The Vision tells us where we want to go ... effective Structure, Process, Resources, and People will make our Vision a reality.

Now that the Fellowship has determined our Vision, the World Board decided to address Structure first, although changes in processes (how we do things in NA service) may have the most profound change on how successful we are in delivering NA services. Structural change seemed possibly the most challenging change to implement and talk about throughout the fellowship, so the World board decided to start there.

Not only must the new Service System meet the needs of our Vision, it must be consistent with spiritual principles (e.g., 12 Traditions & the 12 Concepts). Alignment with the 12 Concepts is especially important because:

- The current structure was designed before the Twelve Concepts were adopted in 1992
- Our hope is for a system that more closely embodies the principles of the Twelve Concepts



Here's the General Timeline for this Project:

1. Summer/Fall 2010 – First discussions & workshops
2. 31 December 2010 – Input received

3. Early 2011 – Revise & re-release proposals
4. Late 2011 – Prepare for WSC

This is a complex change and a complex topic to discuss. This report is the first of several that Ron W. (RCMA) and I will provide to prepare the members of the sagiNAw bay area to participate in the improvement of our Service System. The next Report (for the October meeting) will discuss the current proposals for Structure Change for the NA Service System. We will also be holding a local Workshop on the topic, but the dates and whether or not we will conduct it jointly with the Region or other areas have not been decided. I encourage you to begin your involvement in the Service System Project by visiting the project page at: <http://www.na.org/servicesystem>

ILS: Willard Y. & Ron W.

k. Southern Mid-Michigan Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.
*Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report*

Name: Linda Stokes
Date: Sunday, Oct. 2, 2010
Area: Southern Mid Michigan
Area Meeting Location: Rotates between Adrian and Jackson
Area Meeting Day / Time: Last Sunday of the month

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 9
Number of Meetings..... 24
Number of H&I Meetings..... 11
Total 7th Tradition Collected..... _____
Region Donation..... 200.00

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM <u>Linda S.</u>		
RCM alt <u>Lisa B.</u>		
Area Chair <u>Kevin B.</u>		
H&I Chair <u>Kevin B</u>		<u>same as above</u>
PI Chair <u>Adrian – Linda S, Jackson, Lisa B</u>		<u>same as above</u>
Web Servant <u>Guy B</u>		

Our annual Hog Roast was well attended with addicts from many areas. This event is held every August. Watch for details of our 2011 event!

The annual Halloween Hayride will be held on October 23 at the home of Bill N, 4774 Wisner Hwy., Adrian 49221. Flyers are available.

In loving service,

Linda S.
SMMANA

I. Southwestern Michigan Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

*Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report*

Name: Al L.
Date: 10/03/2010
Area: Southwestern Michigan
Area Meeting Location: South County Community Center, Vicksburg, MI
Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Sunday, 3:00pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 34
Number of Meetings..... 74
Number of H&I Meetings..... 10
Total 7th Tradition Collected..... 950.00
Region Donation..... 100.00

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	<u>Al L.</u>		
RCM alt	<u>Dave W.</u>		
Area Chair	<u>Maxwell M.</u>		
Treasurer	<u>Charlene L.</u>		
H&I Chair	<u>Eric S.</u>		
PI Chair	<u>Doug D.</u>		
Activities Chair	<u>OPEN</u>		

Hello family, Our Area meetings were held on August 28 and September 25, 2010, in Vicksburg, MI.

We have completed accepting nominations for our Area Service Committee positions. Elections will be this month. We are fortunate to have at least one person with the willingness to serve in each position, and we hope to re-establish the Activities committee this year.

Our H&I subcommittee has begun two new meetings, one at the Allegan County Jail for women, and one at a women's shelter in Kalamazoo.

The "Recovery Day" function held by Kalamazoo County Mental Health Services was attended by our PI chairperson. We were able to make contact with many substance abuse professionals in our area, and we will be providing them with meeting lists and some IPs. We hope to use these contacts as a way to present NA as a viable option for persons wishing to recover from addiction. A member of our Area shared her story as a panel member at the event, helping to carry the message of recovery in NA.

The convention fundraiser golf outing was a huge success. It was our most financially successful fundraiser this year, and a lot of fun as well. We hope to be able to make this an annual event.

Our Area convention, SWMACNA V, is coming up on Halloween weekend at the Radisson Plaza in Kalamazoo. If you have not booked a room for the convention yet, please do so by October 15. Also, please be sure to use the local phone number that is on the registration flyer and make it clear to the person you talk to that you are registering for SWMACNA. There has been some confusion with the hotel staff, and we need to make sure that all rooms registered count toward our room block.

There are more upcoming events on our part of the website, including R&R at the Fort. We hope to see you in Southwest soon!

ILS

Al L.

m. Washtenaw Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.
*Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report*

Name: Frank D.

Date: Oct 2, 2010

Area: Washtenaw

Area Meeting Location: Peace Neighborhood Center, 1111 N. Maple St., A2, MI 48103

Area Meeting Day / Time: 5:00 pm. Second Sunday of the month.

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....	<u>19</u>
Number of Meetings.....	<u>27</u>
Number of H&I Meetings.....	<u>11</u>
Total 7 th Tradition Collected.....	<u>??</u>
Region Donation.....	<u>??</u>

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	<u>Jim E.</u>		
RCM-Alt.	<u>Frank D.</u>		
Area Chair	<u>Jason C.</u>		
Activities Chair	<u>Brett W.</u>		
PR Chair	<u>Thomas J.</u>		
Web Servant	<u>Rick D.</u>		

REPORT:

Greetings from the Washtenaw Area. We had elections this past area, and the minutes have not been released. Therefore, there is not much to report at this time. All is well in the Area and we have a Region Donation.

Frank D.

n. Westshore Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.
Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Sandy P.
Date: 10/03/2010
Area: West Shore
Area Meeting Location: Manna Church
Area Meeting Day / Time: 3rd Sunday of Month

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 6
Number of Meetings..... 13
Number of H&I Meetings..... 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected.....
Region Donation.....

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	<u>Sandy P.</u>		
RCM alt	<u>OPEN</u>		
Area Chair	<u>Jim B.</u>		
Treasurer	<u>Tim P.</u>		
H&I Chair	<u>Dave G.</u>		
PI Chair	<u>OPEN</u>		
Activities Chair	<u>OPEN</u>		

- Will be holding a gratitude dinner November 27th location TBA
- Recently held our Fall Retreat, Connection = Our Freedom (about 25 in attendance)
- Open positions: RCMA, PR Chair, PI Chair, Activities Chair

14. Old Business

- Do we NEED liability insurance? Dave C. brought up that in Detroit some NA meetings/events are not allowed in hotels or other locations without proof of insurance. Others said they have not run into that issue, or they go to another location that doesn't require it. Pablo P. said we don't need to get it just because others are. Jim B. brought up that even if one person needs medical attention in a meeting, it offsets the \$1300 cost.
- SBW- most area H&I chairs seem to be interested.
- Brian H. brought up the 800# and where it is. Jeff K. will be asked to come to the next regional meeting in Muskegon.

15. New Business

- Micha D. was appointed to secretary, co-secretary is open.
- Discussion on whether to send RD and RDA to MZF in November. They will be attending.

- Should Region host an event in Muskegon and what should the event be? Region is going to host an event the day before the next Regional meeting. Muskegon area will get with Les and decide on the specifics.

16. Please discuss at your business meeting

- Holding workshops on the Service System Project and Living Clean Project
- Co-secretary is open

17. Meeting closed at ~pm

ILS,
Micha D.