

## **M.R.S.C.N.A. MEETING - APRIL 1, 2007**

1. OPENING: Kevin opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. sharp with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. 12 TRADITIONS: The Traditions were read by Jeff C.
3. 12 CONCEPTS: The Concepts were read by Robert M.
4. ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by Marybeth G.
5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: No report received. Kevin R., our Co-Chair filling in for Jo D.
6. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Hi Family, I'm an addict named Marybeth. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve this body. I've submitted receipts for copying and half the room rental, as I shared a room with the new RCM from the GMA whom I like to introduce to all of you, Lizzie S. I'll do my best to deliver the minutes in a timely manner.

ILS,  
Marybeth

### 7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Brian gave everyone a detailed Account Summary at this meeting. It was noted that our Account Number is on all check copies and statements and that RCM's should black out all numbers. If anyone has questions or did not see this statement, I have a copy. Brian also emailed me that Saginaw Bay PI, H & I and Help Line Sub-committees are sponsoring a workshop called "What Can I Do?" at 2:00 p.m. on June 2, 2007 with a fun activity planned for the evening.

8. RD REPORT: No report received. I know Mike read one, but I don't have a record of it.
9. RDA REPORT: Dave sent me his report, I put it in my Regional file, and when I sat to do the minutes, I could not open it. I tried on several computers, but to no avail. Sorry Dave, you did so in such a timely manner.
10. MRCNA REPORT:

Greetings from MRCNA XXIII! I asked Pablo to check contract for Grand Rapids. If we break the contract for 2009 we would be paying a huge penalty. We recommend that the convention go on as planned for 2008 and 2009. Dale's redo of the logo was approved and given to the Sports Stop. We decided that due to not knowing who would be convention vendors in the future, that \$5000.00 was the amount that should be kept as prudent reserve for the committee. The committee has also decided that the banner disc will be reproduced and at the convention we will ask for a donation. Lisa found a company that will do it for less than 75 cents apiece. T & R has 169 pre-registrations at this time and all other sub-committees are busy planning their respective tasks.

Rich M.  
MRCNA XXIII Chair

11. SHARED SERVICES: Absent with no report.
12. WEBSITE CONTACT REPORT: Absent with no report.
13. MSO REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Hello Family, all is well with the MSO. Not a lot to report on. Business has been a little slow lately, but we're hoping DACNA will be successful for us. Lots of planning and preparation is going into this. We are also going to be looking into selling on the Web. We're starting to look at our lease and renewing or what. Our lease is not up till Oct. 08, but need to stay on top of things. We are probably going to be hiring a shredder to get rid of decades of old MSO documents and sales slips. There's dozens of boxes of stuff that Dave C. and others have been sorting out. It's a mess. I've been trying to find Capitols archives, but will have to wait for Dave to help me. Hopefully we'll have them soon. I will be missing Junes Regional Meeting in favor of my bike/camping trip out west this year. I may or may not miss any MSO Board Meetings, but could still be gone for the June one. WE need to start thinking of a new MSO Rep. My term is up in Jan. 08. So if someone wants to start attending our Board meetings to get the feel of it. It would be a good thing. Still looking for updated Area Address Sheets from all Areas in Mi. Just in, M.D.R.S.C.N.A. has donated a \$1,000 to the M.S.O. to go towards the NAWS bill. That'll cut it in half. We'll only owe a \$1,000 now.

Dats all folks, ILS            Les P.

Hello Family,

It was reported back to Metro Detroit Region that the Michigan Region would be interested in having a joint convention between the two Regions. With the Michigan Region having contracts already signed for 2008 and 2009, we are suggesting that 2010 would be the year that we come together. As we previously mentioned that neither Region would have their own convention.

Myself and other members have started on a possible survey to be sent to Groups. It has been suggested we may get a better response if we obtained the addresses for each Home Group and send it directly to them, rather than sending sending them through RCM's and GSR's.

#### Survey Questions

Would you support a joint convention of Michigan and Metro Detroit Regions with participation and/or attendance on the committee?

We are seeking suggestions for possible locations as to where to have a joint convention.

I would like to suggest that perhaps in preparation of having a joint convention that we have some learning/workshops together throughout both Regions and we could focus on some of the current World issues.

Proud NA Member,  
Dave C. - Metro Detroit Region

#### 14. H & I REPORT:

I'm an addict named Jeff. I am happy to report that I was contacted two times over the last two months for help and information about H & I. The RCM from Southwestern Area contacted me for information about signing attendance sheets at an H & I meeting in an institution. After a short conversation, I decided to call World for more information on this subject. Through email, I sent the bulletin from World that covers this subject and I received more information from Steve with whom I spoke with at the WSO. I also received a phone call from the Metro Detroit Region H & I Chair concerning several letters they received from the MSO.

The letters are from addicts in correctional institutions in the Michigan Region. I had them all sent to me to be given to the proper Areas.

Grateful to Serve,  
Jeff C., Michigan Region H & I Contact

15. PI REPORT:

Hello family! I wish I were there with all of you. I truly look forward to our sharing of information between Areas and the 2 Regions. I also recognize the need for prudence. Traverse City is not a drive I am able to make on the morning of and since there is no workshop planned and I have not much to report, I cannot see the justification for the waste of 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition on mileage and hotel. I hope I am making the right decision in not attending this month.

As stated, I do not have much to report this month. I was contacted by DACNA via the presence of the program committee at the Kalamazoo convention workshop. I declined after accepting due to the fact that I stuck with my gut feeling that it was not appropriate that I was required to pay in full all registration and any related fees in advance, in order to be eligible to share the experience, strength and hope that

the committee came to me in the first place requesting. When I asked about simply donating to the Newcomer Fund, that was not an option. With that, I respectfully and lovingly declined based on principle. Two weeks later I received a call and was asked to facilitate a workshop for the Battle Creek Area. I will be doing this April 21, I believe. I am waiting on the details. I made a requested stop in the Flint Area not too long ago as well. Please contact me if I may be of service to any Area.

Creating awareness is the stepping stone to involvement, involvement is what saves addicts lives and reduces misery from active addiction!

As discussed previously, both our PI/PR and H & I contacts are now using the PR Handbook. The one I have been using is my own personal copy, I will be purchasing a new one for the MRSC PI/PR. If there is a problem with this, please be sure it is in the minutes so I do not spend the money. Thank you for your time. I hope the weather is nice up there and I will see everyone in June!

In Loving Grateful Service,  
Julia O.

## **AREA REPORTS**

### **Battle Creek**

Groups: 12  
Meetings: 26  
H & I Meetings: 1  
Region Donation: \$20/\$50 Area

Battle Creek Area met on March 24, 2007 at Maple United Methodist Church. All Area positions filled.

### **CAPITAL**

Capital Area is having a game night on April 21 at St. Lawrence Hospital. Also, there is a Speaker Jam on April 28 at the House of Common in Mason, with speakers, dinner and a dance. Info on Internet.

In Loving Service,  
Leon Jr. Temporary RCM

### **FLINT**

Absent with no report.

### **Greater Grand Rapids**

The Grand Rapids Area is doing well. The Area meeting is well attended and issues being handled. Valerie Y. was elected H & I Chair, we have a new Spanish speaking meeting, we have formed an adhoc committee to raise frunds for MRCNA over the next 2 years, as GR will be hosting '08 and '09. The Saturday night candlelight meeting is holding their annual Picnic June 16 at Ideal Park. We also voted in an activity kit which will be online and will have Templates for flyers, forms for budgets, pre- and post activity submissions, types of avtivities with approximate cost and probable profit, various facilities for rent, and an inventory of items needed. It is very thorough to say the least.

In Loving Service,  
Michael B.

### **GREATER MUSKEGON AREA**

Groups: 13  
Meetings: 33  
H & I: 2  
Region Donation: \$53

The GMASCNA met on Sunday, March 18, 2007. Our Area meets every 3rd Sunday of every other month. 10 of the 13 groups were present. As an Area, we support the continued attendance of the RD and RDA at the MZF. Discussion and planning have begun for our annual White Lake Campout which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year as well as our 2nd annual GMA Retreat. A lengthy discussion took place regarding opening a second checking account in order to facilitate this year's retreat. Ultimately, this suggestion was declined. Flyers are available for Road to Recovery's 3rd Annual Prom to be held May 19th in Holland. I believe it is worth noting that over the next month, the Road to Recovery Group in Holland will be celebrating over 80 years of clean time !!

In Loving Service,  
Lizzie S.

### **LIVINGSTON**

Hi, I'm Marty. I'm an addict. Livingston County is growing slowly. We now have PI and H & I Committees. H & I is checking into local institutions to see if there is any need for us. Our PI Committee has been meeting and is currently working on getting an information line for the Area. Also, starting to send out form letters to let local leaders know we're here. Our only concern right now is lack of female members in the Area. The members who do stay have trouble finding a sponsor. Is there any Area having this struggle? And is there any way we can have a regional female sponsorship list, for temporary sponsors for those in need.

Thanks,  
Marty D.

### **NORTHWESTERN**

Groups: 14  
Meetings: 32  
H & I 6  
Region Donation: \$200

Morning Family! I am an addict named Sally. Thanks to Northwoods for a great weekend! Always hospitable! Northwestern is running smoothly. April 21 we will be holding a MRCNA fundraiser. It will begin with a PI workshop covering the youth IP's and PR Handbook, followed by a spaghetti dinner. Our clean-up campout is a go May 4-6 at last year's location, Ranch Rudolph. Bring a rake, rake your site and the camping is free. Our NWACNA retreat is planned for June 22-24 at Ranch

Rudolph. Speaking of which, we have t-shirts and sweatshirts here in my trunk! Flyers for all of these events are here to take back to your Areas. In regards to Old Business, we believe Region should fund the RD or RDA but not both. One or the other. If it is the Alternate's first MZF, send both. The Regional Board should use its discretion in regards to transportation costs. With the MSO archives, leave them where they are. Finally, the PI/PR issue. Our Area wants to keep the two contacts separate. We do believe the PR Handbook should be used by H & I. Thanks for letting me serve!

### **NORTHWOODS**

Addict named Gene. We have 13 Groups, 23 meetings. Recovery on the River #5 is July 13, 14 and 15 in East Jordan. \$10 donation, adults only per day. Canoe trip on Saturday. Speakers Friday and Saturday night.

Discussion - send both RD and RDA to meetings. Against joint convention.

In Loving Service,  
Gene R.

### **SAINAW BAY**

Groups: 32  
Meetings: 53  
H & I: 5  
Donation: 183.90

### **JUNE REGION - JUNE 3, 2007**

**Valley Plaza Resort/Best Western  
5221 Bay City Road, Midland MI 48642  
989-496-0100  
800-825-2700**

**\$89 per night - must state MRSCNA**

I am an addict named Bunny. Our Area is doing well. The only open position we have is RCM. Our Activities Committee is holding a Springtime-Speaker-Rama at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Essexville on April 21. The doors open at 11 a.m. and there will be a dance. Flyers available. Our Helpline committee will be working with

our Activities committee to plan a Helpline Volunteer Workshop. Our Literature Committee is planning to hold a workshop for the two youth related IP's. Our Area is currently planning an activity for the June Regional Meeting. The final decision for this activity had not been made at our last Area meeting. Our Retreat committee is currently taking registration forms for our 21st annual Mother's Day Retreat at the R. A. MacMullen Conference Center in Higgins Lake. The Retreat will be held May 11-13. Registration forms can be found on our website under events.

Our Area would like to continue sending the RD and RDA to the MZF. We would like our archives to be returned.

In Loving Service,  
Bunny

### **SOUTHERN MID-MICHIGAN**

Groups: 12  
Meetings: 20  
H & I: 7  
Regional Donation: \$150

The SMMANA is well and growing. All Area positions are full and with an excess of willingness, we have a 3-way chair for PI as our Area has 3 major sections. We are trying this approach to attempt better coverage and contact in PI. H & I panels in SMSP need addicts with the willingness to participate. We are conducting an Area inventory with questionnaires sent to all Home Groups. I hope to have a follow-up report on this at next Region.

In Loving Service,  
Carol K.

### **SOUTHWESTERN**

Groups: 25  
Meetings: 29  
H & I: 10

Hi Family,

Thanks to all who braved the weather to attend the last Regional

Meeting in Kalamazoo. However, not everyone was so brave. Attendance was down, and consequently, we lost money. The new committee is assembling for next year and they are discussing changing the date to a more weather stable month, if there is such a thing in Michigan. We are also planning a learning day. I will email Marybeth with the date to be added to my report and it will be on our website. Also a Home Group called NBS is having their Annual Retreat August 9-12. I will bring flyers next Region. \$25 Registration.

The issue about signing court slips at an H & I meeting in a facility: our Area H & I felt we shouldn't because that would discourage people from attending outside meetings, and H & I is for people with little or no access to outside meetings. Jeff did send me the World Bulletin, but I was unable to read it. Thank you Jeff for your help. Our H & I meeting is tomorrow.

Finally, our Area is struggling financially right now and looking at our phone line service. I hope they leave it alone but more will be revealed. We are asking our Home Groups to help with these financial issues. There seemed to be no interest in the MZF or archive issues. I will talk to Les about it after the meeting.

In Loving Service,  
Patti K.

## **WASHTENAW**

Hello family, Happy April Fools Day. Washtenaw Area seems to be in top form. Our A. S. C. Meetings have been extremely well attended. 13 G.S.R.'s plus 3 reports and donations in Feb. and 17 G.S.R.'s out of 18 Groups present in March. We also had a new Group show up that has 5 meetings. M-F, 9am-11am. Our G.S.R.'s reported 1,840 addicts in attendance in Feb. Our Activities Committee is having a Games Night once a month and we had a Bowling night on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Both events have drawn a couple dozen in attendance. Our P.I. Committee is planning to start putting Literature Racks around town, and we are now under new Consensus Guidelines. We will have a Youth in Recovery Workshop at our next Games Night. We have a \$234.74 donation, and passed motions to ask Region to meet quarterly, and M.Z.F. to meet twice a year, with only one R.D. or R.D.A. attend. I guess this will go under new business and see what

other Area's have brought back. I guess that's about it folks.

I.L.S. Les P.

16. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Insurance - Jo absent. Not complete - tabled.
- b. Motion 2006-12-1 PI is PI/PR and H & I will stay H & I.  
Tabled as we have 2 new RCM's. SMMANA and Saginaw Bay will take back.
- c. Joint Convention - Not before 2010 as contracts are signed. Dave C. suggested survey. Shared Services not here - tabled.
- d. MRCNA Budget - proposed prudent reserve for 2008. Last meeting gave budget we asked for. Would like seed money amount in order to plan. Don't need more than the \$2000 seed. What do we do with all the money in the bank?

17. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Mike P. from GGR has a phone line system where a caller can talk to addict and/or find a meeting. Can be done at the Regional level. We would like him to ready it and present to Region PI/PR. Will bring comprehensive proposal next meeting.
- b. MRCNA - own account. No.
- c. RCM Reimbursement - paid by respective Area. If unable, case by case basis. Brian would like our names, what for and date on our receipts. Please try to double up and carpool, when possible. Brian will wait to pay Lori when she emails back. Brian would like expensed itemized.
- d. MSO Rep - 3rd Tuesday of every month. Les' spot will be vacant in January. **Take back to Areas.**
- e. Women in Livingston County need sponsors. **Talk to Areas for temporary sponsors.**
- f. SMM - wanted to change date for August Regional Meeting. No.
- g. Change Region to quarterly - too much info not to meet every other month. No.
- h. WSO Donation - 401.96 (13% of quarterly 7th tradition - 3091.99).
- i. 3 options for dispensation of funds -
  - 1. \$1000 World
  - 2. \$500 World - \$500 MSO
  - 3. \$500 World - \$500 H & I

Consensus - Option 3. Jeff will order from MSO, Brian will send a check and Les will make sure the Basic Texts arrive in June at Region.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege.

Marybeth