

## WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE: Sept 20 & 21, 2008

PLACE: La Crosse, WI

### Area Round Table Discussions

- A. Current Cycle - Continuance Being Nice to the Old-timers in Service
- B. Next Cycle - Why is NA service structure inverted?

### OPENING:

- A. Recovery Meeting @ 9:05 am
- B. Beginning of Conference Moment of Silence @ 10:25 am
- C. Reading of The Servant Worker's Prayer
- D. Introductions
- E. Roll Call: 11 of 16 active areas present
- F. 7th Tradition
- G. Reading of the 4<sup>th</sup> Concept
- H. Special Business
  - a. Left over topic from July to be placed on the board for voting
    - TOPIC 4 Motion to remove "Mans Entire" from We Do Recover – 4:16
      - ⌋⌋ That this Region submits this to world to remove from Basic Text
      - ⌋⌋ Intent – Make the literature non gender specific
      - ⌋⌋ Sending back to all groups in Region

### TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:

#### A. FACILITATOR: Kerry K

Hello family I really want to emphasize unity in our Area's. We can all do more in this tradition. I would like to see us pull together more and sit aside less. I am contemplating stepping down after my term is up. This position has helped my personal recovery tremendously. My confidence has grown a lot. I am having a lot of stuff put on my plate at home so I am torn in taking another term if nominated. Either way I will stay in service background. I would really like to see a leadership in NA workshop.

In Loving Service Kerry K

#### B. VICE-FACILITATOR: Bob C

No report this cycle.

#### C. JANUARY SECRETARY: Linda C

I am looking for a volunteer who feels like cutting sheets of paper into voting squares while we are in session. I have only one pair of scissors but lots of paper.

KMA is hosting next cycle – is RCM here – please get me an electronic copy of the flyer.

Made changes to the contact list. Since the contact list, treasure report & roll call are part of the minutes I recorded on the contact list the action taken for the Additional needs committee. That way in a few years when it is questioned as to why it is Adhoc instead of committee we have a quick reference point. If there is any objection to this please speak up now and we can place that discussion on the topic list.

I have to report a huge blunder on my part. After the May Regional I emailed the previous Policy chair and asked for the current guidelines in word. I made the mistake of not verifying the document he sent me. The guidelines that I printed and handed out in July are not the correct current ones. To correct this error I will be adding my services/work to the work the Guidelines Adhoc is doing. As part of my contribution to this process I have started to compile a synopsis of all the policy motions passed by this body. I apologize for not thinking to take the time and verify that what was sent to me was correct before making the approved change.

Then of course is my same old, same old, same old speech – when I send around the contact list it is your responsibility to verify the accuracy your personal and area information. If it is wrong for many cycles that is because you have not verified the accuracy of the list!!! But I need to add something else to this every cycle

speech – you will notice at the top of the sheet I pass around it says in big letters “MAKE CHANGES ON PAGE 3”. This is so I don’t have to guess what you are writing in that little space that already has stuff in it. Each and every cycle I have people who try to write really really tiny in that space and then I have to come back to you to know what it says. I have now added the word “PLEASE” up here maybe that will prompt people follow it? LOL (Laughing Out Loud)

In Loving Service Linda C

**D. JULY SECRETARY: OPEN**

**E. TREASURER: Debbie H**

\* See the scanned treasurer report

Good news, our donations last cycle increased by 32% from the May-July session. Bad news, expenses increased by 12%. Result, we are still behind, but by less than last time. I still feel that we should try to reduce costs until there are enough donations to cover all of our reserves and our delegate travel fund.

Attached to my usual reports, is a year to date summary of income and expenses. I felt this could be useful to each area and committee member, since there will an Adhoc report that directly affects donations and expenses this session.

In January, we are to host the “Free To Be We” Regional fundraiser/function. All expenses and excess funds are the responsibility of the WRSC. (See Article Thirteen of the guidelines). We do not have an Activities Chair, so this comes under the duties of the Vice Facilitator. I am sure he would enjoy help with this endeavor, any volunteers?

Also in January, all the subcommittee budgets are due, and will be put before this body for approval. Using this year’s budget is a good starting point to formulate for 2009. Don’t wait till the last minute to prepare!

As you all know, November is my last session as your treasurer, and we do not have a Vice Treasurer. The minimum requirements for Treasurer are: 4 years clean and 3 years of NA service experience. The minimum requirements for Vice Treasurer are: 3 years clean and 2 years of NA service experience. Please see your copy of the guidelines for the rest of the details.

In Loving Service, Debbie H

**F. VICE-TREASURER: OPEN**

**G. REGIONAL DELEGATE: Chris A**

Hello from your RD. Once again you have my thanks for letting me learn more about the program by being your RD. The little time I have been the RD I have gained a great deal of respect for the former RDs with that said we are looking forward to the MZF and the learning workshops that will be there. See the flyers and Bill will have more on that in his report. At this time the RD team is asking for funds to go to the MZF the break down is – per diem \$60 a day X3 = \$180.00, Hotel 216.42, Mileage 863 (miles round trip) X .25 = \$215.75. Total requested \$612.17.

Thank you for letting me serve Chris

**H. REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE: Bill O**

Dear Family, Chris and I will be attending the Midwest Zonal Forum on October 17-19 in Bloomington, MN. The Zonal Forum will be meeting on Friday evening and Sunday morning. The Saturday session will be devoted to NAWS workshops on the 2008-2010 Fellowship Discussion Topics. The morning session will be on Leadership and the afternoon session will be on Communication. We already have the session profiles and worksheets for the Leadership workshop. These discussion topics are important to all of us. These discussions will help us all to recognize our personal ownership and responsibility for the success of NA in carrying our message and achieving our vision. We’d like to encourage any who can to attend these workshops.

The purpose of the Leadership session is two-fold: to orient leaders within the service structure on the role and impact of leadership in Narcotics Anonymous, and to build a common understanding of leadership principles rooted in our Traditions and Concepts. The target audiences will be RCM’s, Regional trusted servants, GSR’s, and Area trusted servants.

We hope to begin presenting these workshops to the Region and to the Areas. We’d like to discuss ways in which we may present these discussions to both. These workshop sessions are designed to fit into a 90-

minute time frame. We could begin with a workshop session at the RSC, which would give the RCM's the information needed to take the discussions back to the Areas. If your Area would like to have one of the Delegates present it in your Area, we can begin scheduling times and dates to visit your Area. That's all for now. As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve.

In Loving Service, Bill O

**I. WRSO REP;** Gene J

Absent – information sent to region by way of Chris K, emails about keytags read on the floor and discussed during the topics session. See topic #4

**J. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION ODD YEAR:** Cindy W

Report: the WSNAC BOD met with the WSNAC 25 Host Committee last meeting and found that all subcommittees are on track. There will be a lot of exciting activities to represent WSNA 's silver anniversary of recovery. A special commemorative piece will be sold along with a lot of other great merchandise; many different types music will be available to listen to along with a great comedy attraction. We on the BOD and the Host Committee are eagerly looking forward to spending a spiritual and fun weekend with all of you. This will be the 4th convention as a member of the WSNAC BOD. I have truly come to see the importance of the WSNAC BOD. I work on two conventions: Journeys and WSNAC. Journey 's is a subcommittee of the area and at one time I believed WSNAC could be a subcommittee of the region, but here are a couple differences:

. Journey 's stays at the same hotel each year; WSNAC 's location changes annually.

. Journey 's host committee has a core group that stays to help from year to year;

WSNAC has a new host committee annually.

It is because of these types of differences that I have come to believe that having a WSNAC BOD is vital to the conventions integrity. I am honored to be a part of this great organization and pleased to see that

I can still learn and grow.

Housekeeping:

. The hotel is full, keep an eye to the web page for secondary hotels and get your name on the list at the Sheraton if you want to try and get a cancelled room.

. Nar-anon will be at the convention again this year.

. The contract requires that we spend a certain amount of money on food so please eat, eat, and eat more at the hotel.

. Last year 15% of the registration packets were given away to the addict in need. Please encourage those who think they can 't afford it ... to come ...

. As always, we are in need of many volunteers on convention weekend:

o Huggers

o Serenity Keepers

o Registration and merchandise helpers, etc ...

The Midwest Zonal Forum is requesting space for WSNAC 26. I will link the RCM and RCMA with the WSNAC 26 Host Committee Chair.

Thank you for letting me serve, it is an honor Cindy W

**K. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION EVEN YEAR:** Gene J

Absent

**AREA REPORTS:**

**A. BADGERLAND:** Paula N RCM

Good Morning family – greetings from Badgerland! Over the past few cycles Badgerland has been working on unity in our area and all of the hard work is beginning to show. We have added one new meeting. Attendance within each meeting is growing. Our old timers are coming out and our newcomers are receiving the love, support & guidance they need. We recently transitioned from our out of date barely functioning phoneline to the Regional phoneline. This transition has allowed us to have up to date meeting & function information as well as

real time message delivery. We are also meeting to discuss the possibility of having the phoneline function more like a live answer hotline rather than on info line. Our ASC is growing both with newcomers to service & a few old timers rekindling their passion for service.

Upcoming functions – 10/11/08 Decades homecoming Dance 4p-midnight Bethany Free Church Madison WI  
Love Peace & Hugs Paula N

**B. BASIC:** Pete T RCM

Report read by area appointed representative Chris D

Hi family, I'm sorry I can't attend this cycle, as I have very pressing family matters that need my attention.

Basic Area is at this time roughing it through some turbulent financial times as a lot of areas are. Hopefully we can gain strength thru unity & commitment with our Higher Power.

Thank you Chris D for taking care of this cycle for BASIC Area.

Pete T

**C. BIG RIVERS:** Michael C RCM, Denny V RCMA

Greetings and salutations from Big Rivers Area. We continue to use group consensus decision making and revised committee process with tremendous success. Activities committee has been hosting monthly a speaker/dance after BRASC for over one year now. We are in the process of adding much needed guidance and organization to our two campouts. H&I is doing well and getting to the facilities regularly. Literature is eagerly awaiting our 6<sup>th</sup> edition Basic Text. Policy is providing guidance in our consensus process and in revision of BRASC policy.

In Loving Service, Michael C

**D. CHIPPEWA VALLEY:** Steve H RCM

Absent

**E. INLAND LAKES:** Brian I RCM

Hello Regionals!! Thank you Big Rivers!! We currently voted in a new chairperson. Out Reach which has been vacant for a couple of years, and a new chairperson for Campout & Retreat. Our open positions are: vice chair, merchandise & H&I. We also nominated an acting chair, which was the current chair for newsletter. Upcoming functions are: Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 200 S Peters Ace Sacred Heart Church Fon Du Lac WI & Choas Theory 7 Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Mooring House 607 W 7<sup>th</sup> St Appleton WI

I attended the "Poverty Matters" seminar on Thursday from 1-3 pm it was very humbling to see some people in recovery in county programs giving back I that field, and to hear "We know your organization keep up the good work". There was a \$20.00 donation given to us, which I placed in the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition basket. Our PR chair & Activities chair stepped up in our area to help with manning the booth Thurs & Fri.

**F. INNER CITY:** Gregory Miller RCM

Greeting Wisconsin Regional Service Committee: Grateful addict named Greg; As always I bring you greetings from Milwaukee's Inner City Area.

The Inner City Area continues to carry a positive message of recovery to addicts in the Milwaukee area. We are experiencing more individuals getting involved in service and we have filled the majority of all of our vacant positions. Angie P. was elected as our new Secretary, Johnnie T. was elected as our new Policies & Procedures Chair and Tony H. was elected our new RCM Alt. H&I is doing a great job maintaining their current facilities but still are in need of more addicts to get involved to carry our message into new facilities.

Our convention committee is still working to fill all of their sub-committee positions. As an Area we have discovered that we need to seriously update are our Area and Convention policies as they are clearly outdated and we will start that process. We also elected Curtis D. as our new Chairperson due to our old Chairperson stepping down.

Do not forgot WSNAC XXV Convention celebrating "25Years of Hope & Freedom" on October 24 – 26, 2008 Brookfield Sheraton Hotel 375 S. Moorland Rd. Brookfield, WI. Finally, we have a \$1000.00 donation for Region.

ILS Greg M.

**G. KETTLE MORaine:** Dezzz L RCM, Cath P RCMA

Hello! I am grateful to serve as RCMA for KMA! Recovery is strong and growing! We invite you to distribute flyers and plan to attend the awesome upcoming functions in our area: October 4<sup>th</sup> Project Hope Encore, November 15<sup>th</sup> KMA hosts Regional's and the Attitude of Gratitude Meeting and Dance, January 10<sup>th</sup> January THAW New Rock and Metal Rave! And January 31<sup>st</sup> Live the Steps! The comedy Skit "Committee in Jimmy's Head" will be performing at several of these functions!

Update: The Ad-hoc treasury audit committee presented an update at the last ADC meeting and a roll call vote was taken on the motion to dissolve the committee. There was no evidence presented at an time during this audit that suggested monies were misappropriated or stolen. What was presented was a very unacceptable financial practice of the treasurer. A checks and balance Ad-hoc committee was created to find ways to prevent this from happening in the future. Many ideas have already been implemented. It was decided that quarterly trainings on the budget would become part of ASC to ensure all members understand how to review the treasury report and assist with checks and balances at the group level.

We are pleased to make two WRCS donations of \$368.69 and \$48.92. KMA voted yes to remove "mans entire" from We Do Recover. Several groups are requesting support including the M/F Pick Me Up at Noon in Sheboygan, Thursday New Morning meeting at 10 am in Sheboygan, Thursday Recovery in Westbend, and Spiritual Grip in Kewaskum.

Peace and Love Cath P

H. **MILWAUKEE:** Jeff T RCM, Jack RCMA

I'm the new RCM for the Milwaukee Area. Milwaukee is doing well. We have a few service positions open. We area in the process for getting a web site up and hope to have it going in the next few months. Up coming events area Thanksgiving Dinner location to be determined. First week of December Jail House Rock (H&I) Event also location to be determined. Proud to say that we has a good turn out of GSR @ our last ASC meeting. We also added two new meetings.

In Loving Service, Jeff T

I. **NORTH CENTRAL:** Ted C RCM

Absent

J. **NORTHEAST:** Nathan A RCM

I am covering three area's for this report: state of the groups, state of the area, state of the subcommittees and miscellaneous. It may seem tedious but won't take long. Escanaba has five meetings that, from what I've heard, are strong meetings. I'll be hitting my first meeting there this Monday. Currently they have no area representation. Ellison Bay has one meeting. It's a seasonal meeting and has little support. It has a loyal chair and I try to bring as many people as I can when I go, and that will be this Tuesday. It currently has no area representation. Sturgeon Bay has four meeting, no area representation, and I'll be finding out what kind of support the Monday meeting has next week. Marinette/Menominee has four meetings, two area representatives and very solid support.

Green Bay has ten meetings, and of the nine GSR positions, six of them consistently show up to area. The Tuesday/Thursday Nooners had been on the verge of collapse. It took little more than "start sharing the workload for the nooners, or there'll be two less meetings in Green Bay" to get home group members to step up to the plate. The Saturday 9 pm meeting is also on the verge of collapse. The rest of the meetings, and this goes for the rest of the area, have a good mix of really old timers, old timers, not so old timers, addicts with 4-10 years, and newbies with 1-4 years.

Area has many of the positions filled. We do not have a PI chair, Outreach chair, Literature is being shared by the chair and vice chair, our RCM recently stepped down. H and I has representation at area and the committee has been coming back from the brink of extinction. The panels are being covered. This includes Libertas, GBCI, Brown County Mental Health, Brown County Jail for Women and Sanger B Powers may be coming back into the mix. H and I had been lacking leadership but the coming of PR has generated a great deal of support for this committee, and over the coming months H and I and PI will be folded into Public Relations. At the Area Inventory a vote of confidence was given to this initiative, and I will cover more of the Area Inventory later in this report.

Activities and H and I have Project Freedom IV coming November 8th at the Bridge on Jenny Lane in Green Bay, the Halloween party in Escanaba on November 1st and the New Year's Dance also at the Bridge on Jenny Lane. Activities has been the strongest committee in Northeast.

Northeast has eight of fourteen GSRs showing up to Area. We have been able to maintain voting meetings, which

for a time was getting difficult. There has been a spirit of goodwill and cooperation and civility, which may draw newbies and old timers alike to service at the area level.

There is going to be some PI work done, despite the lack of a PI committee, namely updating the phonline, website, and meeting lists. We are going to be maintaining only PI's most basic functions due to lack of support. The literature that gets distributed to area recovery facilities is being handled by H and I for now. When PR is up and running, the PI side of PR will be the same until the committee has greater support.

At the Area Inventory, a vote of confidence was given for the formation of the Public Relations committee, and there was a discussion the level of accountability at Area, due primarily to a lack of support from the groups. Those present at the Inventory expressed gratitude for those dedicated to service at Area and a little frustration at the apparent lack of accountability. Everybody present understands that there are not enough people at area to fulfill all of Area's responsibilities but it can still be frustrating.

Our pool of trusted servants is growing but very slowly, and until there is significant growth in the pool of trusted servants, we can only be patient with our service structures at the group and area levels. Thank you.

**K. NORTHERN LIGHTS:** Pam RCM, Pete RCMA

Absent

**L. ROCK RIVER:** Marla M RCM, Nancy M RCMA

Hello from Rock River Area and Thanks to Big Rivers Area for hosting this cycle. Things area still happening in Rock River Area. A new group in Dixon IL has joined our area – A second chance group. Financially we area strapped using our prudent reserve to provide necessary services. H&I continue to provide orientations at various treatment centers, jails & prisons in our area. They are recruiting writers for the Writing Steps to Recovery Program. PR continues to be active and our helpline is well maintained. RRCNA is well into the planning stages and we area holding promotional events regularly. There has been some commotion and controversy in our area around both funding & entertainment for the convention and the use of the Alano Club for NA functions. For the time being, these issues have been resolved. RRAGS does not support the motion to remove the worlds “mans entire” from the Basic Text.

In Loving Service, Marla M & Nancy M

**M. SCENIC BLUFFS:** Open RCM, Mike F RCMA (acting)

Good morning family, once again I'm not really an RCMA I just play one at RSC. Two out of 6 groups were represented at last ASC. ONE NEW MEETING IN beaver Dam was seated (location on website). Tues night 7:00 Sick in the Sticks. Baraboo has a new location 1510 Jefferson St Baraboo, St Clare Center.

Scenic Bluffs has a functioning PR committee with a new chair Tim Z. PR is looking forward to assisting w/MHSA conference at the Kalahari in October.

H&I is still functioning without a chair with meetings @ St Clare and Columbia Corrections. We Need a Helicopter function was a success. All 15 addicts in attendance stayed clean. Although financially we lost a small amount, we gained in experience, strength and hope.

Scenic Bluffs Cold Turkey function Nov 29 Mazomanie.

Thanks to Big Rivers for hosting, of grateful service, Mike F

**N. SOUTHEAST FAMILY:** Jeff P RCM

Absent

**O. WOODS & WATERS:** Rand W RCM

Hello family I am happy to be here representing my Area today. This summer has been very successful. We continue to have strong support and participation at Area. All positions are filled except Vice Treasurer, H&I and Policy. We have struggled with keeping an H&I position filled. If anybody has suggestions on long-term support it would be welcome. Our Area has 3 dances a year; the next one in Clean and Freeky on November 1, 2008, the week after WSNAC 25. There will be a costume contest for adults and kids, along with a raffle and auction. Area Service begins at 1pm, pot luck at 5 pm, and speaker at 7 pm with DJ dance to follow. Steve E. is the speaker. The WWA also has three campouts and a convention. The convention supports itself, our dances usually do quite well as fundraisers and this year our campouts were our biggest fundraisers. They usually aren't so that was a big WOW moment. Forest D our Activities Chair is doing a great job and a big

thank you to the addicts that have supported our events.

It seems the Woods & Waters Area struggles with many of the same problems a lot of other Areas have brought up recently. To be honest with you, it feels good to not be so all alone in this. The workgroup that looks at where the old-timers have gone is excellent. I believe the Region has done a great job of identifying the reasons for disunity; I would like to add a couple more.

1. Addict 's inability to accept group conscience; blaming the way a vote goes on the old-timers or another addicts, persuasive ways instead of accepting the groups vote for what it is. Then using negative gossip to sabotage the vote, instead of supporting the group conscience; and,
2. Along with a lack of history, comes a lack of understanding of what an Area is there to do. I was taught that no matter how group conscience goes, I should support the final effort to the best of my ability because that was the group 's decision even if it wasn 't mine. I learned that from my service sponsor, it seems some sponsors teach different ideas today. I look forward to seeing some tools that might help to correct these problems. Thank you for all of your hard work here at Region.

The Area donation to Region is \$100.

Thank you for letting me serve, it is an honor Cindy W

P. **UPPER PENINSALA:** Lynn D RCM  
Absent

Break for Lunch – 12:15 pm

Reconvene at 1:25 pm

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION** Continuance from last cycle topic, requested by Big Rivers,

\*see page 7 of July minutes

TOPIC: Continuance Being Nice to the Old-timers in Service

- Per an area request added to definition of problem list from July cycle – persuasive personalities & basic understanding of purpose of Area
- **\*\*NOTE FROM SECRETARY\*\*** The bolded sentences is the list generated last cycle to be brainstormed this cycle. The tools discussed by the 4 groups this cycle are then listed.

**Ask them why they don't attend meetings**

Personally ask oldtimers to come to meeting, ask member with clean time to step to service, invite a dinosaur to a meeting, groups need to remember that all addicts despite clean time are still suffering addicts, nurture sponsorship chain show by example

**How do we reach them**

Dinosaur picnic, leadership workshop, don't make special considerations for clean time or put on pedestal, don't worship the old-timer tap into the knowledge, live our own personal recovery for attraction

**What's missing by them not being here**

Tough love, practicing acceptance, create the attraction, more involvement with sponsors teaching sponcees, experience and strengths and knowledge, leadership

**Meeting atmosphere – gossip – predators – language**

Setting out clear concise message of recovery from strong sponsors, treat the old-timers with same respect of newcomers, community building getting groups educated about flow of service structure, areas reaching out to groups, some meetings need to die to create unity, leadership in the meeting for a strong chair, chair person or home group workshops, building stronger home group worksheet, Predator behavior: call members on behavior, address negative behavior, groups discuss no tolerance policy, taking personal responsibility ask yourself am I part of the solution or the problem tradition 1, practice anonymity, our gratitude speaks when we share and care the NA Way, understanding the keys to predatory behavior

**Responsibilities – have time have all the answers – only giving not receiving recovery – fear of**

Tough love, Setting out clear concise message of recovery from strong sponsors, personally inviting old-timer to meeting, practice acceptance, zero clean time service positions, showing the old-timer that everyone is involved in a positive way

**Not feeling wanted**

Personally invite to meeting, have a dinosaur picnic to feel wanted, don't criticize us help us, be part of solution not problem, all members discuss and apply traditions

**General disrespect – of people – of readings – of traditions**

Tough love, treat old-timer like newcomer respect and tolerance, understand difference between disrespecting readings and participating with readings (disrespect is adding words not there), not to reinvent the wheel, practicing acceptance, the solutions are in the literature

**Newer members feel that times have changed and feel long term members don't understand**

Newcomers don't understand, its worked for how many years now, keep principals before personalities,

**Sponsorship needs – not enough qualified sponsors**

Leadership workshops

**Personality before principals – Joe's meeting**

Old school tough love, send out clear concise message from strong sponsors, rotation of chairperson, clean time does not trump group concise

**Persuasive personalities/mental violence**

Practicing Spiritual principals, address problem don't ignore, create attraction, all addicts despite clean time are suffering addicts

**Basic understanding of purpose of Area**

Education of groups on service structure and positions, leadership workshops, workshops & education groups and members, reading literature

Closed round table discussion at 3:00pm

**SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:****Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS –Mike F– 3:00 pm**

Hi family, thanks for electing me to this position. I am looking forward to this new challenge in my recovery. It's been a busy first cycle (or pre-cycle). At Inland Lakes request I attended and chaired a PR workshop at their campout. It was a valuable learning experience I'd like to thank Inland Lakes for the request.

Poverty matters conference was held at Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton on Sept 17 & 18. Thanks to Inland Lakes PR for stepping up. The next conference coming up is October 22 & 23 in Wisconsin Dells at the Kalahari Convention Center. Among other projects we are discussing are PR NA table cloth for NA exhibit and possible signs. Additional needs supplied PR with a contact # for special needs. I will be emailing this to RCM's. The idea was also brought up of placing this number on the regional meetings list.

There will be a motion coming up pertaining to the Corrections Conference. As well as funding the MHSA Conference, which fell under budget. The website is in pretty good shape. The new calendar is running well. The updates are up to date and the meeting list if fine. We now have sip codes for all the meetings. We needed to do that for the search engine. The website would appreciate it if areas would include zip codes for new meetings. We hope to get going on the search engine ASAP. With a little luck we will have it up by November cycle. ... maybe sooner. We have 2 new web servants.

We have had 1 issue with formatting of fliers sent to the website. There are some basic guidelines on the contact page right by the web servant contact button. We prefer fliers be in PDF format. We can easily convert to word.

Of Grateful Service, Mike F

**R. POLICY –Vacant****S. ACTIVITIES –Vacant– 3:12 pm**

WRSC is scheduled to host January regional conference in Stevens Point, in North Central Area.

Suggestion from the floor was for Vice facilitator will get hold of WSNAC host committee for help.

Volunteers from the regional floor to help – Cath, Nathan, Kerry

Per guidelines the theme for this function is to be "Free to Be We"

T. **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTION** –Tony H– 3:18 pm  
 Absent – 2<sup>nd</sup> absence missed July and Sept no report either cycle  
 Facilitator and vice will contact Tony see if all is well

U. **OUTREACH** –Vacant

V. **LITERATURE** –Nancy M– 3:25 pm  
 I have put together some flyers for the RCMs to take back to their Areas and distribute. Please if there are any Areas or Groups that would like to hold a workshop on writing and editing literature, please let me know, contact information is listed on the flyers. We would like to be able to get several addic t involved with this process. Again if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

In Loving Service, Nancy M

W. **ADDITIONAL NEEDS ADHOC** –Chris K– 3:26 pm

Hello all thanks again for letting me grow with you.

Been working with pr passed on the info for Wisconsin Office for the Blind & Visually Impaired and at this time PR is willing to handle any calls that come in. Looking for help Mike and I will work hand in hand to make sure that any needs are taking care of. We feel that at this time that this adhoc has done what it set out to do and ask that it be closed

Love and peace Chris

X. **LETS PLAY WELL TOGETHER ADHOC** –Dez L– 3:31 pm

Will be here in November

Y. **GUIDELINE ADHOC** –Deb W– 3:32 pm

Report given by Chris K

Hello all I have little to report at this time. We have been looking at the guidelines and hope to get the Adhoc running again soon. Linda has asked and will be put on the email list to help us move along.

More soon I hope Chris

Z. **BUDGET PLAN FOR TRUSTED SERVANTS ADHOC** – Cindy W – 3:35 pm

Report: The attached spreadsheet itemizes the cost of each person on the July contact list to travel to WRSC for the next year. Please review and make sure I have accurately portrayed you costs. I was necessary to apply some rules to the spreadsheet. See below: If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email or phone: 715-892-1609.

For the purposes of estimating this spreadsheet, the following rules are applied:

1. This spreadsheet funds one auto and one room for two nights (if distance allows) for each area. When an RCM and RCMA both attend, the highest mileage was selected for payment (See yellow area).
2. Since the WRSC starts at 10 am on Saturday and 9 am on Sunday, any participant traveling under 120 miles round trip will not be eligible for a WRSC room night.
3. Since the WRSC starts at 10 am on Saturday, any participant traveling under 300 round trip will be eligible for one WRSC room night on Saturday when necessary.
4. Any participant traveling more than 300 miles round trip will be eligible for a WRSC room night for both Friday and Saturday night when necessary.

If this system ever comes to pass, the WRSC will make all the rules. Please don't read into this that I have any kind of agenda. Group Conscience is my direction as always.

Once everyone has reviewed the document, I believe we should breakout into workgroups and discuss how this information can be of use to participation at the Regional level. If anyone would like to discuss the information between meetings, feel free to contact me and cc the Regional participants. Maybe, we could start an internet discussion.

Thank you for letting me serve, it is an honor Cindy W

## **BASIC SERVICES** 4:00 PM

A. Approval of last cycle minutes – July minutes are approved

B. ELECTIONS:

Nominations for next cycle:

- Facilitator – Kerry pending acceptance
- Vice Facilitator – Bob decline, Jack decline, Jeff decline, Greg pending acceptance
- Treasurer – Debbie accept
- Vice treasurer – Greg decline, Brent H decline,
- WSNAC odd year – Doc decline,

Open positions:

- Activities – none
- Policy – John H accepted pending absent this cycle,
- WSNAC pool – none
- WRSO pool – none

C. MOTIONS:

FINANCIAL MOTIONS: 4:18 pm

1. **MOTION 09-08.F1:** To Approve additional funding for the Wisconsin Correctional Assn conference as follows: 1 day per diem @ \$30 per day for 2 people = \$60.00, Mileage @ .25 per mile (round trip 220 miles) = \$55.00 – Total \$115.00  
**INTENT:** To allow Bill O & Tony H to represent PR and H&I at the corrections conference. Last year’s results point to the need to have both PR and H&I at the conference.  
**MOTION PASSED**

Time – 4:34 pm

2. **MOTION 09-08.F2:** To advance panel member (Duane) for mileage to & from LaCrosse to Stevens Point Wisconsin, 230 miles (map quest) at .25 per mile \$57.50.  
**INTENT:** To make servant whole from mileage to serve NA @ WRSC level  
**MOTION FAILS** (location and miles incorrect will bring to floor next cycle)

D. BUDGETS: None

**Original list of Topics on board from reports**

Mans entire history area votes	Keytags	IDT
Why we call ourselves addicts pamphlet		

**Prioritized list of Topics by RCM’s**

DISCUSSED IN ORDER CHOOSSEN BY RCM’S

1. TOPIC 1 Mans entire history area votes – 4:23
  - ↯↯ **Fails**
  - ↯↯ Yes – 1
  - ↯↯ No – 6
  - ↯↯ Abstaining – 1
2. TOPIC 2 Issue discussion topics from MZF – conference for 2010 – 4:27 pm
  - ↯↯ Leadership, communication, Our freedom our responsibility are the discussion topics
  - ↯↯ Proposed topic for Jan cycle round table discussion for 1.5hrs
  - ↯↯ No objection from floor

3. TOPIC 3 Why we call ourselves addicts IP creation – 4:31  
 11 Send to literature subcommittee? Area not sure of process to creating literature  
 11 Floor decision to send to lit committee research on process for submitting new literature ideas to the World floor.

**\*Secretary Note** Suspend order of day for new financial motion will appear in correct location of minutes

4. TOPIC 4 New keytag creation for decades – 4:37 pm  
 11 Emails between Gene J and World rep Steve Rush read on the floor  
 11 RCMs question financial and legal impact  
 11 **Motion to produce keytags is BLOCKED (FAILS)**  
 11 New Motion to take idea back to groups  
     a. Do we want to print the keytags  
     b. Do we want to send to world to print keytags  
 Motion to table 2 cycles to gather information about the production of keytags **PASSES**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- ?? Read motions and other business to be sent back to areas.  
 ?? Announce next meeting location; all other announcements.  
 ?? Closed with a group hug.

## **CLOSE @ 5:10 pm**

**NEXT WRSC IS TO HOSTED BY KETTLE MORAINÉ AREA  
 IN MANITOWOC WISCONSIN AT BEST WESTERN LAKEFRONT RESORT & SPA  
 RESERVATIONS: 920-682-7000  
 PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### **AREAS HOSTING WRSC SCHEDULE**

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>1C KETTLE MORAINÉ</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2C NORTHEAST</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>3C SENIC BLUFFS</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>4C WOODS &amp; WATERS</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>1D INNER CITY</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>