

UNAPPROVED WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE: July 19, 2014

PLACE: Rock River Hosting Area, Beloit, WI

Area Round Table Discussions

- A. Current Cycle –USSCNA Presentation

- B. Next Cycle –Meet with WSNAC Board

OPENING:

- A. Recovery Meeting @ 9:10 am
- B. Beginning of Conference Moment of Silence @ 10:20 am
- C. Reading of The Servant Worker's Prayer

Had a special moment of silence for Brian J.

- D. Introductions
- E. Roll Call: 13 of 15 active areas present at first roll call.
- F. 7th Tradition was not passed.
- G. Reading of the 1st Concept
- H. Review – Adjust Agenda
- I. Special Business –
- J. Clean Time Birthdays were recognized.

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:

FACILITATOR:

Present, read the following report on the floor.

I received the co-facilitator's resignation letter making that an open position. The RD is absent with notice. With no co-facilitator or RD, the RDA is the acting co-facilitator.

In loving service, Chris K.

Please note that next region will be on September 13th & 14th, 2014 (see last page of these minutes for hotel information).

VICE-FACILITATOR:

Open position.

SECRETARY:

Present, gave the following report on the floor.

Addict named Nancy.

Please make sure that you look over the contact list that I am sending around now. Please make sure that you check the address and contact information for your position and for your area. This is important to keep them up to date. Also if you are giving a report on the floor, please make sure that I you hand it into me or e-mail me your report. If I don't receive it, I will only report that you gave a report on the floor, not the total content of what you reported. Since Region is meeting on September 13th & 14th, 2014, I will not be able to attend due to a prior commitment.

TREASURER:

Report Attached.

Absent with notice.

VICE-TREASURER:

Absent with notice

REGIONAL DELEGATE:

Absent with notice

REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE:

Present, gave his report on the floor, no report turned in.

Investigate about zonal seating at the WSC conference. Possible revisit participation in the MZF these issues were put on the Topic Board.

WRSO REP.: ODD/EVAN

Both present, gave the following report on the floor.

WRSO Joint Report

Attended meeting in June, 2014

We voted that Gene will NO longer take verbal orders and fill them without payment provide by the person making the order.

We were also asked that all RCM's have their area literature committees or whoever pays for literature to please have them verify that they are paid in full to the WRSO or that payment arrangements are set up with Gene J.

We are working on valid list of appropriate e-mails for all members of the board for WRSO so that all can get in touch with the correct members of the board.

In loving service, WRSO Rep Odd Dezzz G and WRSO Even Wendy R.

Note that the Secretary of Region has received the updated list from the WRSO office manager.

WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION

WSNAC Rep was requested to be here at this regional meeting. The Regional Secretary sent the e-mail requesting him to be here to the wrong address, hence his not being here this cycle. I, the regional secretary apologies for this error, she has corrected her e-mail information.

AREA REPORTS:

BADGERLAND:

Present, read the following report on the floor

Howdy family,

Thanks to RRAGS for hosting the RSC so close to my house staying in my home bed RSC weekend is AWESOME. My cats and my dog are grateful.

Our Area is going well 26 meetings, H & I PR is exploring phone line options. We still have 2 issues with the RSC website 1.) Questions about helpline listings on it 2.) the MAF link. First how are the cities on the helpline list developed? We have outlying cities with meetings that use our phone lines/help lines not listed. Second issue we requested a (what we thought was) a small formatting change and it still is not done. The web is supposed to be able to adapt quicker than this. More will be revised. We have a couple of positions open one being activities and functions continue to happen our next is 28th annual ice cream social put on by the It's a Traction Group August 17th 7:11pm at Good many Community Center Wabesast St. Next we are having a Primary Purpose Campout August 29th-31st, Lake Kegonsa Park.

It is always a joy to be of service with this Region and all of you thanks, John H.

PS. South west Activity Committee of NA is having a camp out Gift of Freedom August 22-24 Blackhawk Lake Island 2025 County Rd. BH Highland WI.

BASIC: Inactive

An addict stated that they are alive and doing well.

BIG RIVERS:

Drew Durley-Steinquist (BRASC RCM)

Regional report, July

Good morning, everyone. The summer flies by, and I've been busy with life (all thanks to this program). The Big Rivers Area has been relatively quiet for the last couple of months, with the last ASC taking place with a minimum of conflict. In the next couple of months there are a couple of campouts that will be taking place, one of which is being held for the first time. The Spirit in the Woods Campout, is being held at Goose Island Park and Campground, just outside of La Crosse, WI, from August 15th-17th at sites 117, 183, and 185. There are additional sites available at the cost of \$21.26/night (without a hookup). To reserve a site call the campground at 608-788-7018. Also, shortly after this, on the 29th of August through the 1st of September, Let Loose takes place at Wyalusing State Park in Bagley, WI. Registration cost, as of now, runs \$50 up until the beginning of August, after which it jumps up to \$80. Both of these events have printable fliers on the regional website.

Due to a lack of attendance by the treasurer (and no active co-treasurer) at the last ASC, we did not have the opportunity to balance the books enough to write a donation check to the Wisconsin Region.

In loving service, Drew D-S

CHIPPEWA VALLEY:

Absent, no report turned in.

INLAND LAKES:

Present, gave the following report on the floor.

Hello family,

Not a lot to report today. We do have our H & I fundraiser Kronik Kup scheduled for September 13, 2014. There is also a FDL Groups unity picnic August 23, 2014. The flyers are on your regional web page or on the way to the regional web page shortly.

We also have a campout occurring at High Cliff next weekend, so if you want to quickly get some camping in before this weekend is over you know were to go.

I will not be here tomorrow, but should there be important business to attend to our RCMA may be

present tomorrow.

In loving service dezzz G.

INNER CITY:

Present, gave her report on the floor, no report was turned in. She did request that her e-mail and phone number be put in the minutes. Wendy R. 262-309-8067 e-mail is wndywisconsin@gmail.com

KETTLE MORAINÉ:

Present, gave the following report on the floor.

Hi family, I'm an addict named Mandy. Thank you to Rock River Area for hosting this cycle.

KMA groups continue to do well and offer a positive atmosphere of recovery and enjoy good attendance.

We continue to struggle to fill positions at Area. Open officer positions include Vice-Chair, Secretary, RCMA and Vice-Treasurer. And open subcommittee chairperson positions include H&I, Policy & Administration, Web Site, and Beverages. At our election this month, I accepted a nomination as RCM and will serve another term.

Since the last region, we had our Never Alone in the Woods Campout. We had two great speakers and the campout was well attended. Our area's next function is Unity Jam – August 1st – 3rd at Camp Y-Koda. Flyers were previously distributed and are available on the Region website. Thank you to our web servants for getting the flyers on the site.

That is all I have for this cycle. In loving service, Mandy R.

MILWAUKEE:

RCMA, present, gave the following report on the floor.

I am happy to be serving as the New RCMA for Milwaukee/Waukesha Area (MASC) Our RCM Jeff F. has a conflict with work so will submit an additional written report when he arrives later this afternoon. It's an exciting time for MASC as we have tweaked our service (see attached flyer) structure, working as one of the "text" cases in consultation with the World Body. My contact information is cell: 414-651-6455 e-mail is Avik3200@gmail.com. We have a few open positions with normal turn over but for the most part our work groups and subcommittees are supported by active members (although as always we could use more warm bodies for H & I and Activities). We are in the process of picking between two location for when we host region November and a decision should be forth coming soon. Pr has begun consultations with Social Services Organizations and Governmental entities to attend the Heroin summits occurring thought Waukesha County and Milwaukee and offer information to attendees about Narcotics Anonymous. We have a plethora of upcoming functions, most, if not all are listed on our website namilwaukee.org and I am going to work to make sure we coordinate with listing our activities on the regional website. We are submitting a check in the amount of \$500.00 to region this month. I understand \$100.00 of that is for moneys owed towards our last donation that we were short in. MASC is fiscally very healthy and we are exploring an increase in our monetary submission to region and world. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, in love and gratitude, Shawn G.

See attached MASC Changes to Area Service Structure May 2014 in your e-mail.

NORTH CENTRAL:

Present, gave report on the floor, no report submitted

NORTHEAST:

Present, gave the following report on the floor.

North East Area report submitted by Tracy K. - RCMA

Susan called yesterday and let me know she could not attend region. She told me she would email her report to Nancy.

Here is the verbal report I gave at region.

There is a Unity Picnic in Green Bay tomorrow at Bay Beach from 12-5 PM. We will be hosting another Unity Picnic at Shawano Lake August 10. Pontoon rentals are available and we will try to play water volleyball.

We will be hosting Blues by the Bay on August 16 from 1-10 PM at North Bay Shore Park in Oconto. A band has been hired. We will be having 50-50 raffle, an auction, and the pie throwing auction. We have rented the group camping site, and anyone who wants to come and camp with us can do so for \$25 a night per unit. You may camp Friday, Saturday, or both. The cost is per camping unit (tent, camper) NOT per person.

We are also hosting a Falling Into Recovery Campout September 12-14 in Clintonville. All flyers are on the table.

Meeting list for the North East Area are on the table as well. Last month some people mentioned that they wanted meeting list from other areas to take to for their institutions and hospitals.

We have a new meeting in Sturgeon Bay on Thursday evenings at 7 PM at Bay View Lutheran Church. It is located a block away from the only recovery house in the area. It seems to be successful with residents attending as well as the public.

I want to thank Jeff for the outreach info from our last Regional meeting. I was able to talk to some Sturgeon Bay members at our Unity Picnic last month and it helped me to be better equipped to answer questions and help them out with more info about our Area. We now have a new GSR attending Area Meetings from Sturgeon Bay.

I also want to thank Rock River for suggesting that we see if our groups are interested in supporting USSCNA. We have since formed an ad hoc committee to discuss this issue. I also wanted to mention that we created an ad hoc committee to discuss consensus-based decision making. We are going to see if we would like to switch to CBDM instead of Roberts Rules of Order for our Area. Thanks so much to everyone at Region for such great ideas.

We also have a new website up and running. The web address is NEWNA.org. We have all fliers listed in PDF format and the meeting list as well. I believe we are also listed on the Regional Site as well.

Thank you so much!
In loving service,
Tracy K.
RCMA -NE AREA

ROCK RIVER:

Present gave the following report on the floor.

Hello, everyone thanks for coming out to join us here in the Rock River area. I am the new RCM and hopefully next cycle you will be able to meet the new RCMA. We are having our area picnic on August 30th at Lockwood park in Rockford. Our Spiritual retreat is September 13th – 15th. The committee

thought they had planned it on a non-region weekend. We had a 7th tradition of \$40.74. We held elections in June and July and currently all of our positions are filled!! Hooray!! I have some questions that my area is looking for answers to.

- 1). How do ASC's have successful functions? This was put on the Topic Board.
- 2). Do other ASC's have PSAs? (how and what). This was put on the Topic Board.
- 3). How do other areas fund their rcm/rcma? This was put on the Topic Board.

In loving service Kasey D. RCM

SCENIC BLUFFS:

Present, gave her report on the floor, no report was submitted.

SOUTHEAST FAMILY:

Present, gave the following report on the floor.

Good morning family, I'm an addict named Victor... Thanks to Rock River for hosting Region this cycle, still grateful for being allowed to be of service. We are not having any problems or concerns at this time.

We do however have a member of our Area that works as a recovery coach with the Hope Council and drug courts. This member, along with the Hope Council on AODA have come up with an event they are calling Rally for Recovery in observance of National Recovery month. This is not an Area event but we were asked if we'd like to participate so we decided to have an H&I table with literature and addicts available to answer questions. I am seeking wisdom... or direction, from this body. We also wanted to know if there was anyone or a sub-committee chair, maybe H&I or Public Information that might want to attend. We do not have an Area donation as we could not afford one, but we'll keep coming back.

In loving service, Victor H. SEFA-RCM

UPPER PENINSALA:

Present, gave her report on the floor, no report was submitted.

WACO: Inactive

Absent, no report submitted.

WOODS & WATERS:

Present, gave the following report on the floor.

Hello Family,

Woods and Waters suffered a loss of our brother Brian J. And thank you every one for their love and support. Our last function was Picnic in the Park June 13th held in Eagle River, WI. We filled a few open position and still have a few more to go. Our next joint function with North Central is Fun in Sun August 1st, 2nd, 3rd, following that is Serenity under the Stars at Lake Marion in Michigan (Waters meet) August 22nd – 24th, the weekend before labor day. Followed up by the Packers Campout Sept 25th – 28th. This year's Journeys was a huge success and we had over 400 addicts attend this year. All the surveys said it was the best and most spiritual yet. Journey's subcommittee meets again at Serenity under the start at Lake Marion.

In loving service, Carl A.

Break at 11:51 am for lunch

Reconvened at 1:15 pm

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:
An USSCNA presentation was given.**

**Presentation ended Break 2:30 pm
Reconvened at 2:50 pm**

SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES:

Position is now OPEN.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTION:

Position is now OPEN.

A concern was brought to this body about Sherriff's in control in county jails. What can we do? Do other area's have this problem? What criteria you need to pass to take meetings into county jails. Addicts are having a hard time getting cleared. More issues at county and some at the State level. Discussed these issues.

New law at the State level, all people have to do a new orientation again to get cleared to go in to the State facilities. Need effective communication with those in charge. Each county has their own rules. Start small, leave literature about NA. Make sure volunteers are making and keeping their commitments.

LITERATURE:

Present, read the following report on the floor.

First, I'd like to thank RRAGS for hosting WRSC. Here is your Literature Sub-committee report:

1 Traditions Book Project (TBP) updates:

A The schedule for Review and Input (R&I) for release is:

I Tradition 1 is at the end of this month.

II For Traditions 2 – 7 is November

III For Traditions 8 – 12 is next year March

B The R&I schedule input of drafts:

I Tradition 1 is October to next in January

II For Traditions 2 – 7 is next year February to April

III For Traditions 8 – 12 is next year May to August

C The discussion board has been busy and will remain open until the end of the input segment.

<http://disc.na.org/trads/>. All members are encouraged to join

D I will send everyone updates as needed and ask for input. Please make certain your email is current on the WRSC contact list.

E I will be available to do workshops on TBP as requested

F There is a TBP workshop today at 5pm

G For more information: www.na.org/traditions

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Carl K

WRSC Literature Chair

cjkna@outlook.com

414-416-6253

Discussed sending out Being of Service in the minutes again, (Please see the attached e-mail.)

POLICY:

Present nothing to report.

Discussed the Reps being at the WRSC each cycle...put this issue on the Topic Board.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Present, gave the following report on the floor.

I have yet to receive a bill from Quest Graphics and I don't know if anyone else has gotten one. I will continue to follow up on this for the new PR Chair. We were contacted on the two issues with Help Lines, the Badgerland local phone line still has a cycling problem, Bill was going to contact the person that had set up the state phone lines on this but decided to get hit by a car and second we were contacted by someone from Scenic Bluffs asking for help with their help line but we weren't given a phone number to contact them and they didn't reply to any of Bill's attempts to get with them. The issue with MZF tab on the website needs to have Becky and Harold work on it together. The group that does the WCA conference contacted me about attending, they have raised the cost of attending and in the spirit of our not participating since we would only get 2 hours of face time at a cost of more than \$200.00 an hour, this not being a wise use of addicts money, I have declined the invitation. Since this my last official cycle as PR Chair for any issues please address your concerns to the web servants tab on the website. I would like to thank all of the people that have helped me over the years I have been at Region. The friendships I have formed and all of the people I have met as a result of being at Region have filled my heart, it has been an honor and a privilege to have been a part of this fellowship.

Wes H.

Discussed updating a meeting list on the website.

Region gets a list of how many calls were answered on the hot line.

Express and interest to have NA show up at a heroin summit. NA is about the disease of addiction. We can be a help, a resource. Set up a regular PR table have it manned by addicts. Need to remember our traditions, go over the PI handbook @ USSCNA.org

OUTREACH:

Present gave his report on the floor, no report was submitted.

He has reached out to a couple of Areas and is working on some things.

BASIC SERVICES

Approval of last cycle minutes: Discussed the Reps in # 3 in the Topic Board last cycle.

Moved to pass minutes as presented noting that Topic #3 is incorrect. Minutes were approved as presented. See This cycle's Topic Board #4.

ELECTIONS:

Activities: Still an open position

Outreach: Jeff F. was nominated last cycle, no other nominations or volunteers, he was voted in this cycle.

PR: Jennifer M. was nominated last cycle, no other nominations or volunteers, she was voted in this cycle.

Pools: WRSO: no one nominated or volunteered.

WSNAC: John M. and Wendy R. were voted into the Pool.

Dezzz G. resigned as WRSO Rep Odd.

H & I: dezzz G. nominated this cycle will vote next cycle.

The following positions are open:
 Co-Facilitator
 ACTIVITIES
 H & I

PROPSOALS: None presented.

BUDGETS: None presented.

Prioritized list of Topics by RCM's

TOPIC 1 & 2 Participation at the MZF

Possible shift occurring at the WSC with zones. This is in the early discussion stages. Do we want to start supporting financial and participation wise? Be apart of the zonal development. Does the MAF have its financial issues solve. It was stated that they have a new treasurer and reports are being presented. Old Treasurer is still involved in the MSF. RD/RDA team will put together a financial impact and get it to the Secretary to be included in the minutes.

It was pointed out that in the third cycle meeting of the MZF Wisconsin is to host the MZF meeting. A straw poll was taken the Question was Do we continue to host the MZF? There were no objections.

TOPIC 3 –E-mail from Chippewa Valley about concerns with WSNAC.

Facilitator read the following e-mail.

CONCERNS WITH WSNAC

Greetings in recovery!

I am writing in regards to some concerns I am seeing in the lack of communication between Chippewa Valley Area (of which I am Chairperson) and the WSNAC board.

In January our Area did have a WSNAC Liaison, and he gave us some basic information. Since that time he has stepped down from his commitment as Liaison. Since the meeting in January our communication with WSNAC has been nil. I have made phone calls, left messages, and sent emails only to have them returned undeliverable.

It is understood that the WSNAC Board and Host Committee do all the planning and preparing for the convention and that effort is appreciated! What we are asking as an Area is in what areas do you need volunteers, and how many volunteers are needed? Also, when Region meets at the site of WSNAC XXXI, The Plaza, in September, is the Chippewa Valley Area in charge of arranging an event for Saturday night?

I truly hope that this is the starting point for improved communication between us, and would ask that I be the point of contact for future communication. As we all know, you can never have too much communication, and it is especially valued in Narcotics Anonymous!

In Grateful Service,
 Mark F. – Chippewa Valley Area of NA Chairperson
 Email: folsom520@gmail.com
 Phone: (641) 231-1235

Facilitator will contact Chippewa Valley and let them know that they do not have to host a function Saturday night of the WRSC in September.

TOPIC 4 –Requesting Reps at the WRSC

Discussed the pros/cons of having the Reps at every WRSC.

Get answers faster.

Can find out about a problem faster.

When we find out that we need them here, it will take 2 cycles to get them here.

Clarify that there are only 3 reps., 2 WRSO reps and 1 WSNAC rep.

This issue has been committed to policy to re-write the Reps attendance at the WRSC.

Secretary is to send e-mail to the WSNAC Rep as to sending the request to be at this cycle's meeting, to the wrong e-mail address.

TOPIC 5 – How do Areas have Successful Functions?

Have project based activities.

Don't have a function on the same day as your next door area is doing a function.

Open communications.

Get the word out on flyers and web site.

Move the location around.

Work with other Area's to have a function together.

TOPIC 6 – Do other ASC's have PSA's?

Some areas are having a hard time getting them on the radio TV and newspapers. This should be free of charge.

Posters "Drug problem with phone number of the hot line on it, World has them.

TOPIC 7 – How do other ASC's fund RCM/RCMA's?

One area stated that they get \$150.00 for RCM/RCMA

Another stated that they pay for the hotel room and 20 cents a mile. As for meals, your going to eat anyway they pay for their meals.

Another stated Google map for miles and room and meals are reimbursed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Facilitator pointed dezzz G. as chair to the H & I Adhoc.

NEXT WRSC IS TO HOSTED BY

2014 in Yellow

2015 in Red

January: WSNAC Hosting Site (2014)
Plaza Hotel
1202 W Clairemont Ave,
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 834-3181
Mention WSNAC for the Room Block Rate

March: a. Washington-Ozaukee
b. Inland Lakes
c. Woods & Waters
d. North Central (2014)
e. Rivers Edger (2015)

WSNAC Hosting Site (2015)

May: a. Chippewa Valley (2015)
b. Big Rivers
c. North East
d. Upper Peninsula (2014)

July: a. Badger land (2015)
b. Basic
c. Scenic Bluffs
d. Rock River (2014)

September: WSNAC Hosting Site (2014)
WSNAC Hosting Site (2015)
See above for hotel information

November: a. Milwaukee (2014)
b. South East Family (2015)
c. Kettle Moraine
d. Inner City

Next Regional Meeting will be at:

Plaza Hotel
1202 W Clairemont Ave,
Eau Claire, WI 54701
(715) 834-3181
Mention WSNAC for the Room Block Rate

**Please note that next region will be on
September 13th & 14th, 2014.**