

# The Tidewater Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The meeting was held at Norview United Methodist Church and was opened by the Chair, Mark W.. at 2:00 pm. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**READING** of the following: Statement of Purpose – Earl, 12 Traditions – Shawn B., 12 Concepts – Larry.

**ROLL CALL:** 28 GSR's were present; Quorum established

## **Administrative Committee Members:**

Chair Mark W /present 5/5  
Vice-Chair. Mary C./ present 4/5  
Treasurer Dee Dee A ./present 5/5  
Assistant Treasurer VACANT  
Policy Chair Jim G./present 4/5  
Secretary Chuck S. / present 5/5  
Assistant Secretary Julie C./ present 4/5  
RCM Tim B. / present 5/5  
Alternate RCM Terry H. /absent 3/5  
VRCC Billy T. /present 4/4  
Alternate VRCC Dora H / absent 2/3

## **Sub-Committee Chairs:**

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Jimmy C. / absent 2/4  
Public Relations (PR) Chris R. /present 5/5  
Special Events Carlton J / present 5/5  
Convention Jerri B. / present 7/8  
Literature Rachel C. / present 5/5  
Assistant Literature Kathleen / present 5/5  
Phoneline VACANT

**Introduction of New GSR's:** Larry W., Miracle on 9<sup>th</sup> Bay, Matt H., Monday Night Men, Butch S., Turning Tide (Tues), Chris P., Alt. GSR, Straight Ahead, Sonya R., It's About Time, Elaine H., Simplicity is the Key

**New Meetings:** Monday Night Men, 7:30 p.m. Monday night, VBRC, Shattering the Illusion, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, St. Michael's Lutheran

**Motion Made to Approve Minutes:** By Shawn, Seconded by Billy 21 for/ 0 against/ 0 abstain

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### **Chair – Mark W. - Verbal Report**

**Vice-Chair – Mary C. - Verbal Report** - Hi Family, We held an Area Inventory meeting today at 12:30 pm. There were 9 addicts in attendance- 3 GSR's and ASC Board Members. Carlton will be passing out a questionnaire to all GSR's. This questionnaire will be attached as a PDF to the Tidewater Area website as well. Please take these to your homegroups and return them to Area by the Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> ASC meeting. I am asking to reimbursed \$7.26 for printing. Also, there will be a Budget committee Meeting at 1:00 pm, prior to area on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. ILS, Mary C.

**\$7.56 reimbursed for copying charges - 20 for/0 against/ 0 abstain**

### **Treasurer – Dee Dee A. - Written Report**

Our opening balance was \$ 5182.52 Income totaled 2401.72. Expenses totaled \$2333.33. This leaves a new balance of \$5250.91 bills are paid to date. No Donation was made to CARNA for the month of October. In loving service, Deedee A.

### **Assistant Treasurer – VACANT**

### **Policy Chair – Jim G. - Verbal Report**

### **Secretary – Chuck S. - Verbal Report**

### **Assistant Secretary – Julie C. - Verbal Report**

## **RCM –Tim B. - Written Report**

Hello all, I attended the 141<sup>st</sup> RSC in Staunton, VA on October 17, 2009 with 14 RCM's present. The Region's beginning balance from the 140<sup>th</sup> RSC was \$11,977.94. Our expenses were \$1,238.41. The current balance is \$13, 643.91 with a prudent reserve of \$13,173.93. Our last NAWS donation was \$469.98. Currently there is a member survey being conducted. These surveys are being shared with professionals who come in contact to demonstrate that NA works. The surveys can be found at [www.na.org](http://www.na.org) ID=membership survey links. The conference agenda report will be out November 25<sup>th</sup>. It can be found on the NAWS website with a user name of WSC and password 2010. The next speaker jam will be March 13, 2010 in the Piedmont area. There is only 1 motion out of the 141<sup>st</sup> RSC but there are 5 motions from the 140<sup>th</sup> that are coming back because 5 areas abstained from the vote due to information.

### **Motion 141-17**

**Mover:** Greg G., RANA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert W., RCM BRANA

**Motion:** To add under Section IV: Voting/Motions between lines 14 & 15, and to remember accordingly.

- All motions regarding policy change require a 2/3 vote to pass and the following procedures apply. All other motions, whether sent to home groups or not, require a simple majority.

**Intent:** To simplify & clarify the required votes needed for all motions other than policy changes.

**Pros/Cons:** Pro-clarifies what policy has been trying to do for 3 years.

### **Motion 138-11**

**Mover:** Don V. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Donna Mc.

**Motion:** To change policy to create a budget year for the region beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31. To change the duties of Treasurer to reflect submission of yearly budget in October. To change subcommittee duties to reflect submission of subcommittee budgets to Treasurer in August.

**Intent:** To coordinate the entire process for establishing the CAR budget.

### **Motion 139-6**

**Mover:** Nancy S. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Harry M.

**Motion:** To waive the qualifications that 2 years as a member of CARNA member term because there is a question regarding clarity of policy.

**Intent:** That a member who is qualified and willing may be elected.

**Motion sent to Policy by acting Chair for clarity and recommendation to be given at the 140<sup>th</sup> RSC.**

**At the 140<sup>th</sup> RSC the Policy Subcommittee came back with the following amended motion, which was accepted by motion maker and becomes the new motion 139-6.**

**Amendment made to replace old motion with new motion made by policy subcommittee and seconded by Harry.**

**New Motion:** To change Guidelines on page 14 under Policy Chair Qualifications (B):

Change from:

(B) 2 years Central Atlantic Region, Regional Service Committee term.

Change to:

(B) 2 years regional and/or area Policy experience.

**Intent:** For consistency of qualifications of trusted servants on Regional level.

**Pros:** To serve as an attraction for a person with area policy experience to come and serve.

Puts consistency in our policy qualifications as currently written.

**Cons:** This motion will allow a trusted servant who has never attended or been exposed to the RSC and who may have never even seen the RSC policy to be qualified for the position at the regional level. There should be some requirement of regional experience for this position.

### **Motion 140-7**

**Mover:** Policy Subcommittee 2<sup>nd</sup>: Akin S.

**Motion:** To change guidelines on page 11 under Treasurer duties:

Change from:

(B) Prepares simplified and comprehensibly written financial report quarterly and annually.

Change to:

(B) Prepares simplified and comprehensibly written financial reports for each RSC and annually at the GSR Assembly.

**No pros or cons offered.**

### **Motion 140-8**

**Mover:** Policy Subcommittee 2<sup>nd</sup>: Akin S.

**Motion:** To add in guidelines on page 11 under Secretary duties.

(J) Submits written reports to each RSC Conference and an annual written report at the GSR Assembly.

**Intent:** To have consistency for duties of each officer and clarity in policy.

**No pros and cons offered.**

**Motion 140-8 to go back to home groups.**

### **Motion 140-18**

**Mover:** Shawn C, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dustin C.

**Motion:** To make a change in policy under section XV Service Districts, letter C:

Currently reads: The region and its subcommittees will rotate their meetings throughout the four quadrants.

Change to: The region and its subcommittees, except for the Speaker Jam Subcommittee, will rotate their meetings throughout the four quadrants.

**Intent:** To allow the speaker jam subcommittee to meet in the area hosting the next event, maximizing participation.

**No pros or cons offered.**

Thank you, Tim B

**Alt RCM – Terry H. - No Report**

**VRCC – Billy T. - Verbal Report**

**Alt. VRCC – Dora H. - No Report**

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Literature Chair – Rachel C.**

We sold \$1,428.00 of literature last month. We purchased \$1,500 of literature. Kathleen W. has to step down as Assistant Literature Chair due to starting a new job that requires her to work every other weekend. As a result, the Literature Committee would like to appoint Jamie I. as the new Assistant Literature Chair. Thanks for letting me serve, Rachel

**Metro Area Ad-hoc – Tim B. - No Report**

**Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) – Jimmy C. - Written Report**

Hello Family, all is well. We still need this area support, help in filling all of our positions, if you are interested, we meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 12:30 p.m. at Norview United Methodist Church, right here. I like to thank all those who have come and helped us fill our commitments so far. I like thank all of those who attended our H&I Learning Day. We had a great turn out and a good time, approximately 50 attendees. We also had some new comers and old timer say that they were interested in serving. Finally, this report has been e-mailed to [secretary@tidewaterareana.org](mailto:secretary@tidewaterareana.org). ILS, Jimmy C.

**Public Relations (PR) – Chris R. - Written Report**

Had meeting only 5 in attendance. Phonline had calls from PA, CA, NY, TN, NC+VA- totaling 222 minutes. PR has been contacted by region PR who was contacted by World Service to provide information plus meeting list to a group coordinator at Tidewater Community College. We have not found the mailing list from before so various members of PR are in the process of making a new list. 16K hits on website. The meeting list was updated and sent on time to printer in the doc form. There were slight changes to format. Not quite sure why. New meeting lists will be submitted in PDF format to prevent this from occurring. We are starting a new format for the change of meeting lists to give more uniformity. We are still in need of help. Now more than ever with the phonline. It needs to be our first live interaction with the public. We feel that a recovering addict can help another addict find the hope of recovery and direct them where they want to go. Thank you, Chris R.

**Convention Chair – Jerri B. - Written Report**

Hi Family, TACNA X is hosting a speaker jam and dance on 11/21/09 at Norview United Methodist Church. Speakers from 1-7, dance from 9-12. There will be food, merchandise and a tape vendor. For more info contact Sabrina P.; 228-0730 or Mark N.; 478-1839. We also have two positions open, Merchandise Chair and Convention Information Chair. ILS, Jerri B.

**Special Events – Carlton J. - Written Report**

Hi Family. Special Event did not meet today. No report. ILS, Carlton J.

**Phonline – VACANT**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 9 – Dia A. - 6 yrs. Help Me Think (P.M.)  
November 13 – Angel C. - 1 yr. Better Days  
November 19 – Mike S. - 8 yrs. Surrender to Live  
November 22 – James M. - 13 yrs. Mixed Group  
November 24 – Julie L. - 1 yr. Keep Coming Back  
November 24 – Kristina D. - 16 yrs. Freedom Group  
November 26 – Thanksgiving Marathon 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Pot Luck. Please bring food. Hosted by End of the Night at Old Donation Church  
November 27 – Tim B. - 3 yrs. HOW Group  
December 4 – Megan – 2 yrs. Wave of Recovery  
December 6 – Sonya R. - 3 yrs. It's About Time  
December 10 – Danielle B. - 1 yr. Serenity Sisters (men welcome)  
December 23 – Lahoma – 5 yrs. What Can I Do  
December 27 – Shirley J. - 3 yrs. It's About Time  
December 27 – Alnita L. - 6 yrs. It's About Time  
January 19 – Freedom Group 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Eating Meeting  
All About Change has moved to Thursday night at 9:00 p.m.  
New Meeting on Monday at the Virginia Beach Recovery Club, starts at 7:30 p.m. “Monday Night Men”

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Policy Vice Chair – No Nominations

Assistant Treasurer – No Nominations

Phoneline – No Nominations

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion #1** – Made by Tim B., Seconded by Jose R. - To do away with Policy Vice Chair, **Referred to Policy**

**Motion #2** – Made by Tim B., Seconded by Jose R. - To remove Phoneline position, **Referred to Policy**

Next Area service meeting;

December 13, 2009

Policy meeting directly after area service

Norview United Methodist Church, 1112 Norview Ave. Norfolk, VA