

Sacramento Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous
Area Service Committee Agenda for May 2, 2007

I. Call to Order at George Sim Community Center
6207 Logan St, Sacramento at 7:00 pm

II. Prayers & Principles

- A. Serenity Prayer
- B. 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous
- C. 12 Concepts for NA Service
- D. NA Service Prayer →

III. General Session

A. Reports from Admin.

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| • Chair | • Archivist |
| • Vice Chair | • Parliamentarian |
| • Admin Assistant | • RCMs |
| • Treasurer/Asst Treasurer | • Lit Coordinator |

- B. Welcome New Groups/GSRs
- C. Practices of strong home group – share on posters
- D. Roll Call & Group Reports
- E. Review/approve minutes from 4/4/2007

IV. Deliberation and Decision Session*

Proposal 1: To replace “Appendix A: Robert’s Rules of Order (in brief)” -- attached to our Guidelines as pages 10-11 -- with the 2 pages on Consensus Decision Making presented at our March 21, 2007 ASC, making them Appendix A to our Guidelines and pages 10-11.

Proposal 2: To hold monthly Speaker Meeting + food events (Pancake Breakfasts, Ice Cream Socials, Taco Feeds, etc.) put on by a “host” group in cooperation with volunteers from the Sacramento Fellowship. If approved, GSRs should discuss this possibility with the groups they represent, preferably at a business meeting. If there’s interest and support, please bring proposals back including date, time, location, and rental fees.

Proposal 3: To recruit volunteers to attend each meeting that requests support.

Proposal 4: To send liaisons from SacFNA to the following ARANA subcommittees:

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| A. Public Information | D. Newsletter |
| B. Hospitals & Institutions | E. Unity Day |
| C. Outreach | |

Proposal 5: To request that our Region’s Public Relations Committee put on a Learning Day on our behalf.

Proposal 6: To develop, maintain, and print a schedule twice yearly listing meetings in the Greater Sacramento and surrounding areas – East to Placerville, Auburn, Nevada City & Grass Valley; West to Fairfield/Suisun; North to Marysville/Yuba City; and South to Lodi (plus the 2 Stockton meetings in American River).

Proposals from the floor:

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V. Update from our Treasurer

VI. Close by 9:30 with the “We” Version of the Serenity Prayer

NA Service Prayer

God, grant us knowledge that we may serve according to Your Divine precepts. Instill in us a sense of your purpose. Make us servants of your will and grant us a bond of selflessness, that this may truly be your work, not ours - in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction.

Adapted from the NA Basic Text, page

* Note: In reviewing the minutes of our last ASC meeting, your admin team identified a number of decisions and/or actions that seemed to be of interest to the group. In order to streamline our process, we shaped these into draft proposals for further consideration. Our aim is not to impose our will, but simply to offer a starting point for the continued discussion of issues that seemed to be on your minds. Remember that with consensus decision making, debate is not limited to “for or against” any proposal; these are just starting points that can be altered to suit your needs and address your concerns or rejected entirely. Every decision we make here belongs to our entire service body.

Chairperson's Report to the May 2, 2007 Area Service Committee of SacFNA

Debriefing Last Month's ASC

I thought last month's poster session and the discussion that followed were very productive in helping us establish priorities and formulate next steps. If I understand you correctly, you'd like to see us both...

- work with ARANA to determine the best way to coordinate our efforts and/or share some services, contributing a fair share of the necessary human and capital resources required *AND*
- get some activities and services up and running on our own as soon as possible

Dave M. delivered our request to the American River ASC regarding continued support with the phonelines and schedule. Since it was their inventory night, no motions were considered, however it is likely that motions regarding this and other issues of interest to our Area will be considered at their next ASC. Thus far, it's been business as usual, so we may wish to consider making a donation to American River to contribute towards these continued services.

Given the emerging consensus for dialog between the two Areas expressed at our last meeting, Carlos and I extended an invitation to AR's admin team to meet jointly with our Admin team in order to open lines of communication. Although we have not heard back from them, I understand that the possibility of a joint meeting was also discussed at AR's admin meeting and that they are hesitant to act without the express direction to do so from their ASC. The possibility of an admin motion suggesting the same was ruled out of order, so direction will need to come from one of their GSRs in the form of a motion.

Although many decisions about our services and service structure are on hold for now, there are many areas in which we can move forward without further delay. In reviewing the minutes from our last meeting, your admin team identified interest in providing some outreach services, activities, learning days, an expanded schedule, and liaisons to standing subcommittees in AR -- all of which we can begin working towards tonight if you wish. In order to streamline our process, we're putting these on the table in the form of proposals; consider them half-formed lumps of clay that we can shape through discussion.

Establishing a Service Structure

Last Saturday, I attended a workshop put on by the Greater San Jose Area to reconsider their service structure. To summarize, they are reconsidering the wisdom continuing to use the subcommittee structure, which many view as outdated and an inefficient use of human resources. As a result of examining their current structure and two models proposed in Chapter 3 of the new Public Relations Handbook (available at: http://www.na.org/handbooks/PRHB_Final_24Oct06.pdf) the group of 49 in attendance decided to ask their ASC's approval to form a Working Group to develop plans to transition to a new model.

This seems to be a time of creativity and innovation in Narcotics Anonymous. While our primary purpose remains the same and accountability is still critical, it's very exciting that we can have the flexibility to experiment since we're not tied down to a particular model. Since we'll need to address the question of service structure shortly, you may wish to propose a similar workshop to examine various models if that's of interest.

GSR Reports

Tonight we'll be sharing the practices of strong home groups. Next month, we're slated to discuss the way our groups and members interact within NA and with the community at large. Here's some food for thought on the topic:

How does your group interact with NA and the community?

- Evolves with Members – Members' personal growth strengthens the group.
- Establishes a Network – Our group puts newcomers in touch with experienced members.
- Gateway to Service – Members introduce newcomers into group service, then beyond.
- Model of Service – Our group prepares trusted servants to work well at other levels.
- Unity and Credibility – We work with other groups and ASC in a spirit of cooperation.
- Positive Message – Group members are an example of NA changing lives for the better.
- Other _____

Source: http://www.na.org/pdf/IDT_Frame_27Feb07.pdf

In service,
Pamela T.
916.837.9781 – ptindall@surewest.net

Vice Chair Report
May 2007 SacFNA ASC Meeting

I have nothing significant to report. It was exciting to participate in the energy and enthusiasm demonstrated at our last ASC meeting. Though we don't currently have any subcommittees, I think we are approaching a time when people who want to start a subcommittee will be able to step up and ask for volunteers who want to get the process moving. To assist this process, we have created a contact sheet that will allow GSRs to collect information from members who want to get involved in activities. Take these to your groups, collect information from members and bring them to the June ASC meeting.

Yours in Service
Eric K

Administrative Assistant's Report
5-2-07

- New Meetings register with our area on YELLOW REGISTRATION FORMS
- Already registered meetings make corrections on the PINK CORRECTION FORMS.
- If you want to register or make updates with World, those forms are white. You can also register/make updates with World online at www.na.org.

I will be out of town on July 11th for our July ASC. Since we don't have an assistant to the administrative assistant, I am willing to ask someone to fill in for me, or to do what you direct me to do. I'd like to receive that guidance tonight, in order to help train someone as soon as possible. All s/he would have to do is type minutes on the night of Area, email those notes to me, and be available to answer questions about the notes. Again, if you want to appoint someone to do this or will allow me to ask someone, please let me know tonight.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,

Catherine B.

Assistant Treasurer's Report
May 2007

I would just like to thank the body for entrusting me to serve our area in this manner.

Dolores H.

Treasurer's Report for May 2, 2007 SacFNA Area Service Committee Meeting

Hi Everyone-

Thank you for allowing me to serve your groups. The list of donations by group will only be published twice each year, in January and July as called for in the guidelines, and will reflect the total of donations for the previous six month period. Our guidelines will be up for revision in August and September so if you object to this practice, you're certainly welcome to offer amendments then. If you are interested in donations by group from last area service, I have that information, please contact me.

I have attached a statement of account, which is updated through April 27, 2007. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments. My email address is: davidhmayer@yahoo.com, and my phone # is 802-7425.

In loving service,

Dave M, SacFNA Treasurer

Date	Description	Income	Expense	Balance
04/04/07	Balance from 4/4/07 Area Service Meeting			\$1,183.71
04/04/07	Copies of Guidelines (Catherine B.)		\$31.00	\$1,152.71
04/04/07	Group Donations	\$320.74		\$1,473.45
04/04/07	7th Tradition Collection	\$36.25		\$1,509.70
04/04/07	Literature Sales	\$1,269.86		\$2,779.56
04/12/07	Purchase Area Literature Order (NCRSO)		\$1,187.43	\$1,592.13
04/18/07	5/2/07 Area Service Meeting (City of Sacramento)		\$90.00	\$1,502.13
04/18/07	5/16/07 Admin. Meeting (City of Sacramento)		\$30.00	\$1,472.13
04/18/07	Mileage Reimbursement-NCRSO (Ann M.)		\$53.76	\$1,418.37

Archivist Report
May 2007

I regret to inform you that I have to step down from my Admin Committee Position. I accepted a promotion at my place of employment and my hours have changed which make me unable to attend Area Service for The Sacramento Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. I will be turning over any and all items that I have received since I have taken this position and at the time that you have elected someone, I will go over all items this position entails as well as let the new person know where we are at. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me through email, kk90@sbcglobal.net or via phone, 916-833-3826.

Grateful to be of service to you,
Kelly R.

Parliamentarian Report
May 2007

I thought the participation at last months ASC was fantastic, way to go!

From my vantage point, consensus based decision making is serving us well. I have taken the liberty of making copies of the two pages summarizing consensus based decision making which was presented to the ASC on March 21. If the ASC agrees, I will hand them out in order for you to replace Appendix A summarizing Roberts Rules of Order with a new Appendix A summarizing consensus based decision making. This is just a matter of swapping out one appendix for another more useful appendix. More on this when we get to the proposals...

As a reminder, we will conduct a new GSR orientation prior to the ASC each month.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Russ H

Literature Report
May 2, 2007

Last month we sold \$1,269.86 worth of literature, ordered \$1,305.81, and have an inventory of \$1550.00.

Please fill out the order forms in duplicate so you will have something for you to check your order against. And, remember, if you have back orders, you do not have to reorder those items, they will be ordered and filled first in the following month. After all, you already paid for the items.

Yours in service,
Randy B.

Senior RCM Report

I attended the April 14, 2007, Regional Meeting and returned with some flyers of the May events being hosted by some of the areas (see table) I also brought meeting schedules from other areas.

I have a copy of the reports given by our Regional Committee RD and Alternate RD if anyone is interested. (The reports are on the table as well.) There is some pretty good information on the Florida Service Symposium- Questions asked such as "Who is missing from our meetings?," Youth IP workshop, our service system, and Area Planning Tool Strategic Planning. Also reported was a workshop on "How to be a more effective RCM," The Florida Symposium discussed the difficulty RCM's often face in trying to communicate the complex discussions happening at World Services and the Regional Services Committees under the constraints of brief reports at their ASCs. The evolution of our service structure in the last few years from one of motions to one of open forums, issue discussion, consensus, has made concise reporting more difficult. In the old days, reporting from the WSC or the RSC was simply a matter of listing which motions passed or failed. Today, very little occurs in the business sessions and the real value of what we do is often found in the sharing. Yet, finding a way to condense these discussions and avoid reporting that sounds like an endless stream of data to an often impatient ASC can be very difficult (Does this sound familiar?)

While they identified several important characteristics and criteria for an effective RCM, it seems that "knowing the values, culture and beliefs of your area" were most important. Intimate familiarity with your area is the best guide post on deciding which items to emphasize in your reporting. We all agreed that there is no easy answer or single "one-size-fits-all" template for reporting the information RCMs have been entrusted to convey.

"Knowing the expectations of you in your job; your responsibilities to provide leadership, the degree of delegated authority you have" were identified as the other top criteria in being an effective RCM. It was felt that, even more important than knowing area guidelines & policy, it is important that you understand the degree of leadership and delegated authority you have in your reporting and interactions with the ASC, groups, subcommittees and the RSC.

This was the first NAWS workshop on this topic, ever. A lot more will be revealed!

I had a chance to talk to the ARANA RCM and Alt. RCM and asked if ARANA Admin and SacFNA Admin could sit down and talk and formally open up lines of communication and bring up the topic of some shared services such as meeting schedules, phone line, etc. We both agreed we should invite our RDs and ask them to help facilitate the discussions with our chairs. I then forwarded an email to their Admin but have had no response yet. I hope if and when this communication begins that you grant us the ability to make some decisions on your behalf and have a high level of trust that we will do what is in the best interest of NA as a whole.

Respectfully,

Carlos H.

Junior RCM Report May 2007

On April 14, 2007 both Carlos and I attended the Regional Service Committee. This is our combined reports.

During Area Reports the American River Area donated \$2400 (these dollar figures are rounded off). Their RCM raised a question that was later discussed in Area Forum about whether members in "both" areas could do service in ARANA...more later. Contra Costa Co.'s Unity Day will be August 18th at the CoCoCounty Fairgrounds. They also have a monthly speaker meeting and dance. The RCMs of both East Bay Central and East Bay North had reports with nothing of particular interest to this area. Greater San Jose donated \$1831. and elected all new admin and sub-committee chairs. Humboldt-Del Norte will have their Unity Weekend Aug. 17-19 at Richardson Grove. Lake County will have a Cinco de Mayo Dance on May 12 at the Clear Lake Masonic Lodge. Marin donated \$150. Mission Peak donated \$1600 and announced that the Tri Area voted to make theirs a Metro System. Napa-Solano donated \$139. Their ASC is holding on to a large sum of money, over \$8000 over their prudent reserve. 916 North donated approximately \$1420. Their Unity Day will be on June 23 in Corning. Peninsula donated \$188. River Cities will hold their Men's Retreat on Sept. 16 at Whiskeytown Lake. Santa Cruz reported a large profit from the MBCNA with \$45431 in income and \$29819 currently in the bank. There will be a sizable donation when the books clear. Sierra Foothills Unity Day is May 5. Sonoma donated \$1861.

As stated one of the topics in Area Forum was whether members should be able to do service in more than one area. The consensus was that there was no problem with this, that individual addicts can do service where ever they feel their talents and experience might be best utilized. The second topic had to do with coordination of Phonelines and schedules and how to keep them current.

The alternate Regional Delegate gave a report that lasted over an hour and was 9 pages written. It covered a variety of topics from the Florida Service Symposium. While interesting, my report cannot begin to cover what was reported. If you are interested, come see me and you may read the report.

NCCNA 29 was a huge success. The accounting is not in but judging solely by merchandise sales there should be a large profit. Of nearly \$50,000 in merchandise bought less than \$1000 was left at the end of the convention. Registrations were down a bit but this shouldn't impact the profit by much. There are still seats on NCCNA 30. If you are interested, people are qualified and voted on at 5:00 at the RSC.

We brought flyers and schedules back for you. There are very few of these available so you might want to write the information down to take back to your groups.

Yours in Service,

Ann and Carlos, RCMs

SACRAMENTO FELLOWSHIP AREA SERVICE ROLL CALL

TUESDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07
11. No Frills	Todd	947-6793	X	A	X	
12. Cope Without Dope	Dennis	396-6122	X	X	A	
29. Changing Lanes	Steve S.	361-1612	n/a	X	X	
WEDNESDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07
13. Clean on Capitol	Kelly C	290-3869	X	X	X	
14. Youth Seeking Truth	Jack S.	410-9967	X	X	X	
THURSDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07
15. Made a Decision	Dale H	459-9255	X	X	X	
16. Courage to Change	Tonya N.	388-9564	X	X	X	
17. Puttin' on the Heights	Christina S.	459-6479	X	X	X	
30. Women's Tea House	Tambi	743-7815	n/a	X	X	
FRIDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07
18. Recovery Connection	Eddie S.	362-2284	X	X	X	
19. Friday Night South Sac	Theresa K.	640-7011	X	A	X	
20. Natomas Group	Dolores	308-6842	X	X	X	
SATURDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07
21. Keep It Simple	Charlene S	868-9958	X	A	X	
22. E Street Book Study			X	X	A	
23. Woman to Woman	Julie L.	459-7626	X	X	X	
24. After the Fog	Carlos H.	275-7140	X	X	A	
25. Saturday Night Traditions	Ron R.	33-2858	X	X	X	
26. Nope to Dope	Alan E.	606-1152	X	X	X	

Sacramento Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous
Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes
George Sim Community Center
6207 Logan Street, Sacramento, CA
Wednesday, April 4, 2007

- I. Call to Order at 7pm by Pam T.
- II. Prayers & Principles
 - A. Serenity Prayer
 - B. 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous
 - C. 12 Concepts for NA Service
 - D. NA Service Prayer
- III. General Session
 - A. Welcome New GSRs
 - i. New GSRs: Kelly, Todd, Jennifer and Christina
 - B. Roll Call/GSR Reports/Share Home Group Ideals
 - i. 25 of 30 groups in attendance
 - ii. 2 new groups joined
 - C. Review/Approve Minutes from 3/21/07
 - D. Admin Reports
 - i. Archivist will maintain copies of all group update forms, reports, and any relevant documents.
 - ii. RCM reports the upcoming NCCRNA
 - iii. Jr. RCM will carry H&I donations to ARANA H&I. Asking for input re: what kind of information GSRs would like to have in RCM reports.
 - iv. Parliamentarian report: Great job last month discussing consensus decision making. Looking forward to what will come from that. Four new groups participated in the new GSR orientations.
- IV. Deliberation Session
 - A. Poster Session (See "Poster Session Notes" at end of minutes)

Top Three Topics for Discussion Tonight

- Promote activities, xxxx (4)
- Phone lines, xxxxxxx (7)
- Schedules, xxxxx (5)
- Open communications, xxxxx (5)
- Shared Services with ARANA, xxxxx (5)
- Educating our fellowship,
- Embracing the recovery houses, x (1)

Member confused about what the problem is. Why are we concerned about shared services? Aren't we all in the same Fellowship? Serving the newcomer?

Where do we stand on shared services? Where does ARANA stand on shared services? What is best for the addict who still suffers?

We're concerned about financial responsibility. Are we expecting ARANA to cover the cost for shared services? We are currently covered on phone line, schedule, etc. Let's consider maybe expanding the schedule. Need to dialogue with ARANA re: these issues.

We need to stand on our own at some point. We can't wait for ARANA to accept us, we need to be proactive and start communicating, go to their ASC and liaison with them, build consensus. We contribute to ARANA financially and in human resources in past and currently.

Need to make a proposal to ask ARANA to keep us on schedule and phonenumber and offer to pay our share of costs. Ask to add our name to the front of their schedule as well. This will begin a cooperative movement. Most ARANA GSRs want this new area to be a success.

How are we going to do H&I? How about the H&I can money? What about PI? How long before we stand on our own two feet?

Newcomer is the most important person in the meeting. Would it be a good idea to form a subcommittee to investigate/resolve this specific issue? Especially as it involves how to communicate with ARANA.

Vision for the phone line is a live body on the other end of the line.

V. Decision Session to Consider Proposals

Proposal I. Propose to have a representative of SacFNA go to the ARANA ASC on 4/13/07 and ask if they are willing to keep our meetings in their area schedule and on their Phonenumber and that we offer to pay our pro-rated share of these services. We would also ask that these schedules have both names on the schedule.

Discuss:

- We should pay our portion of cost, not make demands. We need to establish dialogue first.
- ARANA is establishing a work group to address communication issues.

Proposal I accepted.

VI. Update from the Treasurer

\$ 320.74	7 th Tradition from Groups
31.25	ASC 7 th Tradition
-31.00	paid to print ASC packets
1258.91	Literature sales tonight

VII. Close with Serenity Prayer

Poster Session Notes

1. How can we attract the still suffering addict to our meetings?

What is our vision for carrying our message to addicts in institutions?

- ARANA H&I has a well established vehicle for this – we can contribute bodies & finances to help them meet their goals.
- Make sure we bring the NA message to our youth.
- Institutions should get mail from us or meeting and services.
- Sharing services with ARANA.
- Let's have our own H&I but coordinate with ARANA so we don't overlap and we can reach more addicts in institutions.

What is our vision for Phonelines?

- Create a conference line connecting addicts from other cities.
- Have our own phone line in the future – but for now have it roll over to ARANA.
- If they are not willing to share, then instead of a live addict have the phoneline roll to a recording.
- This should be a Help Hotline.
- Don't ever roll to a recording. More humans!!!
- Support ARANA with people & money for this service.
- Phoneline volunteers should have meeting schedules from all areas service meetings to be given out when asked about meeting days.

What is our vision for the Schedule? (3 possibilities)

**Schedule Possibility A:
Just groups served by our ASC.**

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
Easy	Incomplete
Cost	Confusing
Manageable in size.	All meetings in a general area may not be listed – incomplete.
Putting our dances in the schedules.	Having a shop to pick up NA service.
We have all the information here.	Not having a complete meeting schedule.
Have schedule for this area with ARANA attached.	
We can get ARANA schedules at their area service meeting.	
Promotes unity and support to groups in SacFNA.	

**Schedule Possibility B:
Joint schedule with ARANA.**

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
Will have all meeting times available at all meetings.	ARANA may not want to do this.
Simple and keeps all addicts in mind.	ARANA may not want to do this.
Makes it easier for newcomers to find the meeting.	
Keeps it simple.	
Easier for the newcomer to find all meetings in their area.	
Complete/Unity.	

Schedule Possibility C:

“Greater Sacramento” schedule including meetings in the Foothills & surrounding areas.

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
Promotes Unity	Cost
Useful for the addict	Coordination could be difficult.
Could do this quarterly	Start up costs.
Could be done by Region and no cost to us.	Who will maintain it?
Could be done by Region and no cost to us.	
Mare a more solid stapled booklet that is more durable with a “Few” surrounding areas.	
Roadtrip!!	
Could we make & sell to other areas? (free to newcomers, \$1 if you have it)	
Bigger addict exchange.	
Easiest for the newcomer & the phonline.	

2. What needs or challenges do our members and groups face? What services could our ASC develop to address them?

<i>Need/Challenge</i>	<i>Service</i>
Keeping “old-timers” active in meetings	
Disconnection with worldwide fellowship	Improved communication with regional and world services
Keep areas connected by common bond – I’ve hear a lot of neg. talk from ARANA that they want us to be totally separate with no shared services and it makes me feel like an unwanted step child.	
“Home Group” mentality to feed services	Stress the importance of the home groups.
Members who claim a meeting as their home group but rarely show up or are unwilling to take service positions	Workshop to motivate willingness to be of service
Groups in need of support	Area invasion group – like outreach to support meeting
	Groups committed to educating their trusted servants
Need more Spanish speaking meetings to meet growth	Get connected with people that know how to go about starting a meeting
To keep addict coming back	Setting up the group meeting
Court card/recovery house folks flooding downtown meetings!	Work w/probation/parole/rec houses to make newcomer meeting a mandatory 1 st meeting
Activities, dances, unity days, NY event, workshops	Activities committee

3. Should our services be funded solely through donations or should we conduct fundraisers?

- Fundraisers – get people involved
- Fundraisers can promote unity
 - Penny a day pins
 - Banquet speaker meetings
- Fundraisers -- helps promote unity
- Let’s keep it simple!

Part A: What sorts of social activities promote recovery, unity, and a sense of belonging without draining valuable human and financial resources?

- Campouts
- Woman's campout
- Unity day
- Men's campout
- Monthly activity: boating, movie, music, miniature golf
- Monthly hiking meeting
- Dances: once a month w/different themes – 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, etc
- Spag Feed
- Pancake Breakfast
- H & I fundraiser – educational & produces commitment
- Daytrips to Leesville

Part B: Are these activities in line with our primary purpose or are they more about entertaining addicts in recovery? Does it matter?

- Both, yes it matters
- Both, it brings unity
- Too big/elaborate can distract us -- \$, property, prestige
- Fundraising builds unity – service understanding and help seed events! All good
- More to recovery than meetings, these activities promote fellowship and fun in NA

4. How can we make NA's message more widely known in the larger community?

Making literature available

- Aggressive PR committee
- Use recycled paper, \$ less (more paper)
- Increase awareness in groups, H & I, community that pamphlets are available online
- Dare to put an ad out in the streets like bus stop or billboards. That's where the drugs + users are
- Put NA meeting schedules or stickers w/ phone # @ light rail & bus stops & Walmarts

Relations with recovery houses, parole/probation, drug court

- More meetings w/ a variety of times
- Get people who want to be involved! Sponsor to open doors for those still suffering
- More Public Service Announcements (PSAs)
- Aggressive interaction with community services
- Committee formed specifically to visit recovery houses for q&a and NA orientation
- Bring meetings into the residential treatment facilities or book studies to help newcomers understand sponsorship & steps (newcomers often confused about the process of getting sponsor)
- Tell law enforcement agencies about NA & how it changes lives
- Speak in high schools to those yet potentials or already in active addiction

Legitimate fears/paranoid fantasies

- Don't stifle by time constraints
- SacFNA is out to ruin ARANA
- ARANA is out to ruin SacFNA
- By attraction, we may grow to large – back up plan for limitation number and new split off
- SacFNA will be too small to provide dances, speaker meetings, fundraisers, etc.
- Change is uncomfortable
- Oh No!!! What will others say about me or my home group

