

Sacramento Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous

**Area Service Committee Agenda
for November 7, 2007**

Please make sure you initial the sign-in sheet & note schedule / GSR changes, announcements, problems you need help with, & brainstorming topics. Thanks!

I. Call to Order at George Sim Community Center

6207 Logan St, Sacramento at 7:00 pm

II. Prayers & Principles

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

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 xvi

III. General Session

- A. Welcome New Groups/GSRs
- B. Thanks to GSRs ending their terms of service
- C. Reports from Admin.

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| • Chair | • Treasurer/Asst Treasurer | • Lit Coordinator |
| • Vice Chair (inc PR) | • Policy & Procedures | • Spaghetti Dinner update |
| • Admin Assistant | • RCMs | |

- D. Roll Call & Group Reports
- E. Review/approve minutes from 10/3/2007

IV. Election: RCM

V. Brainstorming Session (aka open forum)

V. Decision Session

Proposal 1: To accept and adopt the guidelines as amended

- Remaining question: Should administrative members participate in the “moment of consensus”?

Proposal 2: New location for ASC -- Where shall we meet?

Proposals from the floor?

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VI. Update from our Treasurer

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

Chairperson's Report to the November 7, 2007 Area Service Committee of SacFNA

We've got it going on!

Can I tell you how excited I am about the Spaghetti Dinner next Saturday? Mama Mia! Hope to see you there.

Location, location, location

As you may recall, this community center is slated for a major renovation next year so will be closing at the end of December. I have identified the following options:

1. 2791 24TH Street @ 4th Ave (Sierra 2) - 84'x29' = 2436 sq.ft. - \$120/ASC meeting
2. 2900 Mather Field at Folsom Blvd (Mills Station - Cordova Recreation & Park District) 24' X 50' = 1200 square feet + kitchen

I'm still waiting to hear back on 3 other possible locations as I write this, so may have other options to tell you about.

Boundaries

I attended the American River Area's ad hoc committee on geographic boundaries as requested. We discussed the location of meetings connected with local ASCs (ours, American River's, Sierra Foothills), the boundaries suggested by our guidelines and by Sierra Foothill's guidelines, and the implications for services. It seemed logical to all in attendance that the American River would mark their Area's southern boundary, as suggested in our guidelines. Regarding Yolo County, it was suggested that AR specifically refer to Davis and West Sac, while we consider specifically naming Woodland to our guidelines.

That's it from me!

In service,

Pamela T.

November ASC SacFNA Vice-Chair Report

I facilitated our admin meeting in October. One of the items we discussed that I'm confident was covered in the report from the Chair is that this facility is closing for remodeling and what alternative locations we should be considering. We also discussed the work being done by the PR working group. One thing that came up was that a few months back the SacFNA ASC agreed that we should have liaisons going to the various American River subcommittee meetings so that we can be kept updated on issues arising there and keep communication channels open. I don't know who the liaison is to the American River Public Information Subcommittee, but I think we need to revisit the need for liaisons so that we can be informed about what, if anything is occurring in these subcommittees that we need to be aware of. I am unable to be a liaison to PI as I have an outside commitment on Thursday evenings.

Our PR Working Group had its first meeting on Tuesday October 9th. Five other individuals as well as myself attended. We discussed guidelines for PR from the NA PR Handbook, reviewed the three tasks we were asked to fulfill and discussed how to best accomplish these tasks. There's a lot of information gathering necessary, and we all chose different parts of the Sacramento area to focus our efforts on, so one person was going to collect information of possible locations for placing posters in downtown, another in the Rancho area, another in West Sacramento etc.. We're not going to contact these locations until we're ready to place the posters. I created an example of a poster using the examples in the NA PR Handbook as a guide. This is included in my report.

One of the things that the PR Handbook discusses is to be prepared for an increase in the number of calls coming into the phone line and an increase in the number of newcomers attending NA meetings. The impact on the phone lines is a concern. I attended the American River PI Subcommittee meeting so I could inform them of our activities and to talk with their phone line coordinator.

Most of the individuals at the meeting were supportive and encouraging as to our efforts. I was assured by their phone line coordinator that their phone line shifts are all covered and she will convey to the volunteers that this activity is forthcoming and to be prepared for an increase in calls. Currently the phone line is using approximately 1,200 of their 2,000 minutes a month. It was suggested that instead of placing posters in all the areas around Sacramento, that we target one area and see what the impact is. I discussed this with the other members of the Working Group, and we all agree that this is a good idea. Though we would love for addicts to start calling the phone line seeking help for their addiction, we don't want to overwhelm the volunteers or to suddenly use more than their allotted minutes and get a huge phone bill. If we put posters up in one area, and see what the impact is, we will be able to either continue targeting the same types of places, or modify our efforts if we're not finding a significant increase in calls to the phone line. Also, if calls do increase, American River can take steps to increase their allotted monthly minutes so they avoid overcharges.

The next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled for Tuesday November 13 at 7pm at Trinity Church in one of the classrooms on the first floor. We could use more help. We will discuss the results of our information gathering efforts and decide what part of Sacramento we want to target first. You should still have posters that were handed out at the ASC last month. If not, we have a few more available for you to take to your meetings.

I think we're going to have a lot of fun with this, and have a positive impact not only on the still suffering addicts who may find out that there is an alternative, but I think the phone line volunteers will also be energized by getting more calls (hopefully) from people seeking information about Narcotics Anonymous. And I know from talking with the members of the Working Group, that they are also enthusiastic about what they're doing and the sense of giving back to this program.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Eric K
Vice Chair

Narcotics Anonymous

Help



Line

SAMPLE

SAMPLE

1-800-600-HOPE

IF YOU WANT TO STOP USING
WE CAN HELP

www.sacfna.org

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DRUG PROBLEM?

RECOVERY FROM DRUG ADDICTION
HAPPENS AT NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
MEETINGS

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Administrative Assistant Report
November, 2007

Hi everyone,

Please check the American River meeting schedule for your meeting to see if the information is correct. The AR schedule coordinator says he receives calls from folks who say their meeting is listed incorrectly but he's usually driving and can't take the information down. The callers don't follow up with an email so he doesn't know what changes need to be made. Tell me if changes need to be made and I will get the changes to him.

I have two questions that relate to the attendance logs: 1) how do you feel about having your email addresses posted on the website, and, 2) do you want attendance to show for the two previous months? Depending on how you feel, we may have to maintain two attendance logs. Either way, we will continue to pass the sign in sheet and have a verbal roll call because some people somehow don't get counted on one or the other.

Please let me know about your feelings regarding my questions and thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Catherine B.

Policy and Procedures Person Report

Regretfully, I am unable to attend the ASC Admin meeting in October and ASC meeting in November. Vacations plans and work... I trust all will be great when I return.

Russ H
Policy and Procedures Person

Treasurer's Report for November 6, 2007 SacFNA Area Service Committee Meeting

Hi Everyone-

I have nothing earth-shattering to report. I have attached SacFNA's statement of accounts since last Area Service meeting. I also have separate copies of our bank's online statement, as of 11/5/07.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments. My email address is:
and my phone # is

In loving service,

Dave M, SacFNA Treasurer

Statement of Accounts

DATE	Transaction (Paid To/Received From)	Check #	Deposit (+)	Expense (-)	ACCOUNT BALANCE	Cleared?
<i>Beginning Balance</i>					\$3131.81	
10/3/2007	Agenda Copies (Catherine B.)	1048		\$53.93	3,077.88	Yes
10/3/2007	Group Donations		566.83		3,644.71	
10/3/2007	7th Tradition Collection		45.50		3,690.21	
10/3/2007	Regional Schedule Sales		28.75		3,718.96	
10/3/2007	Literature Sales		1,764.51		5,483.47	
10/3/2007	Donation to NCRSC	1049		\$75.00	5,408.47	Yes
10/3/2007	1000 Meeting Schedules (Graphic Impressions)	1050		\$60.07	5,348.40	Yes
10/3/2007	Donation to ARANA-ASC	1051		\$150.00	5,198.40	Yes
10/8/2007	700 Meeting Schedules from Sept.2007(Graphic Impressions)	1052		\$43.10	5,155.30	Yes
10/17/2007	Purchase Area Literature Order (NCRSO)	1053		\$1,755.26	3,400.04	Yes

RCM Report

November 2007 ASC

I attended Region and we did do area reports. I did not attend Admin because I was on a business trip. The following is the report from the October RSC.

CAR (Conference Agenda Report) Assemblies

We still do not know if our area has been chosen to host the assembly. The RSC guidelines call for 5 CAR Workshops to be held between December 2007 and April 5, 2008. I will keep you updated.

RSC Inventory Update

We continued to follow up on our Regional Inventory and items that we want to change. We have decided to move forward with a pure model of Consensus Based Decision Making-No Robert's Rules. Region will request our area Chair to walk us through a training session and the Administrative Committee will create a model for RSC approval.

We also decided to rotate the RSC twice a year regularly as a matter of policy. Additional request will be considered by a case by case basis. We agreed to rotate once in the winter and once in the summer months. Picking and alternating odd/even month for each to allow both PR and H&I to experience one traveling RSC. We also agreed to hold small group discussion sessions quarterly and to coincide two of these with the traveling RSC's to maximize local fellowship participation.

(The information below has been copied and pasted from our RD's report)

World Service Board IP's

Based on Fellowship concerns over language in the World Board Approved Service IP "*An Introduction to Narcotics Anonymous Meetings*," the Pamphlet is being pulled from further distribution at this time. The concern was specific to the glossary of "Helpful NA Terms" that defined "Clean" as "*Abstinent from drugs (not including prescription medication)*." Obviously there was a strong reaction from the fellowship at this new definition of the term "clean."

There has also been some concern over the "Drug Replacement" section in the World Board IP "*NA Groups and Medication*." This IP takes a considerably different approach to NA members on drug replacement therapies than the previous World Services Bulletin #29 did. As part of my written feedback to the Board on the interaction with treatment/medical professionals at WCNA 32, I asked for some clarification on the decision to go a different direction with this piece, and have been assured that correspondence will occur after the next Board meeting.

As we reported previously, the board is developing three additional pieces; "*Leadership*," "*What is NAWS?*" and "*The Benefits of Service*." However, I'm sure the Board will hold some extended discussion about releasing these pieces without some form of RD feedback or further discussion on the nature of the authority given them at the 2006 WSC, given the reaction to the first set of IPs.

Bahrain Middle Eastern Zonal Workshop:

NAWS assisted in facilitating the second Middle Eastern Zonal gathering in May 2007. The first was held in 2005 in and this one again occurred in Bahrain as it is the one country without travel restrictions to either the Iranians or the Egyptians. Approximately 106 registered participants were on hand, including six women. Members present were from Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, and Turkey. All workshops were tri-lingual (English, Arabic, and Farsi). Workshops were on the Group Worksheet, service structure, sponsorship, public relations, traditions, and use of the Area Planning Tool. Members of the zone are discussing hosting a Middle East convention and regular newsletter.

The NAWS travel team was also able to attend a meeting in a correctional institution in which the Warden is a staunch advocate of NA. In fact, the warden has the daily “*Just for Today*” Meditation read over the prison PA system every morning!

Kuwait:

Part of the summer’s Middle East trip included NAWS first-ever visit to Kuwait. There are three groups in Kuwait, each speaking a different language (English, Arabic, and Farsi). The workshop centered on helping them develop a unified meeting schedule, discussion of sponsorship and building strong home groups. The sensitive subject of women’s attendance at the Arabic-speaking meetings was also raised.

Egypt:

On another leg of the Middle-East fellowship development trip, NAWS held a three-day workshop in Cairo with up to 179 Egyptian NA members in attendance (We don’t get that many to service workshops here in California)! Discussion topics were the usual: Sponsorship, service structure, treatment centers, events, and unity issues.

NAWS Public Relations:

As we’ve reported to you earlier, NAWS Board members and staff cannot keep up with the huge number of Public Relations events and opportunities world wide and have therefore adopted a new strategy of partnering with local communities to cover large events. The strategy is essentially that NAWS will use the organizations clout and resources to get us registered at large Conferences and then turn the actual presentation and staffing at these events over to experienced members of the local community. This summer, the strategy was used to allow members from Iran and the EDM to staff a professional conference in Istanbul, Turkey. Members from Hungary and Poland assisted the Slovenians in staffing a conference, conducting a presentation, and holding an open meeting in Slovenia.”

WORLD BOARD NEWS-

We have been asked by the Board of Directors to announce at our areas that there are 2 seats available on the Board. They have been taking on extra work because the seats are not filled.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 1, 2007 – CAR will be available

November 9-11 NAWS Literature Distribution and Convention Workshop Woodland Hills, Ca

Respectfully,
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SACRAMENTO FELLOWSHIP AREA SERVICE ROLL CALL

ADMIN COMMITTEE	MEMBER	PHONE	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Reports/Open Forum Topics
Chairperson	Pam T.		X	X		
Vice-Chair	Eric K.		X	X		
Treasurer	Dave M.		X	X		
Assistant Treasurer	Dolores		X	X		
Administrative Assistant	Catherine B		X	X		
Literaturature Chair	Randy B.		X	X		
Parliamentarian	Russ H.		X	X		
Sr. RCM	Carlos H.		X	X		
Jr. RCM	Ann M.		X	A		
MULTI-MEETING GROUPS	GSR	PHONE	Sep-07	Oct-07		
1. Recovery is Real	Pete B.		X	X		
2. Over the Rainbow	Gary E.		X	X		
3. Elk Grove Home Group	Winnie		X	X		
4. New Beginnings	Donald M		X	X		
5. Terminal Uniqueness	Herlinda		X	X		
31. Clunie Group	AJ		X	A		
33. Oak Park Fellowship	Terry L.		X	X		
SUNDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Sep-07	Oct-07		
6. Surrender for Serenity	Brandon F		X	A		
7. A New Way of Life	Vince V.		X	X		
27. West Coast Flat Book of NA	Samirah R.		X	A		
39. Stepping Stones	Dreamer		X	X		
40. Rancho Group	Pete S.		n/a	X		
MONDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Sep-07	Oct-07		
8. Survivors	Michael B		X	X		
9. Keep It Clean	Jimmy V.		X	X		
10. Time and Change	Max M.		X	X		
28. Young, Clean, Full of Recov	Tonya H.		X	X		
32. Tool os Recovery Bkstudy	Conrad P.		X	X		
34. Cross Roads to Recovery	Johnny S.		X	X		

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TUESDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Sep-07	Oct-07		
11. No Frills	Todd		X	X		
12 Cope Without Dope	Dennis		X	X		
29. Changing Lanes	Steve S.		X	X		
35. Mid-Town Recovery	Jae E.		X	A		
WEDNESDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Sep-07	Oct-07		
13. Clean on Capitol	Diane F.	gave no phone	X	X		
14. Youth Seeking Truth	Victoria		X	X		
38. Wed Night Connection	Cindy W.		X	X		
THURSDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Sep-07	Oct-07		
15. Made a Decision	David C.		X	X		
16. Courage to Change	Tonya N.		X	A		
17. Puttin' on the Heights	Christina S.		A	A		
30. Women's Tea House	Tambi		X	X		
FRIDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Sep-07	Oct-07		
18. Recovery Connection	Eddie S.		X	X		
19. Friday Night South Sac	Theresa K.		A	X		
20. Natomas Group	Dolores		X	X		
36. 5th Tradition	Marty	gave no phone	X	A		
SATURDAY MEETINGS	GSR	PHONE	Sep-07	Oct-07		
21. Keep It Simple	Bob C.		X	x		
22. E Street Book Study	Jennifer		X	X		
23. Woman to Woman	Julie L.		X	A		
24. After the Fog	Jamie Kaihe		A	A		
25. Saturday Night Traditions	Ron R.		X	X		
26. Nope to Dope	Shelli M.		X	X		
37. New Crossroads	Tamu		A	A		
41. Learning to Care	Mark H.		n/a	X		