

Sacramento Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous

**Area Service Committee Minutes  
February 6, 2008**

*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 Evelyn Moore Community Center

1402 Dickson Street, Sacramento at 7:00 pm

**II. Prayers & Principles**

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

**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/Visitors

Visitors:

- Jim Shasta Area RCM
- Rebecca PR Chair River Cities
- Chris Sierra Foothills
- Gordon River Cities Area RCM
- Bob Redding
- Marjay River Cities

New Groups:

New GSRs:

GSRs Ending Term:

- B. Reports from Admin.

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| ▪ Chair               | ▪ Treasurer/Asst Treasurer | ▪ RCMs            |
| ▪ Vice Chair (inc PR) | ▪ Policy & Procedures      | ▪ Lit Coordinator |
| ▪ Admin Assistant     |                            |                   |

- C. Roll Call & Group Reports
- D. Review/approve minutes from 1/9/2008

**IV. Webservant Bill L. w/ a tour of our new website!**

Bill our Webservant has been working on the website and it is now up and running. Please take a look at the site to verify group information is correct. Take a look at our literature order form.

Website [www.sacfna.org](http://www.sacfna.org)

## V. Brainstorming re: Service Structure

Pam explained the handout from last month on Service Structure. The table groups were asked to discuss and come up with questions and concerns.

➤ Table groups

Break to discuss with groups

➤ Whole group

Questions / Concerns:

- Could there be potential conflict of interest between Coordinators and Admin?
- Concern about existing Admin Members being the Coordinator.
- Where would Coordinators come from?
- If H&I is joint services, will they stay within external tasks?
- H&I concern on not duplicating and providing the same services.
- Q: Is there accountability for the task leaders? Who are they accountable to?  
A. The task leader will be accountable to the ASC.
- Q: How would we select Coordinators?  
A. Guidelines would have to be created and elections at ASC.
- Could have workload and conflict of interest.

Suggestion:

- Need to write guidelines for each position and generic categories for all.
- Create a written report form for each task leader to give to coordinator.
- Task groups need to establish procedures.
- Coordinator should have experience in tasks.
- Task groups should be sent to create and provide a budget to the area.
- Task groups will need to be held accountable to the budget they create.
- Create a Steering committee to help create and establish guidelines.
- Post question on NAWS bulleting board to see about guidelines on Service Structure.

➤ Next steps

The groups gave direction to take this issue back to Admin to review and bring back suggestions next month. An invitation was given to all members to attend the Admin meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month February 20, 2008 from 7:00-9:00pm at the same location as the ASC (Evelyn Moore Community Center).

## VI. Decision Session

### PROPOSALS FROM THE FLOOR

**Proposal 1: To include in the Policy and Procedure guidelines:**

**a. Maintain a roster of past and current proposals.**

**b. Include on the roster the date and resolution of each proposal.**

**c. Include the roster in the minutes and maintain a separate copy.**

Q: Can this be made available on the website?

A: Yes

Q. Do we want to make this available on the website?

A. Yes

Straw Poll: Consensus.

**Proposal 2: To have all event flyers approved at the ASC.**

Q: Will they be able to hand out before the event?

A. Might be a problem.

Discussion: If events are planned enough in advance, there may not be a problem.

Providing enough copies of the proposal at area would help prevent this.

Straw Poll: not complete consensus.

The Area should be able to approve the event, then have flyers for the event with approval by Admin.

How about having a flyer with the proposal?

If the event has been approved at ASC, with all the information, the flyer should be able to be provided as long as all information is included.

Q: Do all flyers have to be approved?

A: No

The information regarding the event (time, date, etc.) should always be included when making a proposal to the ASC for an event.

It takes time to put together a flyer. When having an event the flyer being created should follow guidelines in Area guidelines.

Q. Wasn't the event supposed to be brought back to the area?

A. Minutes show the event was passed by consensus.

Q. When a group joins the area, do they agree to follow the guidelines?

A. Yes.

Restate proposal with the following: When a group creates a proposal for an event it should provide all information including dates and times. The group will provide copies of proposal for the whole ASC to review.

Straw Poll: Consensus.

**BRAINSTROMING:**

**Do we want to consider working on being prepared if ARANA does not want to do joint services?**

We should not be working on "What if" scenarios. We could react when we hear if ARANA decides.

ARANA meeting directory is available to SacFNA as well as core services.

**Put on a Celebration of Service within the next six months.**

Max has volunteered to be coordinator.

Straw Poll: General consensus on going forward to be brought to Area next month.

What kinds of things to be in the event:

Q. Does region have money to help put this event on?

A. Will direct RCM to take to Region.

**Request was made for SacFNA to host our own Unity Day Event.**

Q. Could we combine the two events? (Celebration of Service and Unity Day)

A. Will take straw poll.

Straw Poll: Consensus to move forward with both events as separate events.

**VII. Update from our Treasurer**

Beginning Balance	5263.56
Expenses:	
Agenda Copies	87.28
Public Relations Meeting space rent and fliers:	34.98
Mileage Reimbursement to RCM:	60.00
Regional donation:	75.00
ARANA stipend:	150.00
Area Meeting Schedules:	120.14
PO Box	34.00
Rent ASC 2 months	150.00
Income:	
Area Donations;	1080.84
7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition:	48.00
Literature Order	1903.35
Balance:	7584.35

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