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## Open

Serenity Prayer  
Twelve Traditions  
Twelve Concepts of Service  
Service Prayer

## Welcome new participants

## Roll Call

### Servants

Position	Present	Position	Present
Facilitator	Yes	Co-Facilitator	No
Treasurer	Yes	Co-Treasurer	Yes
Regional Delegate	Yes	Regional Delegate	Yes
		Alternate	
Recorder	Yes	Policy	Yes
Hospitals & Institutions	No	Adopt An Inmate	Yes
Public Relations	Yes	Literature Review	Yes
Internet Technologies	Open	Convention	Yes
		Advisory Committee	
TBRCNA 2018	Yes	TBRCNA 2019	Open
Service Pool ad-hoc	Kind of		

### Representatives (Regional Committee Members (RCM))

Area	Present	Area	Present
Brazos Valley	Yes	Central Texas	Yes

<b>Coastal Bend</b>	Yes	<b>Esperanza</b>	Yes
<b>Freedom</b>	Yes	<b>Hill Country</b>	Yes
<b>Houston</b>	Yes	<b>Northside</b>	No
<b>Rio Grande Valley</b>	Yes	<b>Southeast Texas</b>	Yes
<b>Texas Tri-County</b>	Yes		

## Elections

### Discussion

Bryan discusses the point that Patsy was elected as Facilitator in August rather than in November as the Policy requires. What do you all want to do?

Some members thought that she was only nominated

Tom – Record reflects that she was nominated, answered questions and there was a Consensus

Bryan – Can we have election today and leave Patsy on the ballot?

Randie – Hard to ask questions

Kari – Didn't we ask her questions last time?

Mary – Many of the members left before the elections. Can she be elected while absent? I think she was elected and I would vote for her again.

Bryan – Is there anybody here wanting to step up to the Facilitator position?

Christina – Tom?

Tom – I am willing to serve if you want me. Okay if you say no.

Bea – Do you think Patsy would be here if she knew that she was not be Facilitator and that there was going to be an election?

Cyndi – She was aware from the emails that there was a discrepancy. Can we get her on the phone for an absentee kind of thing?

Laura – Isn't Patsy at the Texas State Convention liaison-ing?

There is enough of a consensus to suspend Facilitator election until February

### Treasurer

Kari H nominated in August. Heck! Already on the bank account.

Consensus for Kari H as Treasurer

Dennis – Was it premature to add Kari to the bank account.

No. She was elected Co-Treasurer in August so she needs to be on it anyway. We did not jump the gun.

### Co-Treasurer

Debra T nominated, accepts and gives resume.

Layna reads qualifications for Treasurer and Co-Treasurer

Laura – Why is the clean time requirements for each position different, 3 for Co-Treasurer and 5 for Treasurer.

That needs to be addressed at a later time.

Kari – Are you going to do TBRCNA [Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention NA] Treasurer position?

Debbie – I will serve the Convention in other ways.

Consensus for Debra T as Co-Treasurer

### **Co-Facilitator**

Tom K was nominated in August. Adds that he believes in Group Conscience and really loves consensus based decisions.

Mary – You said earlier that you would be willing to serve as Facilitator. Are you withdrawing from that position?

Tom – I have not been nominated for Facilitator. I am here to serve and any position would be fine. I'll leave it up to God.

Michael – My Area voted for Tom as Co-Facilitator, does that mean that in February that vote could change to Facilitator?

Bea – Why don't we just put a hold on both?

Bryan – Then we would not have a facilitator for the next three months. Tom would be able to facilitate the RSC in February.

Clarifies to the multitude of questions. Patsy's term as Co-Facilitator ends today and since the Facilitator elections have been suspended until February, you will not have a Facilitator for the next three months.

Vyki – From "A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous", if a position isn't filled, it is up the body to step up to fill the vacancy.

Vic – If he gets Co-Fac, can he run for Facilitator?

Layna – Nothing in policy that prevents that

Bryan – That is up to this body and Tom. Asks Tom, "Would you run for Facilitator?"

Tom – Couldn't say today. God takes care of these things.

Bea – Should bump both elections?

Bryan – Looks like the body wants to vote today.

Consensus for Tom K as Co-Facilitator

### **Policy Facilitator**

Christina R nominated in August

Consensus for Christina R as Policy Facilitator

### **Recorder**

Layna D nominated in August

Consensus for Layna D as Recorder

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### **Convention Advisory Committee Member**

Randie says that Dickie rolled off and Shelby retired. We need 3 positions filled. Goes over the duties of the members.

Bryan explains the term lengths.  
CAC will work up better guidelines for term lengths

Lorraine S nominated, accepts and answers questions.

Consensus for Lorraine S as Convention Advisory Board Member

Patrick S nominated, accepts and answers questions. And asks some questions of his own

Consensus for Patrick S as Convention Advisory Board Member

Randie asks which of them serves how many years?  
Patrick for 5 years and Lorraine for 4 years. But this could change with the upcoming guideline change

### **Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention 2019 Facilitator**

Bea W is nominated, accepts, provides resume and answers questions  
Willing to serve on CAC?

Yes

How do you handle pressure as our last guy didn't do it well?  
I'm handling it right now. I am in the Master's Program but should be finished by the time the cycle gets heavy

Consensus for Bea W as Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention 2019 Facilitator

Bryan (since the election is over) - How will you involve the Rio Grande Valley Area?  
Bea - Whatever it takes to keep them involved

Bea - I have someone in mind for Co-Facilitator but they could not make it to the Conference

### **Internet Technologies Subcommittee Facilitator**

Vyki D is nominated, accepts, provides resume. Answers questions.

How long is this term?  
She will fill the position until May 2018

Consensus for Vyki D as Internet Technologies Subcommittee Facilitator

## Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee Facilitator

[Position opens up in Facilitator Report]

Dawn C is nominated, accepts, provides resume. Answers questions.

Consensus for Dawn C as Hospital & Institutions Subcommittee Facilitator

Per our Policy, Regional Delegate, Dennis R and Regional Delegate Alternate, Brandon C, also will be added as signers on the bank account.

## Open positions

- Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Facilitator
- One more Convention Advisory Committee Member
- TBRCNA 2019 Co-Facilitator
- TBRCNA 2019 Treasurer

## Administration Reports

### Facilitator

Bryan reads report

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That's right I'm creating a document for my report this quarter! As usual not much has happened with regards to regional business. I did receive two emails from a group requesting insurance, I'm not sure why their first request did not result in a certificate. I did follow up after the second request but received no answer back from the group. If this is on our end or the insurance company, I have no idea. I feel as if I set you folks up for a difficult RSC in August. I did not include elections for TBRCNA 19 facilitator in the agenda and I feel that if I would have done so there would not have been confusion regarding elections. We will have elections for ALL regional admin positions at this RSC. Patsy did notify me she would be absent this time several months ago and since she was elected at the last RSC I personally feel like we owe it to her to keep her on the ballot. This is up to the RCMs, We have never elected anyone that was absent in recent years. Another option, if there are no other nominations or volunteers we could simply leave the facilitator position open until the next RSC. This option would create a problem with the bank card ETC.

So now to the mushy stuff. I have been a part of this body for the last 9 years or so. It is past time for me to go. I will miss seeing you all at the RSC but I don't plan on going far, there's always TBRCNA. I have learned so much about my fellowship from you all and as a result my gratitude has grown. So many give so much! I want to thank the Central Texas Area for supporting me as an RCM and this body for supporting me (in sickness and in health) through several service positions. Above all I need to thank those that came before me for your patience and direction. I love you people. OK bye.

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#### Additional

Bryan contacted the H&I [Hospitals & Institutions] Subcommittee Facilitator about her attendance and leaving early. Michelle has health issues and it may be getting worse. She had informed us when she was elected, that she may have some issues because of her health. She went for an MRI yesterday and thinks that she might have to step down. Will pray about it.

Can she send someone like a co-fac to help out?  
Don't think she has one

Did she send a report?  
No, but she types one up during the Subcommittee Breakouts and presents that at the same Conference

Mary – We normally ask candidates if they have the time and resources. Seems that this has become a burden for her. We really need an H&I subcommittee representative here. There was an email thread a while back with someone that is interested

Bryan reads the policy on removing trusted servants

Larry – Asks that we move to vote to remove her  
Mary – Does also

Bryan – Two Areas want the vote

Patrick – Does the subcommittee elect a Co-Facilitator?  
They could but it doesn't appear that H&I has one or they would be here

Randie – If this doesn't pass, can we fill with an ad-hoc person?  
Bryan – Let's go through the process before we address that.

The question is, if you feel that our H&I Subcommittee Facilitator is incapable or unwilling to fulfill the duties of the trusted servant position. Yes or No?

Laura – Could we contact her to let her know what is up? Maybe she would like to resign first.  
Bryan – It's not about being kicked out. More about what is best for her health and what is best for the Region.

17 voting members

- Keep – 1
- Remove – 15
- Abstain – 1



Dawn asks what the requirements and responsibilities for the Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee Facilitator?

Layna – Says it is wide open and there are not any specifics

Mary – Should use the H&I Handbook. Why aren't there any guidelines?

Should be doing workshops at Areas' Learning Days

Work with the Convention to arrange workshops and get the behind the walls speaker

Should work closely with Adopt an Inmate to get flyers into the institutions

Arrange TDCJ [Texas Department of Criminal Justice] Volunteer Orientations

There has been a movement in the Region to get the Subcommittees to develop guidelines. Our policy reverts to A Guide to Local Services. Debbie reads from A Guide to Local Services and it refers to the H&I Handbook.

Bryan to Dawn – You basically do what the RCMs [Regional Committee Members] direct you to do.

Vyki – Reads the sample guidelines from the H&I Handbook

[Election process recorded in Elections]

#### Co-Facilitator

No report

#### Recorder

No comments on the Record

#### Discussion

Mary revisits the issue with the late Record publishing

There is a proposal to address that issue in Old Business

#### Policy Facilitator

Layna

The Policy and Change Log have been updated to reflect August 2017 Regional Meeting.

<https://tbrna.org/document/policy-august-2017>

#### Regional Delegate (RD)

Dennis read with embellishments

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Hello All,

**First**, I want to say that I'm glad that everyone in the region is recovering from hurricane Harvey and its effects. The storm Harvey hit our service area pretty bad. Southeast Texas Area, Tri-county Area and the Houston Areas. I'm grateful to Narcotics Anonymous World Service (NAWS) that they reached out and offered help to the region to replenish

lost literature. Which was provided to areas that requested and received the literature from NAWS. The RD team put a few emails out asking what Area's needed assistance in replenishing lost literature. Are there any areas that still need literature that needs to be replenished or replaced?

**Secondly**, this quarter I had the opportunity to participate in a conference participant webinar which my sound on my computer was not working and I just watched. I also, attended many events in many of the area's in the region. I thank the Central Texas Area for allowing me to be of service by speaking at their Halloween function. The food was awesome! I really enjoyed the fellowship and the costumes, what creativity! I also want to thank the Hill Country Area for allowing me to facilitate a Tradition Five workshop at their Learning Day from the Guiding Principles. What a great turn out and a warm and inviting welcome from the Area we all received. All the facilitators gave out great informative information. The participation was awesome and we all learned a lot. The honest communication of ideas and solutions discussed were greatly appreciated. **TBRNA** hosted the Southern Zonal Forum 28-29 Oct 2017 at the Pear Tree Inn San Antonio, TX 75090. TBRNA thanks the Esperanza Area for all the service in creating the T-shirts, coordination, planning, and execution of this event. Many of the regions complimented us on the venue and overall good job with the planning and organizing. Thank you, Esperanza Area! The region is grateful to you. In the SZF meeting we discussed fellowship concerns that affects our regions positively and negatively as well as offered ideas and solutions to mitigate them. Also, two workshops were facilitated:

- **Tradition Five (Guiding Principles): Facilitated by TBRNA RD Team**
- **Overcoming Apathy: Facilitated by Volunteer Region RD Team**

The workshops were well presented and I feel we walked away with information to share with our region. The RD team looks forward to presenting these workshops.

**SZF:** I have the SZF minutes, financial report, and workshops given, which I will email to the @all TBRNA website for your review. The Kansas City Metro Region which consist of four Area's Heartland Area, United Kansas Area, West Central Area, and Northland Area donated a check of \$1,654.59 to TBRNA which I'm turning over to our treasurer. This was a very emotional moment for me because in our Twelfth Tradition it discusses the "WE" and for me this created the we feeling spirit and brought tears to my eyes. Someone thought about us and what we were experiencing. I will be passing around a card that I will send to this region on behalf of TBRNA. Please sign this card to show our gratitude and appreciation to the Kansas City Metro Region. Make sure to put your Area name on the card. I was grateful to see many RCM's at this SZF meeting CTANA, EANA. We encourage all RCM's to attend the SZF meetings.

The next SZF will be hosted by **the Volunteer Region (World Board members will facilitate the CAR workshops at this SZF)** We encourage RCM's to attend, all is welcome **January 27-28, Comfort Suites Airport**

**2521 Elm Hill Pike Nashville, TN 37214- Ph# (615)391-3919 or (615)319-5995**

**Email contact:** [GM.TN363@choicehotels.com](mailto:GM.TN363@choicehotels.com)

**Room Rates: Single 139.99 – Double 139.99- plus tax.**

**RD contact info: RD, Jim B. (615)417-3885- AD Tim C (336)557-1816**

The Conference Agenda Report (**CAR**) is coming soon and we expect it sometime in November. The RD team will be preparing to give workshops to all the areas in the region. Please inform your areas that they will need to request the workshops and provide the venue for the workshops. We have request forms on the TBRNA site now for Areas to request workshops. I'm willing to go anywhere to do workshops for any area. Please discuss possible CAR workshop dates in your Area's. The Conference Approval Track (CAT) will come in January right around the time the RD team will be preparing to go to the World Service Conference (WSC). We need your help by empowering us with your conscious. Please pass all information to the Areas, groups and the individual members of NA.

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **CAR season is upon us!**

The Conference Agenda Report (**CAR**) will soon be available...

- In English by 29 November 2017
- Translated by 29 December 2017 [www.na.org/conference](http://www.na.org/conference)

#### **Conference Approval Track (CAT)**

materials available on or by **29 January 2018**, including budget, project plans, and 2018–2020.

#### **Upcoming web meetings**

Conference Participants: 18 November 2017, 11:00 am PST

Inmate Step Writing: 10 January, 3:30 PST

#### **Public Relations:**

11 January, 4:00 pm PST

Zonal FD/PR: 20 January, 10:00 am PST

Visit [www.na.org/webinar](http://www.na.org/webinar) for more information.

#### **World Service Conference**

29 April–5 May 2018

#### **WCNA 37: 30 August–2 September 2018**

Celebrate Recovery in Orlando, Florida! [http](http://www.na.org/wcna)

Register at: [www.na.org/wcna](http://www.na.org/wcna)

I forward an email of the **Motion by the South Florida Region to inspect the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) to all@tbrna on 7 Nov 2017** and the response from (NAWS). Please read and if you have any question bring them to the Region.

**Thank you for allowing me to serve, if there are any suggestions on how I could serve you better, please feel free to let me know.**

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#### **Additional**

Other areas from Florida & Michigan contacted me asking if we needed help.

### Discussion

Larry asks what the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) is and what is a CAR workshop.

The CAR has all of the Proposals we will be voted on at the Conference. Your Area can request a workshop.

Laura asks what are we going to do with the donation from KC? Purpose is for storm. Do we need it? Should we give it back?

Vyki – It doesn't specifically say that the money goes to literature

Dennis & Randie – It was not specific to literature. "Harvey Hurricane Relief" written on the check

Mary and Vic – Some of our groups got hit hard, Northside and Southeast Texas

Vyki is reaching out to the 3 groups in SETANA that need help

Dennis and Larry – Let's get some dollar amounts to help these groups and not give it back to Kansas City Metro Region

### Proposal to pass on the donation for hurricane relief to those who need it. If groups need help give it to them and pass on the rest.

Kari – We need to structure this proposal better

A bunch of ideas on how to distribute it per each need

It was decided that Groups would make their requests to the RD Team, who will then request that the Treasurer send a check directly to the requestor.

### Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA)

Brandon read with embellishments

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Dear Family,

It's been a busy quarter serving as RD-Alt. This quarter included an unprecedented FIPT inspection request from South Florida Region, another conference participant's webinar, a visit to the Esperanza area to introduce myself, Open registration to WCNA 37, a Southern Zonal forum hosted in our region, and new service material out for review. It certainly gearing up to be an exciting CAR/CAT season.

Shortly after our last conference in August, the world board alerted all the conference participants that the Southern Florida Region had formally requested an inspection of the records and operations of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust and the activities of its Trustee. The request is presented with a letter and addenda/enclosures from World Board Chair, Arne Hassel-Gren. The ten concerns the South Florida Region outlined were each addressed in the addendum with responses from the world board as being either already addressed in other forms of accounting, being outside the scope of the FIPT, or being too broad to address effectively. As you could imagine, this situation has sent a wave through the discussion board. Many delegates and past delegates have shared their thoughts/opinions on the matter. Sadly, a few in the discussion have even turned

accusatory toward the South Florida RD. In the recent NAWS News, the board updated us about their expenses associated with the inspection so far; citing that \$20,000 had been spent in attorney fees to date. NAWS auditors suggests that to respond to this request, their costs estimated to be over \$100,000. The board is currently trying to work out with the South Florida Region a way to address their concerns with a more practical solution and hopes that by sharing their concerns and listening to the Region's concerns that a better solution can be found. On September 9th, 2017, the World Service Office hosted another Conference Participant's webinar. This webinar was obviously geared more toward collaboration and find and using skills and actions that promote a unified community. In small groups we discussed three questions; 1) What are some barriers to building a unified community? 2) What skills are most important in cultivating an atmosphere of trust and collaboration? 3) What actions can we take to build a unified community? Many positive ideas were shared in the session and some of the main points brought back to the large group included: Effective Communication, Open-mindedness and Anonymity.

The following weekend, I found myself traveling up to San Antonio to visit the Esperanza area's Service committee meeting. I want to thank them for welcoming me and allowing me to observe and share my insight on a regional proposal. Later that week, we were blessed with the announcement of Registration for WCNA 37 in Orlando, FL. On September 22nd, the World Service Office issued the announcement that registration for WCNA 37 would begin September 25th, 2017 at 10:00am PDT. With exciting entertainment options and many options for hotels nearby, WCNA 37 is sure to be a success. Check out the following link for all information regarding the Convention: <https://www.na.org/?ID=wcna-index> On October 27-29, 2017, the Southern Zonal Forum met in San Antonio, Tx. The weekend was a success and we all need to thank Dennis R and everyone in the Esperanza Area that helped host such a great event. Dennis and I presented the Using the Guiding principles book workshop geared toward Tradition 5. The RD team from the Volunteer Region presented Apathy and Resources. Both seem to garner a positive outcome. I thought the discussion time in the morning regarding concerns was the most beneficial part of the event. Many discussed their concerns with the FIPT inspection and even within our Zone you could tell there was no real consensus regarding the pros and cons of the request. Meanwhile we heard from Kentuckiana Region regarding a very disturbing turn of events surround their efforts at sharing delegacy with Bluegrass Appalachia Region. All of these seem to point toward the importance of treating each other well in service. The weekend was truly enjoyable and wonderful for building comradery within the zone and support each other in being the best delegate we can be for our regions.

In the most recent mailing, the world board presented the current issue of the NAWS News (cited above), the newest report regarding the Future of the WSC 3, and two Service Material items for Delegate Review. As stated above, the current issue of the NAWS News has an essay about the FIPT Inspection. It also features upcoming dates to look out for, highlights from recent Fellowship Development efforts, new products that are available and a financial update that explains future price

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increases. The newest report: Future of the WSC 3, summarizes the boards suggestions for business sessions at the upcoming conference and outlines a timeline for participation between conferences. Finally, two pieces available for Delegate review are "Program" for the Conventions and Events Toolbox and CBDM Basic. Each can be found online at [www.na.org/conventions](http://www.na.org/conventions) and [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox)

Looking forward to seeing you all down here in the Valley!

### Discussion

Mary is upset with the excuse the Trust gave for not doing the inspection because of cost.

More opinions stated and clarifications made on the South Florida Region's FIPT Inspection proposal.

Brandon wishes it was simple but it is complicated. We have to deal with this.

The mentioned NAWS News article can be found

[[https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/nawsnews/en/NAWS\\_News\\_October\\_2017.pdf](https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/nawsnews/en/NAWS_News_October_2017.pdf)]

World Board response letter is included as "Appendix B - NA World Service FIPT Response"

Randie says the rift with Kentuckian and Bluegrass Appalachia has to do with some members that are part of the illicit literature faction. They had made the death threat.

It bothers Brandon that our fellowship can be torn in such a fashion.

### Treasurers Report

Cyndi

#### Financial Statement

The Bank statement has been reconciled as of October 31, 2017. As of this report, we have \$8,965.31 (at the completion of RSC) in the bank.

#### TBRSC

Starting Bank Balance on May 20,  
2017

Income	\$	5289.92
Expenses	\$	(1,662.91)

Reconciled Bank as of Nov 11,  
2017

**\$ 8,965.31**

RSC Banking Funds to Date	\$ (1,500.00)
RD WSC Travel Reserve	\$ (1,500.00)
RDA WSC Travel Reserve	\$ (1,500.00)
RSC Prudent Reserve	\$ 4,500.00

**Sales**      **Total Working Capital**      **\$ 4465.31**      **Tax**

**Report** – Although the Regional Body voted to allow an Annual Filing, the request was made too late in the year to make the changes. On January 1st we will reach out to the Texas State Comptroller to make the 2018 Request. The 3rd Quarter Sales Tax Report has been filed.

I am confident you are in good hands with the incoming treasurer, as I have been sitting here with Kari teaching her some of the specifics and will continue working with her on various aspects of this position. I am grateful for the opportunity you have provided me, as the RSC Treasurer – it has been rewarding and my recovery has benefited from the experiences I’ve had over the last 2 years. I will miss seeing all of you.

Attached report as “Appendix A - 2017-11 Treasurer Report Redacted”

## Area Reports

### Brazos Valley

Michael

Currently 5 groups with 14 meetings and there is a new meeting that has been invited to join the Area

H&I serve 2 facilities

New Chair – Sam and the rest of the positions are filled except for alternates

New Freedom Group 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am, 989 State Highway 36 in Caldwell. Fun, Fellowship and Speakers.

The Literature Bank is thriving and meeting the needs of the Fellowship, thanks to the generous donation from the Tejas Bluebonnet Region. It is now self-sustaining.

### Central Texas

Steve reads with embellishments

HELLO FROM CENTRAL TEXAS



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NEWS AND INFO. OUR AREA CURRENTLY HAS 48 GROUPS HOLDING 72 MEETINGS. H&I CARRYING MESSAGE OF HOPE INTO 13 FACILITIES. CTANA CURRENTLY IS IN ANNUAL ELECTION TIME FOR ADMIN AREA POSITIONS. ALL BUT 2 NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS IN DEC. IN PLACE. RCM2 AND POLICY CHAIR POSITIONS NEED NOMINATIONS.

OUR RCM 1 CHRIS H HAD TO STEP DOWN ONE MONTH SHY FOR OUT OF STATE EMPLOYMENT

## HOTLINE NUMBERS

ENGLISH 866-792-8262, SPANISH 888-600-6229

## ISSUES.

1. MOTION 1, REMOVING THE LANGUAGE "NAWS FUNDRAISER" FROM ACTIVITIES POLICY AND CHANGING IT TO "CTANA FUNDRAISER.. MONIES COLLECTED WILL STILL FOLLOW THE CHANNELS TO NAWS VIA DONATIONS FROM AREA TO REGION TO NAWS.

2. MOTION 2, TO REDUCE LIT BANK INVENTORY FROM \$5000 - 7000, TO \$2500 -\$3000.

IMPACT.. TO REDUCE THE STRAIN OF MOVING AN OVER ABUNDANCE OF INVENTORY BACK AND FORTH TO AREA.

## UP COMING EVENTS

1.NOV 18, TSCNA FUNDRAISER@ MIRACLES AND SOLUTIONS.

WILD WITH FLAIRE SPEAKER NIGHT @ 10:30 WEST LAKE CLUB

2. Nov 20. STAY N CHANGE SPEAKER NIGHT @ OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

3. DEC 8 NEW WAY OF LIVING HOLIDAY POT LUCK @ FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

4. DEC 16. CTANA HOLIDAY CELEBRATION H&I BOOK DRIVE @ GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH. TIME TBD.

5. DEC 31. 9:00 PM MIRACLES AND SOLUTIONS NEW YEAR. @ DAVID CHAPLE CHURCH, ACTIVITIES CENTER.

6. MAR 2. 8:00 PM. CTANA SPRING CAMPOUT @ BUESHER STATE PARK LAKEVIEW PAVILLION

MORE @CTANA.ORG

## UPCOMING SERVICE MEETINGS.

NOV. 19. 3:00 PM. ACTIVITIES SUB COMMITTEE MEETING @ GALANO CLUB. HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS MEETING AT 4:00 PM. PUBLIC RELATIONS @ 5:15.



## Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Conference

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DEC 2. TSCNA 18 MEETING.

DEC 3. 2:00 PM CTANA AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING @ MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALWAYS CHECK OUR WEB SITE @ CTANA.ORG FOR MEETINGS ACTIVITIES AND OTHER UPDATES.

YOURS IN SERVICE ..... STEVE N. RCM .. 512 -294-3673

### Coastal Bend

Kari

We currently have approximately 27 groups with 49 meetings. We are going through a revision to our area meeting directory, and should have our on-line meeting list as well as our printed directory squared away soon.

H&I: Currently carrying the message into 8 facilities. This includes our latest accomplishment of carrying the message into the Glossbrenner Unit, located in San Diego.

ASC Facilitator:	Henry H
ASC Co-facilitator:	Open
Treasurer:	Debbie - Stepping down in December
Recorder:	Cheyenne T. (yeah!!!)
RCM1:	Celine H. – Stepping down;
Kari H.	
RCM2:	Kari H.
H&I:	Matt R.
Phonelines:	Shawnee
Activities:	Ed C.
PI/PR:	Paul
RBS:	Richard
Outreach:	Austin D.
Policy:	Scott W.

ALL POSITIONS ARE  
OPEN AND WE WILL  
BE HAVING  
NOMINATIONS AND  
VOTING IN THE NEXT  
COUPLE OF MONTHS

### REGIONAL PROPOSALS:

1. Regional Record be distributed within one month from conference: **YES**
2. Funds RD & RDA travels: **YES**
3. "Back to Areas": **NO**

### LITERATURE REVIEW:

1. Meditation Book: *Spiritual Principals*
2. IP: *Mental Health in Recovery*

Our Upcoming Events:

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## RBS Revenue Enhancer Speaker Jam NOV 12<sup>th</sup>

Speakers: Steven V. (Austin) / Jonas A. (Austin) / Marcos)

Pulled Pork Plates: \$6.00 / RBS pre-registration / RBS T-

Charlie's Place: 5501 Ih 37, McBride Ln Corpus Christi,  
TX 78408

Thank you for letting us be of service: Kari H/CBANA RCM2

### Additional

Paul says that the Arkansas Region and NAWS reached out with help for the Groups that were ravaged by Hurricane Harvey

### Esperanza

Christina R

Good Morning Tejas Bluebonnet Region!

I'm an addict in recovery and my name is Christina R. The Esperanza area currently has 47 groups and 27 are voting groups and approximately 97 meetings per week.

The Esperanza Area has the following positions filled.

Chair Raymond L.

Vice Chair Cameron M.

Secretary Esteban R.

Alternate Secretary ~ Open ~

Treasurer Donny B.

Alternate Treasurer CJ A.

Regional Committee Member I Larry M.

Regional Committee Member II Christina R.

Activities ~ Open ~

Esperanza Area Convention IV Roger S. Sr.

Esperanza Area Convention V Brian T.

Frolic in the Woods 2018 Melissa T.

Hospitals & Institutions Luis R.

Internet Technology Savannah D.

Literature Bank Nikki J.

Literature Review ~ Open ~

Newsletter Alice D.

Outreach ~ Open ~

Phone Line ~ Open ~  
Policy Ross R.  
Public Information Roger S. Sr

Open positions: Alternate Secretary, Activities, Literature Review, Outreach, and Phone Line

Our **website** [www.eanaonline.org](http://www.eanaonline.org) is monitored by Savannah D. 210-837-5633, she is doing an outstanding job updating our website.

**H&I:** We attend 15 facilities in the Esperanza Area.

**Literature bank** is Nikki J. and she is doing an excellent job.

**Treasurer** Donnie B. is doing an awesome job with keeping our numbers in order.

**Esperanza Area Convention IV (EACNA)**

Fri-Sun Jan 12-14 2018

**Registration: John C.** Ph: 210-210-550-8139

[www.eacnasa.org](http://www.eacnasa.org)

**Esperanza Area Convention V (EACNA)**

**Registration: Liz S.** Ph: 210-210-607-3828

[www.eacnasa.org](http://www.eacnasa.org)

**Esperanza Area Service Committee Meeting (ASC)** next meeting date will be on

November 19, 2017 at 11AM

@ 10929 Nacogdoches, San Antonio, Texas.

We would like to thank The Tejas Bluebonnet Region for allowing Esperanza Area to be of service in the planning and coordinating of the October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Southern Zonal Forum at the Pear Tree Inn Airport, which turned out to be a great success. It was very informative and an insightful event.

**Upcoming events in our area are as follows:**

The Somos Milagros group will be having their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Fri-Sat. Nov.17-18<sup>th</sup>. More detailed information can be found at our website, [eanaonline.org](http://eanaonline.org). On Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having An Event Support Function for our Esperanza IV convention in January at 8900 Starcrest in San Antonio from 4-9 pm with 3 speakers (John B. from

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Killeen, Ladonna T. from Austin, and Paul S. from Corpus Christi) and plenty of fun, food, and fellowship, and the message of recovery. Our yearly Holiday Season marathon meeting will be held starting at 4 p.m. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> through 4p.m. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. That's 24 hours of continuous marathon meetings. Location has yet to be determined. Keep an eye on the eanaonline.org website for the location soon. Our area convention (EACNA IV) is January 12-14. Registration and ALL convention information, including buffet tickets and convention shirts can be found at our convention website eacnasa.org. Please get in on the \$99 room block by making reservations now.

You won't be charged until the day of the convention and you are able to cancel up to 24 hours before the reservation date. Please do this as soon as possible because they are going fast!

In loving service,

Christina R RCM II

(210) 919-8521

Larry M. RCM I

(210) 537-2556

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### Hill Country

Laura

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Greetings all from HCANA. All is well in our area. We have elections coming up for most area positions and are hopeful to fill them.

We have 9 groups with a second Canyon Lake group pending. All of our groups are alive and carrying the message to the addicts who still suffer. All of our groups have open doors at listed meeting times.

We had two activities during this last quarter. The games night was lightly attended. The speaker carried a clear message of recovery and those who stayed to play had

fun and fellowship. The learning day was well attended. Some members commented that they learned a lot and enjoyed the experience very much.

Our area continues to grow and share our recovery. Our PR subcommittee's efforts have resulted in some visitors (hopefully new members). Our H&I subcommittee is growing and currently carries 2 presentations. Our area policy has recently been revised and continues to be reviewed to better serve our Area. Many members step up and help at area functions. On a personal level, addicts in our area support one another however we can..whether it be a ride or holding a hand in the delivery room or personal crisis. The amount of love that addicts in recovery generously and unconditionally give one another amazes and humbles me.

Our financial contribution will be mailed as usual.

Grateful to be able to be of service.

Laura . Freedom Group, Hill Country Area. [210-273-4901](tel:210-273-4901)

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## Houston

John

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### RCM 1 (HASCONA)

Houston Area Meetings:

According to the most recent count there are 42 HASCONA Area Narcotics Anonymous

Groups providing 119 meetings a week.

Upcoming Houston Area Events:

1) Hugs Not Drugs, November 23, 2017. Thanksgiving Potluck. Hospitals & Institutions & Public Information Learning Day. (Flier attached)

2) HACNA 19, September 2019. There are many open positions available with clean

time requirements. (Flier attached)

October HASCONA Meeting discussions:

Ways to attract more members into service

- Have some groups have H & I representatives and make announcements at meetings.
- Go to different groups and speak to members and inform them about H & I.
- Getting with GSR's to see what they are doing in home groups and let members

know H & I needs their support.

In Loving Service,

John E

RCM 1

832-658-9265

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**Additional**

We would like Dawn, new H&I Subcommittee Facilitator, to contact Eddie R, our H&I Facilitator and arrange some support. [Emails were shared]

**Northside**

Bryan reads report

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Hello! Greetings from the Northside Area!

We have 51 meetings, and 10 groups.

**Area Info:**

- We have a lot of open positions, but elections are coming up, so we will see...

Open Positions:

- Co-Facilitator
- Recorder
- Co-Treasurer
- Literature Review
- H&I Chair
- Activities
- Web servant

Upcoming events:

- Gratitude Feast – Nov. 18

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- We had no issues with people nominated for positions.
- From Freedom Area → Regional minutes be distributed within one month of RSC. [it's now 2 weeks and doesn't happen] **We say let it stay at 2 weeks, but we do not block anything.**
- Establish \$300/quarter for Literature Review – they have no budget – and would be for traveling to do workshops in the Region (same budge as PR). **Yes, give the budget.**
- To remove “automatic back to area” for policy changes, unless it has to do with money (as opposed to letting RCMs vote at RSC), and if RCM wants to take it back to Area, it goes back. “Any policy change proposals of a financial

and/or budgetary nature will be taken back to the Areas for discussion. Housekeeping proposals can be decided upon at the Conference.” **We disagree that all other issues may be considered “housekeeping.” We would like to make a friendly amendment (if it is not already in the policy), that if any RCM wants to take a proposal back to their Area, the proposal goes back.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- We plan on hosting the May RSC, and are looking into places. Place TBD.

### **Rio Grande Valley**

Kristina report with embellishments

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Hello and Greetings from the Rio Grande Valley Area of NA!

Our meetings are holding steady, however we have seen a drop in attendance on the weekends. Our Area has a new homegroup and it is a women's step study. We currently have six (6) active homegroups with nine (10) meetings each week. We typically hold our Local Service Board meetings on the first (1st) Sunday of each month at various locations and Area Service the third (3rd) Saturday of each month in McAllen. We continue to experience positive results with utilizing a Local Service Board structure versus the traditional subcommittee structure, largely due in part to how small our Area is at this time. We continue to brainstorm ideas on how to attract our newcomers to service and how to keep our current members excited about service.

Our Local Service Board has been busy ensuring that our phone line and website are kept up-to-date, planning local fellowshiping activities, and staying on top of Public Relations work. Our website continues to average 1700 visits each month with our busiest month seeing over 3000 hits. Our phone line has been growing in popularity and our volunteers have done a great job with not missing calls. We have seen an increase in calls from Cameron County where we currently have no NA meetings. We continue to discuss how we can branch out to the Brownsville and surrounding area.

Our Area has been hosting at least one smaller fellowshiping event each month including: movie nights, beach days, games nights, etc., and we hope everyone will join us for our "We Keep What We Have by Thanksgiving it Away" event tonight after the RSC! We are also researching the feasibility of growing our Speaker Jim into a larger event and holding it on South Padre Island. We will keep the Region informed and look forward to everyone's support.

We still have no H&I commitments, but continue to search for opportunities.

Any time you are in the Valley, we would love to have you visit!

In Loving Service,

Kristina

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#### Additional

The last RSC asked if the Area was willing to contact Serenity in the Sand. Serenity in the Sand is a group event and they now have a subcommittee. From a phone conversation, They (the committee) do not need Area support at this time and it was stated that the proceeds will go to purchase Baby Blues for addicts in Mexico. They spoke to NAWs and stated that they could sue them if they want.

The Rio Grande Valley Area does not, currently, receive any proceeds from the event.

Kristina and her family has received threats over this issue.

#### Discussion

Can the Region help?

Continue to support our Area and maybe someday we will have an Area event.

Larry – Thanks for arranging the awesome hotel

Kari – Do we support the Serenity in the Sand event?

Kristina – Up to each individual member.

Larry was sent a list of what was spent but it was not clear

The group that hosts the event has one home group member and the Area is making efforts to keep him in the loop about Area stuff. Open line of communication. He is really not involved with Serenity in the Sand.

#### Southeast Texas

Vyki

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#### SETANA Meetings

As you may know, our area was hit hard by Tropical Storm Harvey. As a result, 3 of our groups were physically affected by the storm due to flooding and/or storm damage.

- The building where Agape Freedom Group of Orange, TX met was condemned due to flooding and the group temporarily met at a local park for a few weeks after the storm – they have recently moved into a new building and resumed their normal meeting schedule (daily at noon and 6p.m.). The address is 1011 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Orange, TX.
- Freedom to Change (also in Orange, TX) was also affected as the building they were meeting in is currently undergoing repairs. Meetings should resume by next Tuesday (11/14/2017)
- New Life's building was also flooded and they chose to rebuild. They have resumed a normal meeting schedule as well. They are located at 300 West Freeway Blvd. South,



Rose City, TX.

NAWS and various other areas/regions/groups reached out to these groups and assisted them by providing literature and some financial donations. We are very grateful to those who have provided aid to us during this very difficult time.

We have 9 groups and 57 meetings in the Southeast Texas Area. Our groups include: Agape Freedom in Orange, CCC in Beaumont, Just For Today in Beaumont, New Life in Rose City, Subject to Change in Beaumont, Wings of Freedom in Nederland, Freedom to Change in Orange, Partners in Recovery in Newton, and New Attitudes in Jasper.

The SETANA ASC meets the last Sunday of every month. Our area subcommittees meet 1st Sunday of the month.

## **H&I**

Our H&I Committee currently brings meetings into 4 facilities.

### **Trusted Servant Positions:**

**Open Positions** – We had our elections in late September and filled most of the the remaining positions in October

Our area trusted servants are:

1. Facilitator: John T.
2. Treasurer: Dave H.
3. Secretary: Tina S.
4. RCM: Vyki D.
5. PI: Kenny S.
6. H&I: Trudy G.
7. Phoneline: Dawn C.
8. Group Outreach\*: Josh C. and Dee
9. Activities: Vanessa R. was elected in September but stepped down in November.

Our outreach committee is a newly developed committee in our area and to my knowledge they've visited all of the groups in our area to check on them and how they're doing. The committee is doing a great job helping struggling/outlying groups with various needs such as low attendance, lack of a clear NA message, and lack of sponsors. This was very needed in our area and I'm glad it has been successful thus far.

## **SETANA Events**

We have several upcoming events over the next two months. They are:

- The SETANA area is having their rescheduled Unity Day event to include a pizza lunch, several workshop speakers, an old timers panel, clean time countdown, auction, and main speaker (Dennis R.). This event will be November. I have flyers.

See SETANA website for more event details.

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### **Votes**

SETANA voted YES to establish a \$300 budget per quarter for the literature review subcommittee for travel to do workshops within the region.

SETANA voted YES to have the following statement (“Any policy change proposals of a financial and/or budgetary nature will be taken back to the Areas for discussion.”) added directly under VOTING AND PROPOSALS in the TBRNA Policy.

### **Other:**

It has been brought to my attention by the TBRCNA 2018 chair that TBRCNA hotel contracts are negotiated 5 years in advance and that SETANA would be slated to host the TBRCNA 2022 convention. I have brought this before my area and we have decided that we are willing to host that convention.

In Loving Service,

Vyki D.

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### **Additional**

Have talked to one of the affected groups and they said that \$400 would cover their rebuild needs

### **Discussion**

Should we make a proposal to provide Hurricane Harvey relief at this time?  
We are still waiting for a response from another group so will move to New Business

You can help by visiting our Area. Could use visitors with clean time, sponsors, experience. Attend our event

### **Texas Tri-County**

Vic with embellishments

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- Area Groups and Meetings
  - 16 groups
  - 97 meetings per week
- Area Business
  - PR and H&I – Regularly schedule subcommittee meeting
    - The first Wednesday of every month at Ryan’s Steakhouse in Lake Jackson at 6:30 PM
    - Currently going into 3 prisons, 1 jail, and 4 treatment facilities.

- Area Events
  - Gigna Holiday event on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge. Speaker: Abdul R.
  - Here and Now in Texas City will host a New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at the group hall.
  - Clear Lake Group will host a New Years Eve Party on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at the Up the Street Club in Webster Texas.
  - The Tri-County convention was low attendance. It was held in Lake Jackson Texas
- Area Donation
  - 0

**Presented by: Vic G. (RCM 1) and Trey J. (RCM 2)**

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#### **Additional**

Embarrassed about the amount and frequency of donations. Hopefully that will improve

Pitched in to help SETANA Area groups rebuild

#### **Discussion**

Randie – Does your Area have a willingness to host the Convention in 2022? We need recommendations for hotels in Tri-County or Southeast Texas. We are looking at hotels in the next few months.

Vyki – So SETANA and TTCANA will co-host?

Yes

#### **Freedom**

Mary with embellishments

The Freedom Area currently consists of 4 groups: Basic Recovery Group, Familia Unida, Living Clean Group and the New Heights Group.

Our website address is: [www.nafreedom.com](http://www.nafreedom.com). Our mailing address is: Freedom Area, P.O. Box 840238 Houston, TX 77284-0238.

Area officers:

Facilitator – rotating

Co-Facilitator – Lisa H.

Recorder: Armicia C.

Treasurer – Patric G.

Co-Treasurer – Richard K.

Web Servant: Gordon M.

RCM – Mary M.

RCM2 – Carrie C.

Currently we have 4 groups who hold 8 meetings per week. See list below:

**Basic Recovery Group**, 1245 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008. Basic holds meetings on Fridays @ 8p.

**Familia Unida**, 7301 Ave. F, Houston, TX 77011 holds meetings Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays @ 7p. Familia will be having a gratitude eat & meet on Friday, November 24, 2017. Flyers available.

**Living Clean Group**, 11140 Green Bay, Houston, TX 77024 holds meetings on Saturdays @ 7p. This meeting predominately consists of addicts from H&I facilities. They are in need of support.

**New Heights Group**, 1245 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008 holds meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays @ 8p. New Heights will be having their 15th group anniversary on Friday, November 17, 2017.

Our Unity Day event was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey and was not rescheduled.

As of this report, we have no PI, H&I, or Activities committees.

We have tentatively planned a workshop with our RD and Regional Literature Chairperson in late **January 2018**. Topics will be: "How to Maintain the Atmosphere of Recovery in the Rooms; and Mental Illness in NA.

Our Area policy is currently in draft form. We did vote on our budget percentages.

**TBRCNA**

Lisa H. contacted the convention committee for our slotted time in the hospitality room for Friday, February 9, 2018 from 9:30p -11:30p.

**Items not yet addressed by Region:** (1) our insurance certificate has still not been received; (2) revenue from previous convention.

Our 7th tradition donation is \$128.30.

As we only received the regional minutes on Sun., 11/5/17, I cannot confirm our ability to host the Winter RSC. Had I received the minutes within one month of the last RSC, I could've provided an answer today. We held our ASC on 10/28/17. Again, I am requesting that we address the distribution of the minutes in a more timely manner.

My report reflects the conscience of the Freedom Area groups.

In loving service,

Mary M. – RCM1

Carrie C. – RCM2

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### Additional

Would like a Literature Review workshop. The date will be sometime in January.

### Discussion

About hosting February Regional Service Conference

Tom may have screwed up the rotation with his email about Freedom hosting but we will work it out at the end of this Conference.

## Subcommittee Reports

### Convention Advisory Committee

Randie

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The CAC met via GoToMeeting on September 17, 2017.

Present were: Michael S., John C., Allen E, Kristine B. and Randie B. Dickie B. is no longer on the CAC and has served out his 5 year term. Shelby no longer wants to be a part of the CAC and has resigned.

We reviewed updates to the Convention Guidelines and we are ready to present them. We received no input from the RSC.

Many questions were answered for Kristine and direction was given.

We are ready to look at hotels for 2022 in Texas Tri County Area/Southeast Texas Area as soon as a willingness is expressed.

We will meet again in January and are available for the Convention Committee at any time.

In service,

Randie B

CAC Facilitator

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### Additional

From last Record, it seems that the Convention Advisory Committee was thrown under the bus and shed bad light on their attendance and participation.

The proposed Guidelines have been distributed. Ask that the Areas review the Guidelines for the next Regional Service Conference. The changes are in **bold**.

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See attached “Appendix C - TBRCC Guidelines Ver 2.2 – Updated”

### **Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Narcotics Anonymous 18 (TBRCA 18)**

Brian

We are 4 months out

Downloaded all of the speaker submissions from the website

All subcommittee meetings are scheduled and announced so anyone can attend

There is a Convention Facebook page and have invited everyone I know

HASCONA is helping out with this Convention

Entertainment and Programing will be nailed down this month

Use the QR code on the flyers to quickly register

We have T-Shirts

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### **Discussion**

When does pre-registration end?

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

When is the room reservation cutoff?

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2018

We need everyone to register and book rooms.

Mary has concerns - Newcomers and members in treatment centers should get a free badge. Need to have involvement of PI, H&I and AAI

Yes. They are involved as well as Spanish speaking meetings

QR codes on printed materials allow you to go directly to the registration page

### **Literature Review**

Lynn

Hello from Literature Review!

Right now we are waiting for review and input drafts for the Daily Meditation Book Project and the Mental Health in Recovery IP Project. It's expected that the drafts will be in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) when it's released. More will be revealed!

There are two other projects that have material in the review and input process – The Local Service Toolbox Project and The Convention and Events Toolbox Project.

The Local Service Toolbox Project is collecting tools that reflect the Fellowship's best practices and experiences delivering services locally. There is a review and input draft, Consensus Based Decision Making Basics, available at [na.org/toolbox](http://na.org/toolbox).

The Convention and Events Toolbox Project is working on putting together material that represents current best practices and experiences of event committees. The review and input draft is titled 'Money Management'. The draft can be accessed by selecting 'Projects and Surveys' under 'For Our Members' at na.org. There are links there for both projects. Send input for both of the projects to [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org) by February 1, 2018.

After the review and input process the revised pieces will be posted on na.org as approval drafts. It hasn't been decided whether these service materials will be Conference-approved or Board-approved. This will be discussed at the World Service Conference in 2018.

The proposed Literature Review Subcommittee Policy is attached to my report with the requested changes made. Under number 7, 'the written word' has been changed to 'NA literature'. Under number 8, '12 Concepts' was added to the sentence.

If your Area would like help establishing a Literature Review Subcommittee or would like a workshop I am available.

Please contact me if you have questions or need more information.

Lynn S  
210-379-1377

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### **Proposal to accept the Literature Review Regional Policy with changes**

Consensus

### **Regional Service Pool Ad-hoc**

Tom says that only one Area, Houston, has given input. Here are the links again <http://tbrdevel.com/>

If no response, will assume all are good with it and develop a workflow with security plan.

### **Information Technologies Facilitator**

Vyki has Tom's number

Tom says that we have someone working on a Spanish BMLT interface so tbrna.org should have a bi-lingual interface soon.

There is now a Workshop request form.

We will add Adopt an Inmate to the list of Workshop choices.

### **Public Relations**

Paul with embellishments

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Autumn RSC-RGV Area hosting

- Attended Miracles & Solutions Anniversary Event. Regional Public

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Information booth and banners were setup. Flyers for all Regional events were displayed. There was no clean-time countdown, but a local treatment center brought 10 clients. 10 Newcomer Survival Kits was given to the clients

- Attended Hill Country Area Learning/Unity Day. Regional Public Information booth was setup. A PR presentation on “NA- A Resource in Our Community” It was a PowerPoint slide show on a brief history of NA and the Membership Survey IP. The PowerPoint is available for Area PR Chairs to use in their Area.
- Tom K. added a very useful option on the TBRNA.ORG website. Under the “CONTACT US” tab, you can request a Learning day or workshop for your Area or Group event.
- I have created several flyers for Area and group events, If you or a subcommittee wants an attractive flyer please email me: [pr@tbrna.org](mailto:pr@tbrna.org) Inform your area and subcommittees know when they create a flyer to include the Helpline Number and website address on any and all flyers.
- The TBRNA.ORG website is constantly being updated with Area events. If you would like your Area or group event on the regional website, let me know.
- A question has risen on Social media concerning our (NA) role in cooperation with Drug Courts. A member reached out to me on questions he had on how their area should handle it. I researched the Drug Court topic and Today’s Breakout session will be on the topic of Drug Courts.
- SETANA requested Newcomer Survival kits for their upcoming Unity Day. PR will be giving 15 Newcomer kits to pass out at the event.
- The next event Regional Public Relations display will be is Somos Milagros Anniversary Event in San Antonio on November 17th & 18th. I will also be attending a EACNA support function on December 16th. The regional booth will also be on display at the Espereanza Area Convention in January.

I am turning in receipts for reimbursement for travel to various events in our region the



total is \$359.74

I am currently out of the majority of IP's and white booklets, introductory guides. I will be needing these items for the upcoming events: Somos Milagros, Esperanza Area Convention, & our own Tejas Bluebonnet Regional convention.

ILS

Paul S.

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#### **Additional**

There is a form to request workshops on the Regional Website

<https://tbrna.org/request>

Please get with me to post events. And I can help service bodies make flyers.

Put your Helpline number and web address on your flyers

Vyki and Vic want to borrow the PR Booth

#### **Hospitals & Institutions**

Dawn has questions – Is my travel to Learning Days covered?

Yes - \$400/quarter but that includes literature. Travel to RSC is covered separately up to \$200/cycle

Larry suggests that you get a basic policy from the World site. We have a bunch of H&I folks here that can surround you.

Dawn will reach out to the Areas' H&I people and get them involved.

#### **Adopt an Inmate**

Ed with embellishments

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Good afternoon everyone!!! It is an absolute honor and privilege to be of service to our region and to NA as a whole. My goal as AAI Facilitator is to work within the Tejas Bluebonnet Region to provide literature to the still suffering addict behind the walls through generating funds and also using the allotted budget.

I have to start this report, by expressing my gratitude towards all the people who helped fix the mail situation for this last quarter. I am happy to report that I have been receiving the mail on a regular basis and in a very timely manner. I even received a batch of mail via email.

I was very pleased that HCANA invited AAI to be a part of their learning day on NOV 4. I was very encouraged to be able to get the word out and let people know about AAI. We got a few people signed up to sponsor females, which has been an issue for me.

With these successes I am very happy with the direction things are going. I am continually looking into ways we can improve. I am in contact with other states who have similar programs and hope to bring back some other ideas to improve AAI. This last quarter I was able to send out 46 copies of the Basic Text to 12 different facilities, 1 BT Stiles Unit, 4 BT were sent to Dominguez Unit, 14 BT were sent to Wayne Scott Unit, 1 BT was sent to Lockhart Unit, 3 BT North Dorm SATF, 6 BT Halbert Unit, 1 BT Gatesville Unit, 1 BT was sent to San Saba Unit, 4 were sent to Crain Unit, 1 BT to Henley Unit, 7 BT to BCCD, 1 BT to Plainview Unit, 1 BT to East Texas Treatment Center.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the region and the still suffering addict in this capacity.

IN LOVING SERVICE,  
Ed C.

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### Discussion

Can other pieces of literature, besides the Basic Text be sent out?

Kari – With the Behind the Walls program we sent out a standard packet with several publications.

Maybe a second request for additional literature. Would like to keep within budget.  
Patrick and Cyndi – Whatever is in your budget.

Can we create an email address to put on the flyer.  
You already have one. Tom will help you with this.

If your facility allows it, collect the names of inmates that want literature.  
You have to be real careful with this idea because if the facility does not allow it, we could damage the program.

Tom – If you are going to continue presenting learning days, I think you need a separate budget other than the book budget. That way you are not using donation money for workshops.

Larry – Where do you get your literature.

Directly from World. I send the request to my contact after verifying addresses and it magically happens. Then World bills us.

Larry – Can we donate?

Yes. It is encouraged. <https://tbrna.org/adopt-an-inmate>

Paul asks if we can send IPs without it going through an established store?  
I will look into this.

Patrick asked about waiting until there is 20 requests before sending out.

Ed said that he does sometimes right after the Conference, but he does not wait if like there is only a 3 item request. Gets the orders filled as quickly as possible.

John – What is the ratio of mail-in requests versus email requests?

About half/half.

John – The 46 sent out is very good. Nice improvement.

## Open Discussion

### Vyki says we will have some IT Tech policy housekeeping

Notice that the policy has references to “Webservant” from the Regional Policy  
Everyone agrees that these housekeeping changes should be made. Layna will take care of this.

### Facebook Pages

Laura would like to hear what Areas feel about what should be places on private Area Facebook Pages

Christina – From the Southern Zonal Forum they are mainly for information. We are not supposed to be interacting with them because of anonymity. The pages must be monitored.

Larry looked it up on the NAWs site and read that it is a very fine line on what can be posted. He was able to see a list of members on a convention’s Facebook page ... not very private.

Kristina – Private groups are searchable but Secret groups are invitation only. Must have a moderator. Supposed to be used for informational purposes and has personally unposted items from the Rio Grande Valley Area’s Facebook Page.

Larry has found members listed.

Vyki says if the group is set up correctly, this is not possible.

Paul uses the TBR PR secret page a lot as an informational medium. Has made a special NA members list for posting of photos. That way photos will not be posted to a fully public friends list

Kari – We have started using only the Coastal Bend Area Facebook page for informational purposes, but we should be using both FB and the website.

Brandon – The SZF discussion was about inadvertent breaches in membership by members that may not be familiar with the Traditions.

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### **Forwarding PO Box**

Cyndi suggests we forward the fixed PO Box to Kari's address.

Bryan – The Post Office will only do this for 6 months. After that we really need to look into a forwarding service as a permanent solution.

### **Proposal to have the Post Office forward the mail to Kari's address**

Consensus

### **Final balance**

Cyndi – The balance 4465.31

Feels very confident in Kari's abilities as Treasurer. Thanks the RSC for the service opportunity.

Insurance is coming due. Last year we paid in one premium payment but this year we do not have enough in the bank to cover all of it. Last year they gave us payment options.

Larry asks when the premium is due.

December 1<sup>st</sup>

Tom asks if Cyndi will help Kari with the Convention Audit.

Yes, I will.

### **Proposals (Old Business)**

**Proposal to have the Regional Record be distributed within one month from the most recent Conference.**

Consensus

**Proposal to establish a budget of \$300 per quarter for the Literature Review Subcommittee.**

Consensus

## Proposals (New Business)

**Proposal to add the following statement directly under the VOTING AND PROPOSALS title on page 5 of the TBRNA Policy. "Any policy change proposals of a financial and/or budgetary nature will be taken back to the Areas for discussion."**

Bryan states that the way he has been conducting business is if any RCM (Regional Committee Member) would like to take a proposal back, then it goes back to the Areas for discussion. If anybody is not comfortable, we want to have the Areas' voice.

Northside stated in their report, financial goes back but not all housekeeping proposals. They can be voted on at the Conference. If an Area would like to take it back it should go back.

Christina suggests that we use Debbie's (Northside) suggestion of "If any RCM asks to take it back, it goes back". Even though Bryan has been conducting business that way, maybe future Facilitators should be doing that. Putting it in writing assures that the process is followed.

Bryan asks if we should put both options in the Policy.

Kristina reminds us of where this discussion came from. The proposal to have the Record published within a month of the Conference. A topic that probably doesn't need to go back to the Areas for discussion.

Bryan reminds us that the Policy is written thinly for a reason. It allows God in the room to guide our decisions. The spirit of Consensus Based Decision Making. We can police ourselves into a corner pretty easily.

Larry – Tom got me confused a little [he is good at that].

Tom says if some RCM asks to take a discussion back, it would go back without the Proposal ever coming to a vote. But if the Proposal does come to a vote, an RCM (or any member) could still "Stand Aside" without the Proposal going back. Say if the member doesn't completely agree but does not deem the topic so important that His or Her Area needs to discuss it.

Mary – The room is leaning towards having something in black in white that if a member wants to take it back, it goes back.

Kari says that the Coastal Bend Area had come to that same conclusion in their discussions.

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Patrick and Steve are concerned about urgent concerns that have to be dealt with right now.

Larry – It seems like we are on the same page but when we start projecting “what could happen” then we start defusing ourselves.

Proposal does not reach a consensus

**Proposal to add the following statement directly under the VOTING AND PROPOSALS title on page 5 of the TBRNA Policy. "If a Regional Committee Member [RCM] requests that a Proposal go back to the Areas for discussion, it does."**

Consensus

**Proposal to give New Life Group \$400 for hurricane repairs.**

Kari – Are they renting? This may be an outside issue.

They are the only group in the facility.

Kari – The building owner may already be getting money from FEMA. Maybe provide something they can take with them, furniture or literature.

Mary – Is this something the group is negotiating for rent?

Vic – This group is rebuilding the gutted out building. Give them the money and trust them. The owner is an NA member

Steve – It is a violation of Traditions for the owner to make a profit from NA.

Vyki – We could get answers via email from this group.

Randie – We were given this money by Kansas City. I think we should just trust the process and pass it on to those in need. Let's not get bogged down.

Layna – It does matter. We do need those details before sending money out to an outside enterprise.

Larry – The memo on the check says “Hurricane Harvey Relief”. Let's just help them out.

Tom – Earlier in the day we decided to have the RD Team [Regional Delegate Team] field requests from groups that needed assistance. And have the Treasurer send a check to that group. At that time, we did not nitpick exactly how that money was

going to be spent. It was a donation from Kansas City. Why not let it happen? Let God take care of this.

Ian – Why not let the group handle how the money is spent. Trust them.

Consensus

**Proposal for Agape Group to find a new location so they need help to find an accessible permanent facility. \$400**

Lynn wants to know what this means. We need more information.

We kind of put the Groups on the spot. The first they heard about this was today.

Bryan – How about we rescind the previous Proposal and vote to send \$600 with the Southeast Texas RCM to help their Area's Groups.

Laura – Earlier today, we decided to let the RD Team handle the requests. What changed from earlier?

Mary – We don't know what Northside's need are. And Rockport

Ed – Rockport is up and running. We are having a big event, please show up. They are fine.

The solution is to have the Regional Delegate Team reach out to the Agape Group and Northside Area to find out their relief needs.

The proposal does not come to a vote but everyone agrees that the RD Team will reach out and take care of needy groups as decided earlier.

**H&I request of \$200 for literature**

That is in her budget

**Proposal to give Adopt an Inmate a quarterly budget of \$300.**

This is to present workshops. Separate from the donation driven literature budget.

Christina – This is a good example of the proposal that we voted for earlier.

Bryan – You can vote now or you can ask to take this back to your Area.

Consensus

**Insurance premium payment**

We have roughly \$2500 in the bank. [The premium is just over \$5100]

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Cyndi said she called the insurance company and they are closed today for Veterans Day.

Tom – Can the Treasurer dip into prudent reserve if necessary.

Yes

We give the Treasurer the authority to pick out the best payment plan and pay the premium.

### **Location and date for the February RSC.**

The next meeting will be February 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 to give us a two week break after the Convention.

Bryan asks Mary with Freedom Area to work with the Houston Area to find a location in Houston. She and John agree to work together.

We are leaving it listed as Freedom Area

### **Regional Assembly**

Dennis says that they, the RD Team, will find a centrally located venue for the March 2018 Regional Assembly.

## **Announcements**

### **Open positions**

- Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Facilitator
- One more Convention Advisory Board Member
- Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Co-Facilitator for 2019
- Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Treasurer for 2019

### **Regional Service Conference Winter 2018**

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2018, 9am - 5pm

Freedom Area

### **Regional Service Conference Spring 2018**

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2018, 9am - 5pm

Northside Area