Off The Wall Area Service Committee Minutes January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Open:** 9:15 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Concepts

Roll Call: Stephanni C., Sharon F., Jennifer C., Jessica C., Beth W., Victor R., Mark M., Bill C., Trino F., Kurt B., Bobby W., Newt L., Frank M., Karen C., Taylor M., Amber S., Sjon C., Jim M., Will S., Greg P., Candain M., Randy V., Deb B., Keith B., Mike M., Beth A.

Guests: Scott N., Daniel C.

**Approval of Last Month's Minutes:** Jim asked that the percentage of savings for a two year CRCNA hotel contract be stricken from the record because he is not sure what the actual savings is. Stephanni did so. Motion to approve with a second.

**Opening Reading:** Read was the 6<sup>th</sup> Tradition and an excerpt from *It Works* page 171.

# **Group Reports:**

Read was an excerpt from *It Works* page 138, Tradition 2.

4<sup>th</sup> Street Recovery: Not in attendance

**Addicts Helping Addicts:** Sharon F. GSR, Jen C. GSRA, Attendance has dropped and the group is in need of support.

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Mike M. GSR, Amber S. GSRA, Our group registered for the NA Way magazine. The holiday dance went well. Group will be having an activity in April. The group is in favor of hosting CRCNA XXVI. Area donation of \$100

**Addicts United:** Beth A. GSR, Group is need of home group members and will be moving as of February. Karen stated that if there is no attendance, that it is a good time to do step work. The main focus is to keep the doors open. Kurt stated that meeting attendance is down everywhere, and that the holidays tend to do that. Beth stated that she isn't going anywhere!

**Buena Voluntad:** Not in attendance

Clean Serene Freaks: Taylor M. reporting. Group elected new meeting chairs and is in need of a GSR, GSRA, and Secretary.

**Drug Busters:** Mark M. GSR, All is well. Area donation of \$25

Esperanza de a Vida "Hope for Life": Not in attendance

Free at Last: Victor R. reporting. Stated that the meeting is doing very well carrying the message to the newcomer. Was asked who the GSR is. Victor stated that it is unclear. Was asked where the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was. Was stated that the 7<sup>th</sup> is used for buying a ton of literature

**Freedom Springs:** Jennifer C. GSR, Attendance is good, all is well. Area donation of \$40.

Friday Night Dead Without It: Frank P. GSR, Meeting is going very well. 30-40 Addicts are attending.

**Hugs Not Drugs:** Newt L GSR, Group is still struggling. Was barely able to make rent. The group is having Tuesday speaker.

**Humbling Asking:** Victor R. reporting. Group is having speaker meetings. Stated that the meeting is still going.

**Just For Today:** Greg P. GSR, Randy V. GSRA, All is well.

**NA in the Way Way:** Not in attendance. Was also asked if this meeting is still going. It is unclear. Sjon is going to look into that.

**NA Nooner:** Candain M. GSR, The groups church was closed December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>, so the meeting was at TRT. Group is having a cosmic bowling night January 15<sup>th</sup> for \$14 per person at 7: PM in Greeley. Meeting will be closed on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Area donation of \$100

**New Horizons:** Not in attendance

**Primary Purpose:** Deb B. GSR, Meetings on Thursday are consistent with a good core group of people. Groups needs a greeter and a GSRA. Saturday attendance is rising. There have been no problems with the meeting, however the group is not opposed to moving the Saturday meeting. Group voted yes on hosting CRCNA XXVI. Area donation of \$40 and WSO donation of \$40

**Steps and Traditions Roulette:** Not in attendance.

**The War is Over:** Bobby reporting; Was stated that attendance is good, but the trusted servants are burned out, and the meeting has now folded. Beth asked if the meeting was really only open for 5 months. Was stated that it was.

When At The End Of The Road: No report.

**XX Genes:** Jessica C. GSR, The meeting is going well and actually growing.

If your meeting report is not on here, make sure a <u>written, preferably typed so I can read it,</u> copy is turned in to Area Secretary! Thanks

### **Officer Reports**

Chair: Kurt C., So we are here in a new year. Thank God to NA and the principles of this program, which I am allowed to participate in another exciting adventure in my recovery. I know that 2010 an AFGO for many of us. Each month, I try to find a theme in recovery that applies to our situation. This month is about remembering our primary purpose as to why we gather. Oh yeah. Every month is about our primary purpose. I may sound repetitive at times, but we are here to do service. Why you choose to show up every month in this basement is up to you. I go to our literature for experience, strength, and hope, and share it with you. I welcome your suggestions for a renewed agenda. We do this together! (Read was an excerpt from the *Basic Text* page 16.)

**Vice Chair:** Bobby W. I would like to remind everyone here that this committee exists for the sole purpose of supporting the groups in the Off the Wall Area in their collective effort to fulfill their primary purpose of carrying a clear Narcotics Anonymous message to the addict who still suffers.

To this end, I would also remind everyone of our obligation to our members who faithfully contribute their hard-earned donations to each meetings' 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

It is each GSRs duty to his or her respective group to ensure that those members' voices are heard in matters concerning our Area's business, particularly the disbursement of their funds. So please stay for the entire meeting.

### **RMC 1/RCM 2:** Jim M., Keith B., Jim reporting,

The NA Way magazine will no longer be sent automatically to NA groups, trusted servants, and service committees. Service bodies will be able to request multi-copy subscriptions on behalf of their committees, trusted servants, and groups. Service bodies can visit <a href="www.na.org/subscribe">www.na.org/subscribe</a> for more information on multi-copy subscriptions. The January 2011 issue will be delivered only electronically, and to readers who have re-subscribed.

A couple of other things from NAWS: JFT Daily meditations can be sent via email by subscribing at <a href="http://www.na.org.subscribe">www.na.org.subscribe</a> New groups, as well as any changes within a group, should register with NAWS at <a href="http://web.na.org/?ID=updateplatforms-newregfm">http://web.na.org/?ID=updateplatforms-newregfm</a> If you would like to take the literature survey, you may do so at <a href="http://www.na.org/litsurvey">www.na.org/litsurvey</a> by April 1st, 2011.

WCNA 34, *In the Spirit of Unity* in San Diego on September 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. You may go to <a href="www.na.org/wcna">www.na.org/wcna</a> for preregistration information. Pre-registration opened on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Because of convention security, you must be preregistered to attend the convention.

Regional Business: Meeting changes: Whether you are a new meeting, an existing meeting with changes, or a meeting who is closing your doors, these changes need to be reported to the regional web servant at <a href="https://www.naco;orado.org/contact.php">www.naco;orado.org/contact.php</a> or you can mail the information to Colorado Region of Narcotics Anonymous, Attention Web servant, PO Box 1437, Denver, CO 80201

Don't forget that the Regional Assembly in April will be held in Greeley at the Trinity Episcopal Church 3800 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Street. At this assembly, we will be voting on the following trusted servants: Regional Secretary, Regional Treasurer, Regional Web Servant, and Regional PR Coordinator. If you would like any information on any of these positions, you may contact Jim M. or Keith B. It is important that each GSR is represented so that each group has a voice in Regional business.

RCM 2011 Budget Proposal: At this time, there is no need for a budget for the RCM team for 2011. If a need arises, we will bring it to the Area and have it voted on then.

Was stated that it is a good idea to put a room rental for the Assembly in their budget. Was stated the Assembly is only two hours away, and because 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is down, they may not stay down there.

**Secretary:** Stephanni C., Please make sure that if you are a new GSR to see me if you would like a *Guide to Local Service* or a copy of the Area guidelines. I do apologize for not being very prompt with the Area minutes. I am now a full-time student, and sometimes, the last thing I want to do is look at a computer screen. I have been doing Area service since I was 6 months clean, and your Secretary for the last two years. I am ready to pass along position, and be a different part of the ASC. I can never give back enough what NA has given to me. Thank you all, very much.

**Treasurer:** Our beginning balance was \$1,526.52. We had the following disbursements that day;

- \$9.00 to ASC chair
- \$19.75 to PI
- \$59.90 to H&I
- \$117.00 to City of Loveland
- \$50.00 to City of Loveland damage deposit
- \$12.90 to Literature

- \$15.00 to CRCNA Liaison
- \$93.43 to T-Mobile
- \$4.00 service charge for 12/30

Total disbursements that day were \$380.98 We had a deposit of \$635.00 This brings our balance to \$1,780.54 minus our prudent reserve of \$600.00 for a general fund of \$1,180.54.

Also stated that the Area year-end report is going to be passed around for people to look at. Was also stated that the checking account audit was also done.

**Activities Subcommittee:** Frank, No real report because Frank is still unclear on what he is supposed to be doing. Frank was asked about what was going on with some missing funds. There was a violent outburst by the Activities chair, during which he struck the Area Vice-Chair in the head with a cup of ice. He then stormed out of the ASC very angrily after threatening the Area Vice-Chair with more bodily harm. Was asked that the 11<sup>th</sup> Concept be read. Was stated that the amount was in the neighborhood of \$480, and someone needs to be held accountable. Due to the intensity of this outbreak, a motion was made to take a break. Motion passed.

**Literature Sub-Committee:** Dave L., Mike M. reporting, The literature sales in December were \$528.30 and a deposit for the same amount was made on December 7<sup>th</sup>. This made our balance \$568.49. An order was made in the amount of \$499.05 bringing the account balance to \$69.44

Apologies for my absence today and in the future. I got a new job and am scheduled on Sunday mornings, and will no longer be able to attend the ASC meetings. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve with all of you. I thank you for the chance to serve and will look forward to seeing all of you at regular NA meetings in the Area. Thanks for letting me be of service. Dave L.

Was asked if Mike was going to take over the position. Mike stated that he is going to hold the position until a new chair is elected.

**Hospitals and Institutions:** Sjon C., 9 Addicts attended the subcommittee meeting. LCDC meetings are going well. There is still talk about people going in by themselves. TRT is going well, however the Panel leader is not always showing up. ICCS is going well.

We are still in need of a H&I Vice-chair.

We are still waiting to hear back from Detox.

Greg P. was nominated as the work-release panel leader. This panel will most likely be on Thursdays from 6PM-7PM.

We made some changes within our subcommittee after going over our guidelines. We voted to change the guidelines so we can vote for someone to step down.

The Regional H&I Subcommittee meeting is January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Ft. Morgan.

We had a discussion about out TRT panel leader.

Was stated that the issue with LCDC has been cleared, and that three more women have been cleared to go in. Was also stated that coming up is the bi-annual LCDC training orientation. The requirement is three years off paper. Was reiterated that the women could really use support.

Merchandise Subcommittee: Bailey H., Sjon C. reporting, Bailey is having some medical issues and it is unclear if she will be able to hold her position. Was stated that the Area Chair should try and contact Bailey to find out what is going out. Another Addict stated that he attempted to visit Bailey and there is some concern. Trino stated that there is only \$24.00 in the Merchandise account, and this raises a red flag. Was stated that in our guidelines that if a chair is not present for more than two ASC meetings then the position should be open for election.

**Public Information Subcommittee:** Ernie S., Jim M. reporting Six Addicts were in attendance at our subcommittee meeting.

We had three Addicts attend the Regional H&I meeting which took place on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The following information was brought back to OTW Area: Regional PI is still in need of a Vice-chair. The clean-time requirement for this position is three years. The Vice-chair is responsible for attending all Regional PI meetings, as well as aiding the PI Chair when needed.

Plans are also being put together to possibly host a booth at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo from August 26<sup>th</sup>-September 5<sup>th</sup>. This will take a huge commitment on behalf of Addicts from across the Region. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Ernie S. More information will be shared as soon as we receive more concrete plans.

Regional PI is in the process of putting together regional PI guidelines. They are currently deciding on what trusted servants are needed, clean-time requirements, and duties. Thus far, Regional PI Vice-chair has a 3 year clean-time requirement, and the Regional PI Secretary has a 1 year clean-time requirement.

Off the Wall shared our PI packets which are made available to professionals at resource fairs. The Region liked what our Area has come up with, and is looking at helping out with these packets. Mile High asked if they could use one of the packets as an example to come up with their own PI packets.

Area PI: We continue to place our outreach efforts in our Area's school districts. Our next step in the process is to send out a mass mailing to all the high schools. This includes 14 high schools in Weld County, 1 in Estes Park, 6 in Ft. Collins, 1 in Berthoud, and 4 in Loveland. The information packets will include an introduction letter, a current mailing list, 4 IP's; NA Membership Survey, Information about NA, Resource in Your Community, and By Addicts for addicts; a Phone line poster. This mailing will be addressed to each counselor at his or her school, and will go out sometime in January.

We had an Addict step up to be the new web servant. He will be contacting Jeff S. to learn more about the knowledge and skills needed to effectively do the job. He will then report back to the PI subcommittee in January to let us know if he has the qualifications to do the job. Then at the January subcommittee meeting, he will be either confirmed or denied as the new web servant.

In 2011, the PI subcommittee will be researching the possibility of hosting a booth at each of the 9 News Health Fairs. We will share more information on these fairs as we receive it.

If you are aware of an event or location where our PI presence could be of benefit, please contact Ernie Sd.

The next subcommittee meeting will be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 705 13<sup>th</sup> St. in Greeley from 10AM-11AM.

Victor stated that there are still problems with the phone line, however a few addicts have stepped up.

**CRCNA Liaison:** Jim M. reporting. Planning for CRCNA XXV has begun. The first meeting was held on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> in Englewood.

Monthly planning meetings will be held the second Saturday of every month. They will begin at 10:45 at the Englewood Public Library, 1000 Englewood Parkway. in Englewood. The meetings will take place in the Anderson room. The next meeting will be on February 12.

The focus on this first meeting was election of trusted servants for subcommittee chairs. The following were elected:

- Hotel and Hospitality: Mike P.
- Programming Chair: Coy P.
- Printing and Display: Patrick G.
- Merchandise: James H.Registration: Mike H.
- H&I: Terry C.

(All elected were from the Mile High Area)

If you are interested in working on any of the subcommittees, please get in touch with the chair of the subcommittee for meeting times and locations

The CRCNA XXV theme and logo contest is underway. Entries must be received by February 9<sup>th</sup> so they can be voted on at the February CRCNA planning meeting. All entries must be camera ready. Send all entries to: CRCNA Theme and Logo Contest, PO Box 1437, Denver, CO 80201

Again, please have a <u>written, preferably typed so I can read it</u>, copy of all committee, subcommittee, and Adhoc committee meeting minutes given to Secretary. Thanks

#### **Old Business**

Was stated that we make a flier for the Regional Assembly in April. Volunteers were asked to make this flier. Deb stated that she would be willing to make a flier.

CRCNA XXVI was discussed on if we are still willing to host this

## **Elections for Open Office**

**Area Treasurer:** Trino nominated himself again for this position Trino stated that we really need to look at making some of our terms in our guidelines and make them two year terms because it is hard to get the names changed on the bank account. A vote was taken. Trino will remain Treasurer.

**CRCNA Liaison:** Stephanni was nominated and accepted. Karen was nominated with a second. Stephanni qualified herself. Was asked if she was going to be able to do this position and be the secretary at the same time. Was asked to clarify if Stephanni is willing to take the Secretary position until it's filled. She was asked that since she is so busy, is she able to make it to the CRCNA meetings. She stated that the once a month commitment and she can absolutely find the time to do this. Was stated that the closer to CRCNA, the more presence the liaison will be needed. She stated that this will not be a problem when that time comes.

Karen qualified herself. Was asked that knowing that the Activities chair position is may be open, is she willing to wait and do that. Karen stated that she is not willing to be the Activities chair.

Vote was taken. Karen is the new CRCNA Liaison.

## **New Business**

The outburst was discussed, and we were reminded of the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition. Was stated that this is the fourth outburst from this Addict at various points within the Area. Was stated that we want the very best for this Addict. Was also stated that there is a pamphlet out that discusses violence in our meetings at all levels. Was stated that we do not need to tolerate this kind of unacceptable behavior. Was stated that we all need to remember that person is an Addict, and has the right to recover. Was also stated that the way this is being handled is being handled the way that it should be up to this point. Was stated that behavior does not preclude recovery. Was also stated that it is not up to this body to susceptible to violent behavior and safety is in question. Was stated that we need to take a long hard look at removing this person from his position. Was stated that we voted this Addict into this position, and we need to look at how we

can remove the Addict from this position. Was stated that this body is not holding people accountable. Was stated that this is our commitment and accountability and leadership. Was stated that we need to change and grow, and not stay in our old ways. Was stated that we should not assassinate the character of the Addict. Was stated that there is concern for personal safety. Was stated that this particular Addict is scared and embarrassed that there is money missing. Was stated that how we respond to keeping ourselves safe with threats to violence needs to be brought to our attention. Was stated that we do have the right to call in the authorities at any time. Was stated that we need to discuss "cop-calling," because it was said more than once. Was clarified that it is not up to this body to call the cops, it is up to the individual. This is about our safety, and not how it used to be when we were out on the streets. Part of the pamphlet of violent behavior was read. The guidelines on removal of a chair position were read.

Motion 1: To remove the newly elected Activities chair due to his violent behavior. Intent is to create a safe environment and appropriate problem solving skills. (see discussion on previous page)
Was stated that an office is better left open than to have it filled with a person that is not qualified. Was stated that the motion be amended to say "temporarily remove." The amendment was declined. A vote was taken. 17 for removal and 1 abstention. The motion that passed was for permanent removal.

Wanted it stated in the minutes that the person removed <u>does</u> have the ability to question the removal either in writing or in person.

Was asked what is going on with the missing funds from the New Year's dance. Was asked how we can have this discussion when we don't know how much money is in question. Was stated before the outburst, that the money was going to be taken care of. Was stated that the chair will find out what is going on with the missing money. As stated by Daniel that the Denver Area is going to take care of the missing funds for now. Was asked again what this money is and where it came from. Was stated that it was difficult to get in touch with Frank about the money that was missing that was from ticket sales. Was stated that \$300 is missing from one person's envelope, and \$180 is missing from another person's. Was stated that the money from the envelope that was supposed to have \$180 was accounted for. Was clarified that the money from the \$180 envelope was given to Kurt, which he then gave to the Activities chair. Was stated that since we have the money in our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition has the funds and that we cover our cost to keep the event going. Was stated this being brought up was the real issue at hand, and that we need to take our responsibility for the event, and then internally

Motion 2: To pay Daniel back his \$150 that he used for the New Year's event. Was stated that regardless of Daniels using his own money, he should be repaid. Vote was taken. 17 for, 1 abstain.

Motion 3: To cover the funds necessary to pay back the Mile High Area for the New Year's dance in the amount of \$480. The money should come out of our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. Was stated that we need to make sure that we cover our responsibility to things outside our own Area. Was stated that we should table the motion, even though supported, until we have more clarification on where the missing money is. Vote was taken. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

**Upcoming Events**Cosmic Bowling in Greeley

**Open Area Opportunities for Service:** 

Literature Chair, Activities Chair, and Secretary

**Open Discussion** 

Was asked whose responsibility it was to get a speaker at the Tri-area event on New Year's dance. Was stated that it was the Activities Chair's responsibility.

Was stated that an Addict is very proud to be a part of this body, and that we handled a situation today that once baffled us.

Was stated that we donate to the region since money is just sitting there. Was also stated that we have money out there, and we should wait to see if that money comes back and we know how much we actually have.

#### **Disbursements**

All disbursements were approved

Next ASC Meeting: February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9:00 AM The Pulliam Building 545 N. Cleveland Ave. Loveland, CO

Your Secretary thanks you for your patience!