Off The Wall Area Service Committee Minutes Dec 9, 2012

**Open:** 9 AM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Concepts of Service by Penny.

**Approval of Last Month's Minutes:** Approved

Roll Call: Sharon F, Rich H, Heurich H, Roman K, Chris G, Josh B, James R, Josh O, Pat L, Penny L, Patti B, Greg P, Victor R, Brandon K, Adam C, Taylor M, Sheri S, Lyndsay E, Dave A, Keith B, Jennifer C

Guests: Paul GSRA Night Live Groups, Rich GSR Serene Machine, Josh GSR Monday Night Greeley Meeting

**Opening Reading:** 

# **Group Reports:**

Addicts Helping Addicts: Sharon F.GSR, Rebecca K. GSRA. Attendance small but steady. Open for GSR position in January. \$13.01 area donation.

Addicts Seeking Sanity: Josh GSR Saturday changed to 7:30 future dance in March more will be revealed. Voted yes on meeting list change. \$50 area donation.

Clean Serene Freaks: Adam GSR, GSRA Roman K New Tuesday chair Jen C, new literature chair is Adam C. We are buying 3 Living Clean books. Support is needed. We approve the new meeting list.

Dead Without It: Thelma J

**Drug Busters:** 

Free at Last:

Freedom Springs: Jennifer C. GSR.

Friday/Monday Night Live: Heurich H GSR. All is well attendance is good as per usual. We could use support from members with time on Monday for the newcomer. Voted yes for the new meeting schedule. \$42.47 area donation.

Just For Today: Penny GSR, Greg P GSRA Meetings are going well. Gingerbread house making has been cancelled. Our location is having heat situations at this time so suggest you dress warm for meetings.

NA Nooner: Patti GSR People count high 7<sup>th</sup> low, Dec 24, 25, 31, Jan 1 TRT 1309 10<sup>th</sup> ave in basement. \$21 area donation

**New Horizons:** Not in attendance.

No Matter What: Brandon GSR.

**Primary Purpose:** Shell H GSR Strong meeting, good message, newcomers coming back, oldtimers bringing strong message. Jerrod is our newest home group member. Need Gsr, Gsra, new members and home group. \$22 area donation. \$23 world donation.

### **Serene Machine:**

**Serene Springs:** Chris G GSR, Doing Great!! Attendance is high 20-30. We always have a lot of Newcomers for anyone looking to get involved in sponsorship. We are looking for a new gsra if you would like to be involved in group service. We like the new list format. Area donation \$.71.

**Stairway to Recovery:** GSR Josh O, GSRA Pat L Meets Monday in Greeley 614 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Our group voted on a name, Stairway to Recovery. We voted in the affirmative for the change to the meeting schedule. Attendance has been good w/ 15-20 attendees. We voted to make no donations or purchases until we've become more established.

**Steps and Traditions Roulette:** Colin B. GSR

When At The End Of The Road: Helena D GSR, Kim W GSRA All is well at least per meeting. Voted to keep meeting lists the same. \$75 area donation.

**XX Genes:** Angie E GSR, Needs support – donation for newcomer packet. Voted yes to new meeting schedule.

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: The web peon changed BK to mean mtgs with Basic text and/or other NA literature study and added ST+ for Steps and Traditions studies and removed H++. A "hits counter" was placed on our home page. In one month we recorded 435 hits. Links to other area's mtg scheds were added along with a doc BFE. Also a page was added with free IP's to download or for professionals to get information. Are there any meetings that will no be held due to Xmas, Xmas eve, New Years's eve or day? If so, please let the web servant and the area know via the web blast ASAP. Thanks! I talked to Justus from Estes Park and he recently celebrated 24 years. Their Thursday night mtg is going okay, but they could always use support from "the valley" as he calls us flatlanders. Lastly, after getting some information about Nov CRSCNA, I am waiting for the posting of the minutes as well as gathering more personal experience from attendees.-Dave A

**Vice Chair:** Shortly after area last month is was brought to my attention that we at the last ASC were wrong about election of RCM. As I reread the guidelines I realized that RCM would need to be reelected. As stated in Article IV: A. Section J- in case of resignation or open position, the election to fill that position can be held at any regular ASC meeting.....if a position is filled in a month other than the scheduled above the elected will serve until the normal month and then needs to be re-elected.

I talked to Dave and he had realized the same. Dave sent an email to let the RCM know that we would need to hold an election.

I went to subcommittee meetings this month. We still need help with our subcommittees. The chair members, along with their trusted servants are doing an amazing job but still need help to fill positions and be of service. Please take this back to you home groups. If you are a new GSR and don't quite understand your role at the ASC please come to Dave or myself and we can help with this. Dave is willing to have new GSR orientation before ASC. Thank you for letting me be of service. Lyndsay E.

**RMC 1/RCM 2:** Report Attached Question: did they voice how storage of these archives would help the newcomer? A lot of this is brought out at CRCNA. I don't know that benefits the newcomer other than that is our history

**Hospitals and Institutions:** Report Attached. Questions: If I just want to show up how does that work? You can get with the panel leads or myself and get you into it. If you are interested in TRT get with me or with Carl. If you know of anyone who might support these you might want to tell them you can just show up.

**Public Information Subcommittee:** Report Attached Questions: Have you looked into increasing the budget? Originally it was 100 we have increased it to 180. I would like to see our 7<sup>th</sup> spent in our area instead of just being sent to region. Are the posters being checked to see if they are still up? We plan to follow up on them, we have kept records of where they have been.

Literature Sub-Committee: Attached

Merchandise Subcommittee: Candain M.

**Activities Subcommittee:** We do have the anti valentines day dance coming up will be in Loveland Sat feb 16 at 6. We still have a lot of tickets for sale for New Years bash. We got receipt for flyers that we made and speaker tickets. Questions: How much is the dance? 5 dollars for single 8 for couple.

**Treasurer:** Thanks for letting me serve. As of this meeting \$635.96, balance includes prudent reserve. Lease due 150, phone bill 100, all within budget. Took in 229.19. total requests 434.33. Leaves 151.00 Keith B.

#### **Written Motions**

Motion 1: Area donation of \$15 to make newcomer packets and get 3 each of all keytags. Packets will include IP #7, 11, 12, 16, 22 and 5 white booklets.

Passes

Motion 2: To increase the PI budget to \$200 from \$180 to cover our expanded duties of putting 3 bus posters in Greeley busses at a cost of \$60 a month.

**Passes** 

Motion 3: Drop the 6% ASC charge on all literature. Article VI Sub C
Passes

**Disbursements** 

Next ASC Meeting: Jan 6, 2013 9:00am The Pulliam Building 545 N. Cleveland Ave.) Loveland, CO

Your Secretary thanks you for your patience!

# PI Report 11/24/2012

#### Web Servant - Dave A

- ~Schedules talk about adding more phone line numbers for other areas
- ~Added a link to free IP's made statement "Copies for addict's only"
- ~Added a tab for CRRMCO (regional campout)
- ~Changed codes on meeting lists (+++90 minutes, taken off)
- ~Would like to scan posters into PDF files to make easier access
- ~Added hit count to website

# Phone Line – Greeley, Karl W

- ~Running steady and solid
- ~Need Spanish speaking person for phone line, 1 call we couldn't help because of language barrier, Dave is going to talk to Humberto in Ft. Collins
- ~Greeley has phone line for Dec and Jan

## Phone Line – Ft. Collins, Dave A

- ~needs to retrain Helena and talk to Steph to see if she wants to do phone line
- ~will work out a rotation before they get the phone back

# Next Media (bus prices) - Karl W.

- ~Greeley pricing versus Ft. Collins, there was a glitch in the computer system, when the glitch was fixed the price for Greeley is the same as Ft. Collins, also the same in Loveland
- ~Need to know who to send the invoice to
- ~Motion (Dave) to add 2 bus routes in Greeley, James Seconds

## Thrifty Nickel

- ~Goes from Cheyenne to CO Springs, \$32 a week
- ~Talked about asking region for money to pay for these adds

#### **New Business**

- ~Ask area for budget increase of \$20 a month
- ~UNC Dean of Students office Lyndsay's mom works there, IP's in Student Activities and DOS office.
- ~PVH ER and Mountain Crest have literature, printing out meeting schedules for them also
- ~PSA'a need members to contact clear channel stations, find out who is in charge of PSA's
- ~F/U with phone alls to educators who received letters, schools
- ~Poster Drive- this coming Saturday, flyer at homegroups, would like to do this 2-3 times over the next couple of months.
- ~Send letters to treatment centers to facilitate gateway from NA to facilities.
- ~We need more people to come up with more ideas:

What are you passionate about?

What speaks to you?

How did you hear about NA?

Distribute to groups.

## Open Discussion

- ~Dave A, suggestion, give your report at ASC as if you were talking to a new GSR, Dave is willing to host a GSR workshop in AM before ASC 8:30
- ~Add more info regarding phone line.

#### Disbursements

- ~4 ads in Ft Collins \$80.00
- ~3 new posters \$60.00
- ~Rent \$5
- ~Ad in the Thrifty Nickel \$32

Ask for overages +\$20

Total spent \$177

Use extras if approved for IP's and literature

# Off the Wall Literature Committee Report 12/9/2012

Ho, ho, ho. Last month we sole \$869.05 of literature of ASC prices. \$792.75 was cash, \$60.80 went to H&I and \$6.50 was for a Starter Kit for a new meeting. I reordered \$847.96 worth of literature bringing the value of the literature inventory to 2352.50. When I went over the order forms after the ASC I noticed some math errors were made. H&I was charged \$11.90 for 10 introductory Guides to NA which cost \$1.90 each. That would be \$19.00 by my math so the treasurer owes the literature Subcommittee \$7.10. This would be a moot point if it were not that I owe a couple of meetings money for math errors that were made on their order forms causing them to be overcharged. That would be \$5 for When at the End of the Road, \$1.25 for Serene Machine and \$.50 for No Matter What. This comes to \$6.75 so I am asking for a cash disbursement for this amount so that I can pay these people back. I also redid the order forms and made 20 copies at Office Max at a cost of \$3.83 and I am asking for a disbursement for this amount also. Please look over your new order forms. You will find them a little different than before but they include almost all the literature we have for sale. There were other mistakes made in the frenzy of literature sales that went on last month. One group got charged for 3 Living Cleans they did not get. Those have been delivered now and all is right. Another problem occurred when I took inventory and saw that I was missing two It Works How and Why but had sold two less Step Working Guides that they ordered. We will gladly exchange them if the group in question will come forward. I will be making a motion to drop the 6% surcharge from the Literature Committee prices from now on. Back when the Literature committee had its own account there was a guideline that stated we could not buy more literature than we sold. If this amount was less than 500 it resulted in our getting charged a shipping and handling fee of 6%. The 6% charge was meant to recover that expense. Since we do not have\ our own account to balance and our funds come out of the ASC account there I have been informed by Dave A that there is no longer a restriction on how much literature I can order so I can always order enough to avoid paying the fee. My concern is that this fee is being passed down to the most vulnerable people in our program, the newcomer and it flies in the face of our saying that we are self supporting through our own contributions. This is not a contribution it is a fee. There will be a Literature Committee meeting right after the ASC. We will be electing a vice chair so anybody interested in that position should attend. Ho, ho, ho.

## ASC report for H&I 12/9/2012

The Hospitals & Institutions subcommittee met on Nov 24<sup>th</sup> with 9 members present. Larimer county jail we have 2 women every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday & I believe they take an open discussion or topic meeting in and are looking for more to go in. The men's side of Larimer county jail has 2 men the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and we are seeking another committed member to go in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. This is also an open discussion or topic meeting. Need 1 yr clean, 3 yr off paper. Need panel lead/ coordinators for both LCJ meetings. At the detox in Greeley we have 4 members going in now every Monday, just changed from Wednesday. This is a topic/ panel presentation where panel members pick a topic & share their experience on that topic. The panel lead/coordinator position is open this month. This position entails ensuring

literature supplies, leading the meeting or coordinating other members (at least 2) go in to lead & do the meeting, as well as help maintain good facility relations & report to the subcommittee and 6 months prior H&I experience. Weld county work release meets every Thursday &has 4 members on rotation from 5-15 clients in attendance. Usually a just for today topic discussion or from the basic text or IPs (pamphlets).\

North Range Behavioral Health Treatment Center in Greeley goes in on Wednesday& has 4 members on rotation. This is a discussion on pamphlets geared towards early recovery & basic text. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday is usually a speaker. Attendance is up. Our literature rack, which we were hoping to move upstairs where we meet, is staying downstairs at this time.

Weld county jail women's we have 2 members and go in every other Tuesday. This is an open discussion/topic-last meeting was a story from the basic text. One meeting was missed as a member forgot. This is not a pattern (we hope). We are looking for more members here as well as it's a man and a women and would like just same gender on each side. Need 1 yr clean, 3 yrs off paper and pass a back ground.

Looking for a v chair 1 yr clean time, 6 months H&I experience. Assume chair responsibilities in chair absence and help coordinate resources. Requesting \$33.15 in literature \$5 rent.

ILS, James R

Nest subcommittee Dec 22 @ 11 am

1450 Westwood drive Windsor CO

May not be here next area, will send report. Thanks & gratitude for all who are of service.

## RCM Report from the November Colorado Regional Meeting

Good morning Off the Wall. I have been racking my brain for a few weeks on how I was going to write up this report to you all. The last regional meeting was one of the most intense Narcotics Anonymous meetings I have ever attended. I bared witness to complete disregard to the 8<sup>th</sup> Concept as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition over poorly timed questions and complaints about some of the things that happened at CRCNA XXVI during the XXVII elections. Some of our members from all over the region actually got up and walked out. After the meeting was over I was talking with an addict and he stated how that must have been hard to sit through. My answer was simple; my region elected me to do a job and I was going to sit through whatever turmoil there might be. I went home that day sick to my stomach, had a few sleepless nights, and many conversations with my sponsor and other addicts from across the Colorado region. What I took away from this is that we are all a sick group of people that are continually trying to heal and get better over time. This was quite a learning experience and has prepared me for situations in and out of Narcotics Anonymous that can make us feel uneasy and unsure. As difficult as it was, I am truly grateful to be a part of this service body and hope to continue to serve our members. Now, on to what you need to know...

The Colorado Regional website is being "redone" for lack of a better word. They are looking for a new logo with a contest to find it. Here are the details: See Appendix C for details, and get creative! Submit your entry by January 15, 2013. Submit them through the contacts page on the regional website.

#### RD and World Service

As we all may have heard, the NA service system is changing. Here is what the RD reported to us: "NAWS is beginning the process of field testing the ideas in the Service System Proposals and posted related material to the Service System webpage: <a href="www.na.org/servicesystem">www.na.org/servicesystem</a> Among the materials you will find is the field testing frame, which explains the field test in some detail. There are also a couple of different introductions to that frame, one to regions that are talking about reunifying or sharing services, and another to communities that were asked to become part of a "core group" of field testers. For more information, see the documents in question."

Also, NAWS is creating a Traditions book to go along with our traditions, kind of like the Step-working Guide. You can go here to give input and see what's happening here: These are some of the strategies for gathering input, and they can all be accessed through the project page at <a href="www.na.org/traditions">www.na.org/traditions</a>. Send any material used with sponsors/sponsees-to worldboard@na.org.

## CRCNA XXVI Update

CRCNA XXVI was a huge success according to the raw numbers. There were 843 registered to attend and here is the breakdown: 238 H&I, 539 paid registrations, and 66 newcomers. Please note that this is only people that registered. The number was much larger that actually attended workshops and speakers. It looks like CRCNA XXVI will be giving the Region around \$9,000 after all is said and done.

# Colorado Regional Campout

A guidelines ad-hoc has been formed to create guidelines for the regional campout. The next Regional Campout meeting will be on January 12 at 11 AM and ending at 1 PM Location: gotomeeting.com for online access or 2200 S Valley hwy in Denver

Archives Ad-hoc Report

Some of you may be aware that the Colorado region has a ton of stuff that concerns Colorado and World Service History. We have things such as hand-written changes to the very first Basic Text written by Jimmy K himself. Apparently, the list of what we as a region possesses is quite extensive. The region has elected a Trusted Servant as a Resource Position to oversee and preservce these items in a storage unit. Presently, the archives and CRCNA items are scattered about a single storage unit. Here is what you, as the OTW area need to take back to your groups. Do we see the need to rent a separate storage unit for the archives that will insure that NA's history stays preserved? The annual cost for this will be approximately \$770.

# Budget Ad-hoc

There is a budget ad-hoc committee helping to make how the Region spends money easier to understand. We presently work off of a tier system that is based on how well CRCNA does. The next meeting will be January 12 at 11AM and ending at 1 PM Location: Gotomeeting.com for online access or 2200 S Valley Hwy in Denver . Use North East entrance Call Kyle with any questions or directions

## **Regional Elections**

There were two groups being elected at the Regional meeting: CRCNA Administration and the Colorado Regional Campout Administration.

The new CRCNA Administration is: Chair- Alan H from Mountains West V ice Chair- Brandi J from Mile High Secretary- Stephanni C from Off the Wall Treasurer- Open

The new Campout Administration is: Chair- Anna H from Mile High

Vice chair, secretary, treasurer open.

#### **Proposals**

That the expense for CRCNA Storage Unit be moved to the CRCNA budget (guideline change- must be ratified in April assembly). Passed by consensus.

That CRCNA Registration bags will never contain advertisements for outside vendors. Rejected by Stand-aside.

That CRCNA provides labeled pens and magnets. Proposal withdrawn.

That in perpetuity CRCNA bags and merchandise do not include any object meant to be thrown, tossed or propelled (items such as balls, hacky sacks, airplanes etc) Rejected by stand aside.

To ban form any indoor Regional event, convention and meeting any electronic cigarettes as their basis for vapor is antifreeze (polyethylene glycol) Passed by consensus.

I think that pretty much covers the day. I may have missed some things but you can always go to the Regional website to look at the meeting minutes.

In loving service,

Stephanni C RCM 2