

RCM Report from **February 13, 2016** Regional Meeting

Date of Area Service: February 24, 2016

All Areas were present except Westside

- **RDA (Dee):**
 - Zonal forum was held in Finksburg on Jan 30, 2015. Main topics were the CAR and CAT. They also reviewed plans for the upcoming Zonal 2-day Service and Public Relations speaker jam that will be hosted by the Greater Philadelphia Region.
 - WCNA 36 in Brazil lost \$384,000 due to low registrations and merchandise income, high facility costs, and the economic downturn in Brazil just before the convention. However, there were some positives that came out of the event: NA was invited to participate with government drug councils, which is helping them to access federal prisons and establish a nation-wide 800 number for NA in Brazil
- **Policy:** Helene attended Region to speak about the work that she and Kristy (previous Policy Facilitator) have been putting into updating and organizing the Regional Policy. There is a great deal of information that was left out over the years. The proposed draft is available to view on fsrna.org. They will work with the current Policy Facilitator (Jennifer C.) to create a final draft after receiving feedback from members.
- **Convention (Cindy):**
 - Moved accounting to Quickbooks, resulting in a more detailed expense and income report
 - Ad hoc committee formed to review and revise INTERNAL guidelines (NOT the bylaws that are part of the incorporation and filed with the state). The Board of Directors and RSC have seen a need for updates. Projected completion date is June 2016. Changes will be reported to RSC.
 - FSRCNA has a full board. All seats are filled.
 - Board will not be able to make a donation to Region this year, due to several factors. However, they have replenished (or are close to) the prudent reserve of \$15,000.
 - Planning is already under way for the next FSRCNA. The theme is "Fan the Flame of Desire". The Entertainment committee is planning additional fundraising activities to help cover convention expenses. This will help keep the convention registration and event costs lower, as well as allow for free coffee again.
- **Literature (Erin)**
 - Lit Chair reviewed the newest draft of the Traditions workbook, some of our Region's suggestions are reflected in the new draft!
 - **Proposed changing the way the date is written on the Regional schedules. Instead of the season and year (ex: Fall 2015), it would say something along with lines of "Updated month, year"**
- **Phone Line (Tracy):** All shifts are filled! Woohoo!

- **CAR/CAT information via RD (John):**
 - The **Conference Agenda Report** and related material are available at <http://na.org/conference>. User name: wsc2016 – password: CP2016
 - There are also 4 videos, a PPT presentation, and other informative documents on the website. These are designed to make the CAR/CAT discussion and workshops flow smoothly (and cut down on time. It would be helpful to view the videos prior to attending a workshop.
 - **Literature Survey in the CAR is due by March 12 off-month Regional meeting . Please submit your home group tallies to me at rcm@nefana.org by March 10 at the latest.**
 - The motion tallies are due by April on-month Regional. Please bring your group’s tallies to our March ASC.
 - Our area, in conjunction with Baltimore Area, is hosting a CAR/CAT workshop at the Service Center on March 12, 12:15pm – 4pm, immediately following the off-month RSC meeting. I know that this is the same weekend as the NEFA Convention; however, this was the earliest date that was convenient for our RD and RDA, as they will already be at the meeting. They are traveling to several different areas for about a 2-month period to conduct workshops. If you are interested in attending a workshop but cannot make it on March 12, there is a list at the bottom of this report of other Areas’ workshop dates.

Motions: (RCM quorum 9 out of 10, with the exception of one motion, in which an RCM went MIA)

1. NW/?: Review and vote on draft PR pamphlet for professionals entitled “Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication Assisted Treatment”.

PASSED – For: 9, Against: 0, Abstain: 0

2. Bay/OGANA Policy Motion: Members receiving Regional Funds (reimbursement, expense checks) sign check vouchers. Purpose: Accountability

PASSED – For: 8, Against: 0, Abstain: 1 (I voted For)

3. Bay/OGANA Policy: Regional Treasurer provide receipt to anyone making a donation or otherwise giving money to Region

PASSED – For: 8, Against: 0, Abstain: 1 (I voted For)

4. PR/Susq: Region provide money \$264.65 to PR for upcoming Tuerk Conference in April 2016

DENIED – For: 2, Against: 5, Abstain: 2 (I voted Against. This issue was discussed at the previous RSC meeting, when PR Chair was advised to reach out to C&P Region, World Services, and other specific members. PR Chair did not contact any of them for resources prior to requesting the \$ this month).

If all goes as planned, I will be moving to Georgia at the end of June. That means that, regrettably, I will have to leave my position as RCM. We still do not have an RCM II, so as of now there is no one to step into the position. Any takers??? ☺

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

- Next Regional (off-month) is on March 12 at the Service Center
- CAR/CAT workshops:
 - March 12, 12:15-4p: Balt/NEFA at Baltimore Service Center at 12:15 pm
 - March 13, 12-4p: East of the Bay at St. Mark's Church
 - March 26, 11a-3p: Westside at 1906 Edmonson Ave
 - They will also most likely discuss topic at the Regional Assembly on March 5, 11a-4p at Ferndale UMC in the Bay Area

In Loving Service,
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