Regional Meeting October 9, 2010

All 10 Areas were in attendance Christina (Chair) reviewed and provided copies of the minutes for August and minutes were approved by the group.

Chairperson: Christina gave her report: and had 4 key points.

- She distributed the DRAFT of the 2011 Regional Calendar and asked that any changes to be made be brought to her attention.
- Has requested that we bring back the Names, Phone Numbers and E-Mail address
 of the Area Chair, Vice Chair and All Subcommittee Chairs
- Regional Chair and Vice chair will be visiting all of the Area's to put a face to the Region
- 4.) Wanted to revisit the need for a Regional Inventory

Secretary, Patricia was not in attendance, however, she sent in a written note explaining some personal issues that had prevented her attendance. She requested that someone sit in for her and that she will be able to serve again in December. Per policy, her position was considered automatically terminated since 2 RCM meetings, in a row were not attended. It is her intention to re run for the position again in December.

The Chair person, Christina "appointed" an interim secretary, Deborah H. She is not a member of NA but is in regular attendance with her fiancée, Walt our Regional Delegate. This was not opposed by the RCM's. Debbie is also an interested party to run for the position in December. At present this is still technically an open position.

What is the NEFA's position on a Non NA Member in this position? Call for a
vote or allow The RCM's to decide with Area vote of confidence?

<u>Treasurer:</u> Report was distributed for the past 2 months. In addition to the treasurer's report, Terry from *Delmarva* put together a "pic chart" illustrating the sources of income and the expenses from 9/2009 through the end of 08/2010.

Open Positions: There were several open positions:

- 1. Regional Hotline: James D / Westside / Volunteered and was voted in
- 2. Special Events: Shelly P / Volunteered and was voted in
- Public Information REMAINS OPEN
- 4. Alternate Treasurer: REMAINS OPEN
- Alternate Secretary REMAINS OPEN
- 6. Secretary REMAINS open although an Interim Secretary has been appointed

Regional Delegate: Walt. Key points:

- Walt has composed a condensed version of "Making Sense of The New Service Structure" to put it in perspective for the Areas and the Groups to better understand. He is also offering to come to the Area's and do about a ½ hour presentation to help us get a clearer picture of the pending New Service Structure.
- 2. He is also interested in giving several more detailed "Workshops" on The New Service Structure (longer than the half hour explanations) The areas of consideration are Eastern Shore, Northern and Central Maryland. If we are interested in having him do a "Workshop" in our area we can contact him. He encouraged everyone to attend the 3 day workshop at The Convention center that was held on Oct 22nd thru 24th. Our RCM Helene had registered for this event.
- Noted that The Ocean Gateway Area had not given a donation to regional for some time but stepped up and donated \$ 4,345.00 this month. They requested an accounting of the monies owed to the hotline to bring that up to date, as well.
- Enter your input for the "Living Clean" book in progress. Your opinions count NOW! Do this online at: NA.org/litsurvey. It will be too late once it's published.

Subcommittees:

Special Events: The Baltimore Area expressed a need for financial support from the Region in hosting a Thanksgiving Event since the expense will coincide with their 30 Year Anniversary. Discussion followed but no commitment was made.

Bay Area RCM noted that they also host a Thanksgiving Event. There is Dance the night before the dinner. I am distributing a form in this report that will help them determine what food they need to buy and what is being brought in. This is to eliminate doubles and excess leftover food. The donated food must be cooked. This form also has a place for monetary donations to this event from the areas so they can get an idea of their projected financial commitment.

Convention Chair: Mitch expressed concern that The Convention registrations are down by almost half of last year at this same time. He also noted that hotel room rates were higher this year. The Westside RCM had a concern that the Programming Committee had dismissed many CDs that were submitted. It was suggested that Convention committee members could attend the local dances and events etc. to boost registrations. The Service Center Board Rep: Martin also wanted to let us know that people can register at the Service Center since there is quite a bit of traffic going thru there. There had been some question as to whether they could accept registration money at the service center and it was clarified that they could.

Service Center Board Rep: Martin. Stated that literature sales are doing very well He also noted that there are seats open on the board, if anyone is interested. Requirements are 1 year clean. They meet the last Thursday of the month except for Nov and Dec when they meet the 3rd week due to the holidays. There was also discussion as to the motion made at the last meeting regarding adding the hotline phone number to the 1 day key-tags. That motion had been referred to the Service Center Board for feedback and there was no response to date. Martin requested that the financial impact be forwarded to them and that Region attend the Board meeting to review the cost, pros and cons.

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Web Administrator: Website: FCRNA.org. Louie noted that you can also register for the convention online. He is looking for help in maintaining the website. There has been an e-commerce site set up. He has the ability to set up a program to keep track of head counts for events etc. now

H and I Chair: Christian expressed concern that they are very poorly attended at regional level and encouraged the Area chairs to make an extra effort to attend. He also asked for the names and phone numbers to contact the area H and I folks. NEFA's H and I chair has not attended the regional H and I meeting in over a year however our new chair has all intent to show up and represent us on the regional platform. There was also discussion that the jails are making it increasingly difficult to get badges to take meeting into the facilities. IE: The rules seem to keep changing. It was recommended that the H and I Committee members contact the Department of Corrections / Volunteer Coordinator directly from each facility they serve and request the actual written criteria.

<u>Literature:</u> Andrew noted that the summer schedules came out so late that they are now consolidation them into the winter schedules.

PI: Needs Support and also needs a Subcommittee Chair. Interested parties, show up at Regional Meeting

Old Business: Re-dress Motion #3 made by Ryan from East of The Bay in June. The motion is: "Whenever fellowship input is required on literature and other items, the regional chair shall form a focused workgroup to facilitate, review and input, unless otherwise directed by the regional body. At the formation of the workgroup the Regional Chair shall appoint a Workgroup leader responsible for coordination review efforts and reporting to the Region." There was discussion about striking the phrase "and other items" (too broad) and being more specific by replacing it with "and other NAWS discussion items". This issue was tabled for further consideration by the Area's.

What is NEFA's postion on this? Do you want to vote or allow RCM;s the Area
vote of confidence?

New Business: Motion: to revise the amount of reimbursement to The Baltimore area for hosting a prior regional off Month from \$ 400. To: \$ 250, Passed. I voted "For".

It was suggested that NEFA and ALL AREA members make an extra effort to take as many advance registrations as possible for the Regional Convention on Area and Group level's as well as at the Events. See Mitch for forms, instructions, policies and procedures for selling registrations.

Attachments:

Regional Delegate's condensed version of The Proposed Revised Service Structure
Flyers:

Bay Area: Halloween Dance 10/30 and Thanksgiving Dance 11/20 and Dinner 11/21 and Area Donations Form / East of The Bay; Thanksgiving Dinner 11/13 / Westside: Dance 12/11 / D.A. N.A; "90's" Dance of the Decades12/18 / Bay Area: Hosting the December RCM Meeting on 12/11

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BAY AREA NARCOTICS ANONOMOUS

Thanksgiving Dance

November 20th 2010 (9pm-1am)

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Thanksgiving Dinner

November 21st 2010 (11am-5pm)

Come join the fun, food, and fellowship!

COLUMBIAN CENTER 335 RITCHIE HWY SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146

Dave: 443-844-0421

Barb: 443-306-0442

Terri: 443-939-7202

Jose: 443-623-8432









Westside Area Special Events





Presents A





Dance!



Saturday, December 11, 2010

9:00 pm - 1:00 am



at



Violetville Fire Department





Dancing – D.J. Food & Soda On Sale



\$8.00 at the door



(KIDS FREE)

For further information contact: George A. 443-306-6850



Jackie 443-630-1629

Debbie 443-449-8197



Bay Area Special Events



Regional Service Committee Meeting

All are welcome to attend!

December 11th 2010

10:00 Am. till 5:00 Pm.

Light breakfast and lunch will be served

Ferndale United Methodist Church 117 Ferndale Rd. Glen Burnie, Md. 21061

For information call:

Dave: 443-844-0421 Barb: 443-306-0442 Terri L: 443-939-7202 Jose: 443-623-8432







D.A.N.A. Special Events Presents their



DANCE OF THE DECADES!!

Do you miss leg warmers and faded denim?

Are you DYING to pull your bell bottoms out of storage??

Do you wish that you could wear those MC Hammer pants just one more time???

Then find your most favorite outlit from your most favorite decade and show it off!!!

Saturday, December 18, 2010:

8pm - midnight

Donation: \$7.00

Speaker from 7-8 pm (free) 50/50 drawing

Refreshments will be on sale!!

Christ Episcopal Church 200 N. Church St. * Milford, DE 19963



For Info:

Josh H. (302) 382-8844 Kristen H. (302)382-4311 Tom H. (302) 233-4225 Druce R. (302) 440-1097





Bay Area Special Events Presents...





Adult and childrens prizes will be awarded!

Fun, food, and fellowship!

October 30th, 2010

Tickets: \$10.00

9PM TILL 1AM

Where: Columbian Center

335 Ritchie Hwy. Severna Park Md. 21146
"Children are welcome, please use your discretion"



Come join the fun and Fellowship! For information call:

Judy D: 410-456-7993

Terri L: 443-939-7202

Rich: 443-463-3980

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