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MCASC RCM REPORT

Hey guys. We got a long report because it's been a busy month ending with a busy weekend. From now on I will be posting the RCM reports on our areas website in case you miss some of the information but it is all important so take as much info as possible to your groups. First our area hosted region on January 15th at the KOC in Edison. Next we attended the NEZF on January 29th in Mt. Laurel. This past weekend we attended the Mid Atlantic Regional Learning Conference of NA (MARLCNA) in Lancaster. Now we are here and to top it off my home group's 19th anniversary is tonight at 7:30 429 Main St. in Spotswood, the Can't Buy it in a Bag group. I hear there will be a powerhouse speaker. So I will have to leave early to set up. But no worries because I'll just see all of you there anyway right?

First Region stuff. 11 out of 12 areas were in attendance including the new Unity is a Must Area which broke off of South Jersey and contains 9 groups. There was a motion to purchase \$500 worth of literature and a half a box of meeting lists for this new area which passed. Like I said we hosted so I have a reimbursement to the area in the amount of \$275. Next region will be held March 19th at the Trinitas Regional Medical Center-New Point Campus in Grassman Hall 655 East Jersey St in Elizabeth at 1pm hosted by the Northeast Area.

Open Commitments

- Assistant Policy Chair- CT 2 years, term 1 year
- Assistant Secretary-CT 1 year, term 1 year
- History & Archives-CT 3 years, term 1 year
- Website Chair-CT 3 years, term 1 year
- Sanity Newsletter Chair-CT 3 years, term 1 year
- Meeting Directory Chair-CT 3 years, term 1 year***

Let's talk about meeting lists. The new ones go to print on February 20th. All changes must be submitted by this date to be in the new printing and to be covered under the insurance policy. It is in area policy to purchase 2,000 lists at each new printing which is roughly 4.5 boxes which is \$387 on top of the \$602 we already owe is a total of \$989. We need to pay something or I need some guidance via a motion on what to do here.

Regional H&I will meet on February 26th at Lady of Lourdes in Burlington

Regional PI from now on will always meet the Sunday after region at 2pm at 5961 Harley Ave in Mays Landing until a new facility can be determined. Their main focus now is to come up with a new poster from a selection determined by the poster survey handed out to the area PI subcommittees. There was a motion two regions ago to have any poster with the NJ Helpline number on it to first be approved by the Helpline Committee which was tabled twice so far to the PI and Helpline committees. Their next project will be contacting drug courts. They will also be attending the National Association for Social Workers' annual convention in April.

NJRCNA 26 will be held July 1st-3rd. The theme is "It's not the destination, it's the journey." The committee is still in need of an assistant treasurer. The convention corporation is now looking to establish a line of credit to help cut down costs in the future.

I donated two \$50 checks to the Helpline.

Now Northeast Zonal Forum stuff. There are 14 regions in our zone, 13 were in attendance. The day consisted of a Service System Project Workshop which was basically the same thing we went to in Baltimore with a few revisions. Rather than go over everything we discussed Lane and I will be holding workshops TBA and are also going to make it a point to attend as many homegroups as possible over the next couple of months to educate and inform our members. Seeing as how our schedules are already stressed, if there are any gsr's or groups that want it to be a priority of ours to come out please let me know personally. The revised proposals will be released at the beginning of March for review and input by beginning of May will be the deadline. Interesting fact, there is an incorporated area in the Eastern NY Region that because of its incorporation and bylaws they are not allowed to contribute financially to their region. As a result they are holding on to \$48,000 and they have been for some time. That is more than all the regions of the world contributed to NAWS last year. Pretty crazy. Next NEZF will be held somewhere in Northern NY in June.

MARLCNA stuff. A lot of information was presented. Mark, Muk, and Steve from NAWS showed up to do presentations. Much of Saturday was dedicated to the Service System Project. A lot of it was the same information that we already had workshops for. There were some updates which Lane made copies of for the GSRs to bring back to the groups. The workgroup will be meeting again sometime in June so the input for these updates will have to be in probably the beginning of May. We will be holding another workshop or two probably sometime in April but all of the info is available on www.na.org/servicesystem. In the 2012 CAR there will be a set of foundational principles concerning the project for homegroups to discuss just to see if the World Board is on the right track. In the 2014 CAR will be a plan for implementation. Again there is a lot of information concerning this project that we will cover more in depth at the workshops and homegroups we visit. Something to note...a lot of what the project is proposing we already do in some way. Just needs to be tweaked a little and renamed.

Saturday morning we talked about the Consensus Based Decision Making Process. This is what is replacing Roberts Rules of Order at the WSC and the WB is suggesting we also use this practice at the local levels including group level. Rather than using motions and 3 pros and 3 cons which results in a win-lose scenario, this process allows all voices to be heard and agreement thru compromise. Also there are many different ways to approach this process. Its not black and white. The way it works is that the maker formulates and presents a clear, specific proposal. First the maker speaks and then discussion from everybody. The chair can set a time limit for discussion. Then question, variations, and concerns are shared. Once all voices

are heard a “straw poll” is taken to show the amount of support for the idea and/or any variations. If there is an overwhelming support for the proposal (overwhelming does not mean just majority) then a formal decision making session will take place.

Also Saturday morning we talked a lot about planning because the updates to the service system deal with a lot of this. This is much like the Area Planning Tool we used a couple years ago when we decided to write the GSR Welcome Handbook except it would take place at all levels of service including the homegroup. It would include identifying and prioritizing issues, brainstorming and prioritizing solutions, and taking action- the who, what, and when.

Miscellaneous Info

- There are 15 members on the WB- 18 maximum for 6 year terms
- There are 5 WSO locations-USA,Canada,Belgium,Iran,India
- Iran has almost 4000 groups having 18000 meetings with 183,000 members
- 58000 worldwide meetings in 131 countries-more meetings outside US than in US but if Iran is taken out there is less
- Finances-
 - Economic downturn
 - Lit Sales down
 - Regional and area donations down but group and member donations up
 - Operating at a 58 day prudent reserve
 - Expenses and Demand for Services continue to rise
 - Most donations from conventions
 - Reduced WSO expenses, attendance at Fellowship and Professional events, number of translation projects, free lit from \$700k to \$400K, WSC support, events expenses
 - Contributions provide only 10% of income, 90% from lit sales
 - Changed distribution of NA Way
- NA Way-Group and Service Body Auto Subscriptions stopped
 - Every member must resubscribe or electronically subscribe
 - Existing e subscriptions will continue
 - What does our area do?
- World Convention 34 San Diego September 1st-4th
 - In the Spirit of Unity is theme
 - Must be registered to enter any event
 - Pre registration is strongly encouraged
 - Capacity is set at 16,000 unless pre regs go up
 - Newcomer regs will be available for members with 30 days or less
 - Meetings in neighboring hotels so people can get to meetings without regs
 - WCNA 35 in Philly in 2013

- Living Clean Project
 - Review and Input done
 - Approval form available in April
 - In CAR 2012
- New literature-I have copies
 - Spanish 6th edition with all the stories regular and commemorative editions
 - Large Print 6th edition
 - New gift edition and numbered edition "It Works"
 - JFT gift edition
 - In Times of Illness revised
 - IP 24 Money Matters
 - IP 28 Funding NA Services
 - WB Approved PR Basics
 - WB Approved H&I Basics
 - New lit survey available online until April 1st www.na.org/litsurvey
 - 2009 Membership Survey
 - Updated info about NA for PR Presentations Pamphlet
 - Coming Soon is a Planning Basics Guide
- New stuff
 - Tri plated medallions
 - Medallion holders for keychain or necklace
 - Medallion Journals
 - Color Posters (Steps, Traditions, Concepts, NA Vision)
 - Heat sensitive mug depicting pic of Basic Text
- 2010
 - 345 group starter kits given out
 - 4200 H&I requests
 - 8500 phone questions
 - 6000 emails or letters
 - 4300 group registrations or updates
 - 680 pieces of translated literature
 - Thousands of pieces of literature all over world
- Issue Discussion Topics
 - Self Support
 - Vision for NA Service
 - In Times of Illness
 - Group Focused Topic
- Theme is "Our Vision, Our Freedom" with strong groups being key element

- US Service Conference

Being held in Wichita, Kansas first weekend in March

Members of the Fellowship have decided to try to form a Conference much like

The WSC for only the US

WB will not be attending because it is not being sponsored by a specific service

Body (renegade)

Lane will be attending on his own

We spent \$ out of the \$440 given. I will reimburse \$

In Service,

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