

Northwestern Michigan Area Service of Narcotics Anonymous

November 16, 2025

Readings

Service Prayer

Twelve Traditions

Twelve Concepts

Administrative Roll Call

Facilitator (Dean A.)- Present

Co-Facilitator-Vacant

Treasurer (Kieffer B.)- Present

Co-Treasurer (Mike M.)- Vacant

Secretary (Karah B.)- Present

Co-Secretary (Holly S.)-

RCM (Rob C.)- Present

RCMA (Amanda K.)- Present

Webserver (Megan S.)- Present

Subcommittee Roll Call

Activities (Josh O.)- Present

Public Relations (Megan S)

Retreat (Jenn V.)- Present

Group Roll Call

Living in Harmony (Kalkaska)	A	P	P									
Lost Dreams Awaken (Brethren)	P	P	P									
Never Alone	P	P	P									
New Attitudes (Manistee)	P	P	P									
New Freedom (Cadillac)	P	P	P									
NU Way in Recovery	P	P	P									
Recovery @ 5/0	P	P	P									
Recovery First	P	P	P									
Rise and Recover	P	P	P									
Rock'n Recovery (Kingsley)	P	P	P									
Search for Serenity (Ludington)	A	A	A									
Women in Recovery +	P	P	P									
The Lie is Dead (Baldwin)	A	A	A									

Elections

Co-Facilitator- Danielle S. was nominated and elected.

Vote to approve last month's minutes: Minutes approved

Administrative Reports

Secretary:

Hey family! Just a couple of things,

First I would like to apologize for getting the minutes out so late. This month they will be sent out in a timely manner. Next, I was unable to find the updated attendance sheet for October, so it was not added to last month's minutes, but I have a fresh one going around that will be added to November's minutes. Last, I know there are a few things that I may have missed on new/old business from not being there last month. I can always go back and add things so please let me know. Thank you for being patient with me and thank you for allowing me to serve!

ILS,

Karah B.

Treasurer:

See attached report.

RCM:

Nothing to report for this month. Thanks for allowing me to serve!

Rob C.

Webservant:

Hi all,

Our website has had some updates throughout the month of October and November including posting minutes, new event flyers from Subcommittees/home groups and keeping our event calendar at the bottom up to date. We get a lot of flyers and events being sent our way throughout the month so if you notice something is missing, please let us know! We try our best to get things added/posted to the website within 48 hours of receiving them but sometimes life happens so a reminder never hurts!

We have some new Area Announcements added to the top of the page including the new release of our Area's locally approved literature "Being of Service IP". We've even included a link provided so people can read it electronically. If you forgot last month- GSR's please don't forget to take some hard copies to have at your home group!

We have also made some changes in the Virtual Meeting Resources section reflecting that we no longer require a password to enter any of our hybrid meetings and hybrid subcommittees. To deter Zoom-bombers we have still kept the waiting room requirement for admittance in case someone is being disruptive and needs to be removed. That way they cannot keep returning after being kicked out. This removal of the password on all hybrid options has also been mentioned in the Area Announcements section as well to bring attention to that change.

We have finally gotten the bugs worked out of our Upcoming Event Calendar so we are now able to add new events to the calendar portion at the bottom of the page. So all events on the Calendar should now be added and showing accurately.

We have been notified that NAWS will be updating and raising the prices of some NA Literature so there will be a new NAWS Literature Order Form coming out. To ensure there isn't any confusion we will not be adding the new form to the website under ASC Forms until January 1, 2026 since that is when the new prices go into effect. This way there's no confusion when ordering Literature with the wrong forms.

Also please take a minute to check out the "Service Opportunities" section of our homepage. If you have any open positions in the service structure at a subcommittee, Area, home group, etc. that you would like added to that section please let me know. If the current information under that section has changed, please let us know so we can update it to reflect the accurate needs of the service you're a part of.

That's all we've got for this month, remember it's OK to be clean!

Megan S. and Emalyn R.

NWMASCNA Web Servant And Co-Web Servant

Subcommittee Reports

Activities:

Chair: Josh O.

Attendance: 2

Open Positions: All

Budget Request:

Report:

Ad-hoc:

Committee on hold

Literature:

Chair: Adam N.

Attendance: 1

Open Positions: Co-Chair

Budget Request: \$31.61 literature donation to Brethren, Wellston, and Just for Today Irons.

Report: Please arrive earlier if you have a large order in cost or number of items.

Public Relations:

Hi Fellows,

As always there are big beautiful things happening in Public Relations this month!

We have hammered out the details for our upcoming PR Workshop event being held this coming Saturday November 22, 2025 in Irons Michigan! The event is scheduled from 2pm-5pm at the Irons Union Church. We will be starting the event with the potluck style meal followed by PR info/brainstorming tables and ending with two lead speakers. PR will be providing the main entrée but all attendees are encouraged to bring a dish or snack to pass. I have brought flyers for all GSR's to take back to their groups but please announce this event at all meetings as its coming up quickly! Let's show Irons that PR and the fellowship supports every corner of our vast NWM Area! This is a free event!

We have been working hard on re-connecting and re-building relationships with many of the jail professionals in our area recently. I am excited to announce that we have recently started taking an NA meeting into the Mason County Jail! We have also been hearing from many important sources in the community that the Grand Traverse County Jail is FINALLY interested in allowing NA and other fellowships to restart recovery meetings in their facility. To be honest have been sneaking NA Basic Texts into the facility in a roundabout way but we all know that's not the same as attending an in-person meeting, especially for those who are incarcerated. As some of you may know we had been taking meetings into that facility for many years prior to Covid. Since the pandemic we have been trying to get back in with no avail. It sounds like hopefully that is about to change! Which means we will need trusted servants willing to get clearance through the jail by attending a short facility training to meet the facilities requirements and by meeting the requirements for this trusted servant position set by the PR guidelines. PR requires volunteers for this position to have at least 1 year clean to chair, at least 90 days to co-chair, are able to communicate a clear NA message, adhere to the "Do's and Don'ts" of PR Service and

willing to review the information and guidance included in the H&I Basics booklet. If interested please let me know or contact our Corrections Facilities Coordinator Yon K. directly.

We have also finally been given the go-ahead to install the NA little library at Jubilee House! The facility already has a 4x4 post affixed into the ground so we can just install the library on top at our convenience! I have submitted an order for Literature today paid for with previously allotted funds from Area so as soon as we get all of it received from the next Literature order from NAWS we will be ready to go!

We have run out of October-December 2025 meeting schedules quickly this quarter so 100 more have been ordered to print to get us through the end of December. When they're done Sally is going to pick them up and refill the schedule box on the gray shelf here at the Well.

As I've mentioned in the past, we have a PR liaison group lovingly referred to as "PR South" working in tandem with the PR Subcommittee to ensure that PR efforts are being met towards the Manistee corner of our Area. They are holding a monthly "PR South" business meeting every last Wednesday of the month at 8pm which immediately follows the New Attitudes Meeting at the First Congressional Church in Manistee. This PR South meeting will soon be going hybrid using the Area Zoom account. When hybrid is implemented and active this information will be added to the Area website so that anyone interested in attending can do it without the travel!

I do not have money to turn in this month to the Area from our November 2025 PR Open Talk Meeting. Our 7th Tradition collected was \$9.00. This money went to paying our rent for the space to Recovery First. We had a total of 29 people attend the meeting. This is one of only a very few meetings in our Area that hosts a speaker monthly so come hear some ESH every first Sunday of the month at 7pm at Jacobs Well!

I do have a few budget requests this month for the following things:

- A budget request for the "donation" rent payment in the amount of \$50.00 for the use of the space at the Irons Union Church for the PR Workshop. (If approved check made out to "Irons Union Church")
- A budget request for the amount of \$100.00 for the potluck for the purchase of main entrée items, water and paper products. (If approved check made out to Sally S.)
- A reimbursement check in the amount of \$20.99 (receipt from the Copy Shop) for the copying of Correctional Facilities literature from the Public Relations Handbook. (If approved check to be made out to Jonathon K.)

That's all I have this month; we are looking forward to finding more ways to reach the still sick and suffering addicts who need us the most. WE DO RECOVER!

Thanks for letting me serve!

Megan S.

PR Chairperson

Retreat:

Chair: Jenn V.
Attendance: 7

Open Positions: We are working on the minute to win it game night. We have to postpone the date of Dec 13th as there is already another NA event being put on by Anonymous for that date. We will be putting on our event in January. Retreat has our meeting next Sunday and we will be getting a new date at that time. Look for new flyers soon. Name the retreat boxes are out. We also gave a couple boxes to Bob to take to the meeting out his way. We will be naming the retreat at the 24 hour holiday meeting.

Group Reports

Anonymous:

GSR: Chris W.

Attendance: 35

Donation: \$0

Any open positions: Co-Treasurer

How is the group doing: Going strong! We have a cornhole event coming up on December 13th!

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Boardman:

GSR: Mike M.

Attendance: 35

Donation: \$110

Any open positions: Co-secretary

How is the group doing: Group is going great!

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Just for Today:

GSR: Bob W.

Attendance: 2

Donation:

Any open positions: All

How is the group doing:

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Lean on Me:

GSR: John P.

Attendance: 11

Donation: \$100

Any open positions: No

How is the group doing: Great.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Living In Harmony:

GSR: Danielle S.

Attendance: 4-5

Donation:

Any open positions: No

How is the group doing: It's going slow, not many new joiners. Lately, spirits are high though and having good shares from home group members.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Lost Dreams Awaken:

GSR: Bob W.

Attendance: 1-3

Donation:

Any open positions: All

How is the group doing:

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Never Alone Group:

GSR: Adam N.

Attendance: 5-6

Donation:

Any open positions:

How is the group doing: Could use more support. We are cutting it very close on rent and while having people there is the most important thing, we do need to be bringing in enough to keep the doors open.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

New Attitudes:

GSR: Jim C.

Attendance: 6

Donation: \$20

Any open positions: Yes.

How is the group doing: The going is doing well. We have had a decline in attendance but are alive and well. We have an average attendance of 6 on Weds and 4 on Sun. Our donation this month is \$20. Our group continues to host the PR south meeting on the 4th Weds after our meeting.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

New Freedom:

GSR: John P.

Attendance: 10-15

Donation: \$25
Any open positions: None
How is the group doing: Great.
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

NU Way in Recovery:

GSR: Bob W.
Attendance: 3-4
Donation:
Any open positions: All
How is the group doing:
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group: We are on board with the PR workshop for Nov and look forward to doing what we can to help.
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group: We could use support and are grateful for all the help. We just hit one year on 9/30/25.

Recovery @ 5/0:

GSR: Kieffer B.
Attendance: 25
Donation: \$0
Any open positions: Co-GSR & Co-Treasurer.
How is the group doing: Group going well. Did our X annual speaker jam last weekend without a hitch.
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Recovery First:

GSRA: Dave M. & Ty B.
Attendance: 80+
Donation: \$0
Any open positions: No.
How is the group doing: We are doing very well. We are getting ready for our Christmas marathon meeting and need people to sign up for chair spots!
Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:
Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Rise and Recover:

GSR: Tim C.
Attendance: 8.7
Donation: \$28
Any open positions: Group is doing well. We had our 2nd annual pancake breakfast yesterday and the turnout was good. Thanks to those that attended!

How is the group doing: Attendance is down but we are doing well. Wednesday's meeting is a Guiding Principles book study meeting.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group: Our group is having another memorial pancake breakfast in memory of Pete M. and all the loved ones we've lost November 15th from 8-11am.

Rock'n Recovery:

GSR: Jenn V.

Attendance: 15

Donation: \$0

Any open positions: No

How is the group doing: The group is going strong. We have a great homegroup and good attendance of great recovering addicts. We have also made the decision to stop potlucks on the 5th Weds at this time.

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Women in Recovery +:

GSR: Tiffany

Attendance: 10.5

Donation: \$15

Any open positions: None

How is the group doing: Fantastic!

Decision on subject(s) presented to the group:

Subject(s) brought to the Area from the Group:

Budget Requests

Regional Donation: \$200

Activities Friendsgiving: \$100

Retreat Events: \$200

Book Rack: \$49.40

Copy Shop (Yon): \$20.99

Potluck: \$100

Budget requests approved.

Old Business

1. Adhoc committee
 - a. Discussion: The adhoc committee was created last year to revise our area's guidelines. We discussed the importance of keeping accurate records and updating them as necessary. We are looking to resume this committee and are trying to gauge willingness. It would be ideal for members from outlying groups to join the committee in order to ensure that every voice is being heard, group is being represented, and needs are being met.

- b. Decision: We will bring this information back to our homegroups and discuss at the next area meeting.

New Business

- 1. Literature IP rack
 - a. Discussion: There has been some miscommunication with the extra IP racks being kept at Jacob's well. Tim C. brought one and traded with PR. The extra rack was donated to a different homegroup. The literature subcommittee has placed the order for the rack and is wondering who will be responsible for the funds.
 - b. Decision: Area will pay for the IP rack and it is in the budget requests.
- 2. CAT/CAR workshop
 - a. Discussion: The conference agenda report is out along with multiple surveys. The RD and AD are willing to do CAR workshops. With the AD being in our Area, it is suggested that we should use this opportunity for a workshop so that our Area can contribute and give feedback.
 - b. Decision: Our RCM and RCMA will work together with our Regions Alternate Delegate to plan a workshop in January or February.
- 3. MRCNA using the Areas PO box
 - a. Discussion: Kieffer B. has the willingness to check the PO box before the MRCNA meeting each month.
 - b. Decision: No opposition
- 4. MRCNA using Jacobs Well
 - a. Discussion: MRCNA is asking if our Area would like them to pay rent, or if using the space could be our Areas donation to MRCNA.
 - b. Decision: MRCNA writes a \$20 check each month to our Area and Area will add an additional \$20 donation to the rent they currently pay to the church.
- 5. New budget request forms

GSR's bring back to your homegroups

- 1. We are looking for members with willingness to join the adhoc committee in revising our Areas guidelines.
- 2. Please check the website for flyers on upcoming events
- 3. Next ASC meeting is Sunday, December 21st at 4pm
- 4. Please discuss holiday meetings with your homgroups and if for any reason your meeting will be closed on a holiday, please let the Areas webservant know.