

**Northwest Michigan Area
Public Relations Subcommittee Minutes
January 5th, 2020**

Members Present Casey J, Haven J, Gwinn, Haven J, Mark H, Tiffany C, Katie G, Justin G, Michelle C

Opening:

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and serenity prayer at 7:10 pm

Readings: Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous: Michelle C

Twelve Concepts of Service: Justin G

Open Positions: Secretary, Fellowship Development Coordinator

Reports

Chair – Dylan W.– Nothing to report this month.

Co-Chair – Krystal C.- Nothing to report this month

Secretary- Open

Co-Secretary-Michelle C.- Thanks for allowing me to be of service. Please bare with me as this will be the first time I do minutes. But I am happy to serve. Thanks

Correctional Facility Coordinator – Yon K. – WCJ: Everything is going well. Having more male volunteers to be cleared and helping at this facility would be great.

GTC: As far as I know all is well. We FINALLY were able to deliver them some literature.

KCJ: The volunteers at this facility are doing their best. There has been good female attendance but non-existent male inmate attendance. Waiting on notification of clearance for new female volunteers.

The Oaks: Due to the lack of willing, dependable and cleared volunteers, other than Tim C, our ability to provide consistent volunteers at this facility has been very poor lately. Waiting on notification for a new volunteer at this facility as well.

Treatment Facility Coordinator – Casey J- Hey family, I'm an addict named Casey. There were a couple of issues in October/November that I was able to address and solve. One of the CC's at Phoenix Hall allowed the women from the T-House next door to attend the public relations weekly NA meeting. I reached out to the residential coordinator and explained that we clear people through our public relations subcommittee and bring meetings to people who cannot get out to them. When we begin to include the public it blurs the NA message being carried and that comes with a certain set of expectations like adding the meeting to the schedule and allowing the public to attend, including men. Anyways- problem solved, it hasn't happened since and the coordinator wasn't aware of this. The other

issue was with Dakoske, about a year ago they changed the meeting from Thursdays to Sundays because of a change in schedule at the house with their outside meeting attendance. We ask that our volunteers show up at 7:50 for the meeting at 8:00 and for several months they weren't starting until :845 because of clients coming back from Munson meeting. In the same conversation with the residential coordinator I just let her know that it was a lot to ask of our volunteers and that we are just asking for a reliable start time. The other issues are theirs to figure out. I just need a definite time for the volunteer to plan their lives around. Since this conversation both things have not happened again.

Both schedules are going great. Three going into Dakoske each time. I had a volunteer bring up a good point that the Q&A format can be invaluable and was going to be here to talk about that today. Phoenix is good, two go in each time. Detox is going well, at least two go in every time.

If you would like to volunteer to do H&I in our treatment centers of detox please contact me directly, let's talk. NA always needs you.

Thank you so much for letting me serve and showing me how to live.

Web Servant – Mark H. – Waiting for Nov Area Minutes to put on our website in the sidebar under **AREA RESOURCES**/Area Minutes Have posted this years MRCNA Theme and MRCNA Pre-Registration info, along with **Boardman Gp Presents Chili-Cook-Off** and **MULTI-REGIONAL CAR/CAT WORKSHOP** January 24-26, 2020 in Grand Rapids. All Upcoming Events (flyers, etc) that are posted on the front page are on the upcoming events calendar. For anyone that would like to pick up extra info outside of our Area, go to <https://michigan-na.org/michigan-region/> or in our top taskbar under **Michigan Region**. That's where you'll find all the NA Areas. We have 14 Areas in our Michigan Region of NA. and 10 Areas in Metro Detroit Region of NA. It's all listed in the top taskbar of our website.

Schedule Coordinator – Justin G-Nothing to report for this month! If there are any changes that need to be made that don't require area approval please contact me. Thank you for letting me serve.

Phone Line Coordinator – Sally S. – 2 phone calls in December

Community Outreach Coordinator –TC-Tiffany C.-The treatment centers continue to be notified of all NA events.We had discussed updating and getting additional ER pamphlets and to Munson several months ago but then we tabled that discussion. Is that something we were going to proceed with?Thanks for letting me serve.

Manistee-Michelle C.- We met in December. Got our IP's for the jail packets today. Will be meeting on January 12th, 2020 @ 1pm in Ludington.

Fellowship Development Coordinator –Haven J- At this point I need to step down. Thanks for letting me serve.

Old Business

2/22: Revise Being of Service IP @ 5/0 1:30pm

Activating Instagram account

World is coming out with new PSA's : let's wait until that happens

New Business

Open Positions voted on Secretary Michelle C. voted in!

Co-Secretary now open.

Fellowship Development Katie G was voted in!

Congratulations to you both!

4/18: PR, posters, and pancakes @ Church of the Nazarene 5pm to include PR panel and poster drive

6/9: PR presentation to professionals @ the library 6pm

6/13: NA Fun Run and Picnic @ F&M Park 10am to include lunch picnic

PR Folders for Home Groups

Venmo for Area and Home Groups

The meeting closed at 6:40pm with a moment of silence and the gratitude slogan.