

**Northwest Michigan Area  
Public Relations Subcommittee Minutes  
October 6, 2019**

**Members Present:** Katie M., Gwinn, Dylan W., Maddie M., Casey J., Alicia M., Ashley A., Michelle C., Pete M., Haven J., Mark H., Adam N., Tiffany C., Yon K., Krystal C., Katie G., Charlie M., James M., Tim C.

**Opening:**

Recognize New Committee Members: Katie M., Maddie M.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and serenity prayer at 5:32pm

Readings: Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous: Gwinn

Twelve Concepts of Service: Katie M.

**Open Positions:** Co-chair

**Reports**

*Chair* –Dylan W. – Hi, I'm an addict. My name is Dylan.Thanks everyone for coming and for your service. Again thanks for nominating me for this position. And also sorry again I couldn't be here last month. Since the last meeting, I've been working on getting adjusted to this position and figuring out how to do everything. Also, been trying to come up with new ideas for things we could do in the upcoming months to continue spreading the message. These things will be brought up in new business.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Dylan W.

*Co-Chair* – Open

*Correctional Facility Coordinator* – Yon K. –

*Oaks Facility:* All is well between staff, volunteers and inmates. Due to a lack of availability , willingness, eligibility and/or being cleared, we have been having difficulties maintaining consistent scheduling. We are working on getting some new fellows.

*KCJ:* Trouble with consistent volunteer commitment here as well. Kudos to Taylor for helping out Friday by agreeing to come out with me and give the ladies a meeting as well. We need some books (BT&G&G) for their library.

*GTCJ:* All is well at the facility. They have asked our volunteers not to wear shorts. We need more literature, and IP's.

WCJ: Everything seems reasonably well at the Cadillac facility. I haven't been able to attend in few weeks but Lewis tells me they have another female cleared. I'll speak with him about this more when I see him next. It would be great to get more male volunteers for this institution.

*Treatment Facility Coordinator – Casey J. –* Hey family!! I'm so grateful to be entrusted with this service position. It never fails to motivate me to do something productive. The biggest change since the transition from the previous coordinator would be that I started group messages for Detox and Dakoske commitments. That has been good so far. I use it to remind people, find replacements, discuss what literature is needed, and enthusiasm for service. I prefer to remind people and know that NA is showing up when we are expected to show up. Attendance from volunteers has been fantastic in all three areas. I have noticed that the Dakoske volunteers are using the opportunity of having three men scheduled to call off one. So if we do get more willingness I will adjust the schedule. Phoenix has been great, very easy to coordinate. I made contact with the Residential Program Coordinator at ATS (Andrea) and let her know who I am and what I do for our committee, so that contact has been established. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve!

In Loving Service,

Casey J

*Web Servant – Mark H. –* All PR minutes are posted on the website in Area Resources/Public Relations Minutes. All upcoming events (flyers, etc) that are posted on the front page are also on the upcoming events calendar. Under Area resources in the sidebar, homegroups can have some of their group documentation listed. That's one way to share it with other groups, if you want to. All that the groups have to do is click on the Email us your PDF's link under Area Resources and email to [nwareana@gmail.com](mailto:nwareana@gmail.com) (which is done for you) and we'll list our documentation under your group's name at the bottom of the sidebar. Recovery@5/O & Freedom Group are already on there if you want to take a look. <https://michigan-na.org/northwest-michigan-area/> It's ok to be clean!

*Schedule Coordinator – Adam N. –*

Schedule updates this month:

Due to a clerical error on my part; both beach meetings were left on the schedule last month, but have since been removed. New Freedom Group of Cadillac has added 2 meetings at Wayne's Garage on Tuesday's and Friday's at 7pm. Both have been added to the schedule. Also, this is my last month as Meeting Schedule Coordinator, as Justin G. is now close to the clean time requirement, has expressed the willingness to take over, and has my nomination to be PR's next Meeting Schedule Coordinator.

Thank You for allowing me to serve!

Adam N.

*Phone Line Coordinator* – Connor B. – No calls this month.

*Community Outreach Coordinator* – Tiffany C.- Spent this month mainly trying to get an understanding of the position, working with Sally, and transitioning contacts.

Introduced myself to our contact at Munson and sent a flyer regarding this speaker jam.

Thanks!

Hey all!

We met on September 22nd in Ludington. We had 7 total in attendance, 2 from Brethren, 2 from Manistee and 3 from Ludington! It was the first time that Ludington showed up! It was a great opportunity to just converse with them and see what they felt like their needs are in Ludington. They expressed that they thing the biggest thing needed right now is fun activities. They feel like they are losing a lot of NA members lately due to a few reasons and think that fun activities will help. We talked about possibly after our current project is done we could begin planning some sort of event with a workshop or something! On our current project we are just waiting to see if our budget request will be approved. We have the letter that went into ERs. We would keep that the same except erase all of the numbers, we will not be adding any of our numbers, just keeping the hotline on there. We are continuing to struggle to make contact with Manistee County Jail. I ran into this same problem years ago. The best contact I had was walking in with books and having an in person conversation. Hopefully with these packets it will open to the door to more communication!! We will be meeting next in Manistee at Pizza Hut on October 20th at 1pm. In loving Service,

Amanda C.

*Fellowship Development Coordinator* – Haven J – Went to quite a few outside meetings but not in our area. We are starting to get more people to attend the outside of tc meetings though. Get out of tc and meet some people! Yay

### **Old Business**

*Open positions*- Co-chair, Schedule Meeting Coordinator

Krystal C. expressed willingness and was voted in as new Co-chair. Congratulations Krystal!

Justin G. has started training for Schedule Meeting Coordinator but has not taken over due to prior clean time requirement.

## New Business

1. *Being of Service IP* – Casey J. mentioned starting an adhoc committee for distributing and possibly meeting on Saturday November 16, 9am to discuss.
2. *Revising Sub committee Guidelines* – Will discuss at next PR meeting
3. *Instagram Page* – Needs to be looked into and revisited
4. *Getting More PSAs out in the area* – Tiffany will look into
5. *Vivitrol* – What is the stance as far as service is involved? Needs to be looked into and revisited
6. *Planning a new fun event for the newcomer* – Possible game night with speaker discussing service and H&I do's and don'ts
7. 5/O would like a PR table at the speaker jam

The meeting closed at 6:48 pm with a moment of silence and the gratitude slogan.

Next PR meeting held on Sunday November 3, 2019 @5:30pm