

**Northwest Michigan Area  
Public Relations Subcommittee Minutes  
October 4th, 2020**

**Members Present** Michelle C., Casey J., Tim C., Megan S., Jen S., Jay, Katy G., Yon, Mike, Sally S., James K, KTR,

**Opening:** Moment of Silence, Twelve Traditions-Megan S., Twelve Concepts-Mike., 5:03 pm

**First timers:** Sophia

**Open Positions:** Community Outreach

**Reports**

**Chair – Casey J.**– Hey family, I’m an addict named Casey! If you’re new to public relations, welcome, we are so glad you made it! At PR our purpose is to inform the public that Narcotics Anonymous exists, and that we offer recovery from active addiction. We do this by creating, distributing, and managing all communications regarding NA throughout the NW Michigan Area, in accordance with the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous as well as the NA Guide to Public Information. With that being said please follow along on our agenda. Our coordinators will give their reports and there will be time for questions and comments after. Diversity is our strength and we are looking for all perspectives at PR. Often the newer members experience shared sheds a much needed light on the topics we discuss here.

This month has been productive. People are still transitioning into their positions. Hopefully by this time you have had the chance to learn/meet face to face from the applicable person. We can never ask enough questions! It’s typically the most helpful to reach out to previous trusted servants that have served in your position, if you need suggestions please ask one of us. It’s been a pleasure communicating with so many of you this month, please reach out to me any time!

We have a pressing matter to discuss today regarding the phone line. Let’s do our best to stay focused on our primary purpose. Thank you so much for letting me serve!

Casey J

**Co-Chair – Yon**, Nothing to report this month.

Thank you for letting me serve

**Secretary- Michelle C. Minutes** done for September and posted to the website. Thanks for letting me serve.

**Co-Secretary-** Sophia, Nothing to report this month

**Correctional Facility Coordinator – Yon K.** – WCJ: No contact. I haven't heard anything. Nothing to report.

KCJ: Same here. No contact. Nothing to report.

GTCJ: I did have brief email interaction with the officer McPeake. I also dropped off some literature and requested they get it to the Chaplain.

Oaks: I had a phone conversation with CDC Holso and discussed some online options.

All in all the things in our area are still at a stand still when it comes to corrections meetings. I have made some attempts to communicate with KCJ and Wexford (via emails) with no response. That being said I haven't put in a lot of effort in the past month or two, so I'd like to go on the record as saying I will try and rectify that.

Thanks for the opportunity of service

JMK

***Treatment Facility Coordinator – Casey J-*** Hey family, I'm an addict named Casey!

Things are going great at detox, 2-3 willing, cleared addicts are showing up and delivering experience, strength, and hope each Wednesday at the Pier! What I personally find to be the most rewarding when taking a meeting into detox is the unique opportunity to answer questions that we normally don't get the chance to address in a regular meeting format. We have the opportunity to talk to addicts in a particularly desperate state about the very thing that has transformed our lives.

Phoenix is going very good, this month volunteers switched or got their slot covered every single week, but NA showed up and it worked out! They are so grateful for these meetings. Our format at the women's treatment center encourages us to talk about sponsorship, the twelve steps and how they have made a difference in our recovery and our life.

Dakoske has been decent. The issue is that we are scheduled on a night where there are 3-4 groups for clients to attend. The communication goes like this: I was made aware that the attendance was very low and that the recovery navigator was not aware that Narcotics Anonymous was coming in on Mondays. I was able to contact Karin within the minutes following that and she apologized and said she would make sure that didn't happen again. She also texted me the next morning and said they would sort out their schedule and apologized again. It has been three or four times since this occurrence and this is still happening. I asked our volunteers for feedback or thoughts on the idea of checking into another night where there isn't anything else scheduled. One person gave it a thumbs up and another person said "I think it would be great if it increases attendance." The volunteers have been abundant and reliable, the limit at this facility is currently two. I would like to contact Karin about this but am cautious to disrupt

the volunteer schedule and willingness. Looking for feedback here today. If this is a type of service you would like to be a part of please speak with me directly. Although all of the spots are filled at the men's treatment center we can always use you as sub here or at detox. It is a pleasure to serve in this position, thank you for letting me serve!

Casey J

**Meeting Schedule Coordinator-Jen S.-** .Hi. I'm an addict named Jen. My first month as Meeting List Coordinator went smoothly. I met with Mark and learned how to use the system for the schedule. He was a great teacher and I appreciate his time and service. I then met with Casey J. to look at what overall updates needed to be made to the schedule. We added meeting codes for Zoom to show up on the paper schedule and cleaned it up for consistency. I've made any substantive changes to times, locations, etc., based on information provided to me by GSRs. We are currently on track for printing new paper schedules in November. Thanks for letting me serve.

**Web Servant – Mark H. –** • For those who did not know, Megan S is our Co-Webservant. Thank you Megan

- All PR Minutes are posted on website in Area Resources/ PR Minutes the same with **Area Minutes**
- All Upcoming Events (flyers, etc) that are posted on the front page are also in the Upcoming Events Calendar and Upcoming Event Flyers on sidebar(hopefully) • We have listed PR Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of mth as being at 206 S. Oak St (5/0), Friends of the Light Church continuously now. This is a hybrid meeting **971 615 984 the Northwest Area Zoom Meeting RM Meeting ID is always near the top of our webpage <https://michigan-na.org/northwest-michigan-area/>**
- Megan S. changed the Retreat Subcommittee meeting info to hybrid @5/0 now instead of just vitural
- Contact page (contact on toolbar) of web site. This lists all service positions/trusted servants for NW Area. Click on name. Takes you to [nwareana@gmail.com](mailto:nwareana@gmail.com) (northwest area email). Trusted Servant/position is in subject matter. Write email-send it-Northwest Area gets it and forwards it to the responsible person.

**Phone Line Coordinator – Sally S. –** Our phone line was changed by region to when someone calls in they will be answered by one of 20 addicts around Michigan. It used to be done by each area. So how do

we feel about this? The group has decided that we want the phone line back to the way it used to be where our area answers for our area. This is so the addict can get someone that knows what is going on in our area. Also Katy G. and Michelle C. have asked to be considered for taking the phone line training as to help answer the phone 24 hours a day.

***Community Outreach Coordinator –Open Position***

***Fellowship Development Coordinator – Mike-*** I'm addict named Mike. I had the privilege of attending just for today by the bay last Friday. They have a lead speaker every week and offer the hybrid option. The attendance is continually low and they are asking for support. I plan on attending rapid city next month . Please let me know if you would like to join me for some fellowship and fun. Just a reminder that we have zoom meetings that can also use support, like the Wednesday noon and Wednesday at 7pm. Please visit the website for the links to those meetings. Fellowship development is a position anyone is qualified to contribute to!

**Thanks for letting me serve,**

**Mike M**

**Old Business**

NONE

**New Business**

Should we let Sally do a training without PR choosing the candidates? It was decided to announce the chance of a phone line training and then the candidates come to PR to be voted on.

Closed with a moment of silence at 6:37pm