

# Public Relations

**11/01/20 5 P.M**

Zoom & @ 5th and Oak

Attendees: Casey J, Krystal C, Katy G, Yon K, Keith K, Mark H, Jen S, Megan S, Steve G, Anna B, Sophie B, Sally S, Maria R.

Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Keith K

12 Concepts: Yon K

Consensus that last month minutes that were posted were okay?

Yes

Open Positions: Secretary, Community Outreach Coordinator.

Katy G is willing and qualifies for secretary.

Katy G was voted in as secretary.

Sally S is willing to be the interim community outreach coordinator until the position is filled.

## Reports

### Chair Report

#### 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.

Please continue to submit written reports, organization and time management is what helps us remain focused on our primary purpose. Looking forward to a productive meeting,

In Loving Service,

Casey J

**Co Chair**

**Yon K**

**Nothing to report**

**Secretary**

**Michelle C**

I would like to step down from my position because I am unable to perform my duties at this time. I would like to nominate Katy G. for the position. I think she will also be able to work with Soph better than I can. I loved my position and I love all of you. Thanks for letting me serve this position for a year.

**Correctional Facility Coordinator**

**Yon K**

Hi all. Not much to report this month. Instead of my usual breakdown of mini reports for every facility I'm going to cover all them in one this month.

The only thing I did last month was to call each individual facility (including Missauke) and let them know that we are interested and willing to establish a conduct virtual meetings. I wasn't able to speak to any of the officers who are in charge at the individual facilities other than the Oaks Correctional Facility, but I did leave voice mails. I have not heard back from any of them and the program director at the Oaks Facility, Kristi Holso said that they are stagnant in their decision process and are not willing to do anything different at this moment. It is of importance to note that the inmates at this particular facility DO still hold meetings on their own.

Other than that we did speak at the PR meeting this month about gathering information on different virtual platforms and also about finding out what other PR/H&I committies around the country and internationally have come up with as solutions to our current predicament.

Thanks for letting me serve. Yon

**Fellowship Development Coordinator**

**Mike M**

Dear family, sorry I couldn't make it to the meeting as I am down state with my other family. So, Rapid City went well. They are still in need of support, they were working on getting IPs, myself and 3 other people went. I plan on going to Benzie, as I do not have a date I will come up with one and post it in the group chat. Thanks for letting me serve.

Mike M

**Treatment Facility Coordinator**

**Casey J**

Hey Y'all! I'm an addict named Casey. This position is going great and our relationship with facilities is great. Volunteers are plentiful and others step in when something comes up. NA shows up weekly. The most difficult thing to navigate has been the on and off in person/zoom COVID-19 related transitions. This has happened twice since we last met. I want to thank all of the volunteers for staying positive and flexible. Dakoske now goes in at 7:00pm on Monday's instead of 7:30pm. They also have IT working on their equipment for if and when we need go back to zoom. Phoenix is great. They have good equipment for zoom and do so for other local meetings throughout the week. Detox is fantastic. If you would like to get involved with this type of service please contact me directly.

Thanks for letting me serve,  
Casey J

### **Web Servant**

#### **Mark H**

- For those who did not know, Megan S is our Co-Web servant. Thank you Megan. She can do what needs to be done on our web site. Example: Megan turned a PDF form we all use in Area into an edible PDF. In sidebar under Area Resources, click ASC Forms, go down to Trusted Servant/Subcommittee Report Form and click it, you will see that it is now edible. Fill out with whatever device you're using and send it to your Area or Subcommittee Secretary. Megans also redone some of our zoom flyers for a more pleasing look. Check it out.
- All PR Minutes are posted on website in sidebar under Area Resources/PR Minutes, the same with Area Minutes
- Upcoming Events Calendar and Upcoming Event Flyers on sidebar are up to date (hopefully)
- We have PR Meeting as 1st Sun of mth @ 5pm being at 206 S. Oak St (5/0), Friends of the Light Church continuously now. This is a hybrid meeting. 971 615 984 is the Northwest Area Zoom Meeting RM ID and always near the top of our webpage along with our Area & Subcommittee Schedule.

### **Schedule Coordinator**

#### **Jen S**

Hi. I'm an addict named Jen. We updated the schedule and printed new paper schedules for distribution. Any changes that we were made aware of after the printing date, are reflected on the website. If you do have changes, please let me know, don't just throw it on Facebook, please. Thanks for letting me serve.

### **Phone Line Coordinator**

#### **Sally S**

No phone calls. Training scheduled for 11/5. \*\*\*training pushed back. Meetings were moved to our zoom platform.

### **Discussion after reports were given:**

## **In reference to correctional facilities;**

Yon K said he was considering sending a proposal letter to all facilities, and Sally and Yon could work on this together.

Krystal C says she found out people in facilities are locked down 20 hours a day, which may make getting them to group up for a meeting difficult.

Sally S says that more specific options in the proposal letters may be more viable. Sally says there is a guy who created a way to get into facilities and is willing to present the info to us, it's called *Bringing the Program Online to Jails and Prisons*. The group agrees it's a good idea.

## **In reference to treatment centers:**

They now have meeting schedules, when doing meetings please reference.

## **Old Business**

1. Phone line situation
  - How to tackle how the changes were made and are we okay with it?

The phone line is currently state wide.

1. Live addict
2. Meeting schedule
3. Northern Michigan
  - We can ask to change it back to our local area.
  - We can let region know that we have more willingness to answer the phone line, so less of a chance of it going to voicemail.
  - Our area is autonomous to region, and they can't make decisions for us.
  - Last resort, our Area could possibly end up with our own phone line.

With the increase in zoom meetings we would much rather have the phone line directed to a local addict who may have access to passwords and locations of in person meetings.

Region: December 6th 8 am.

## **New Business**

Letter to professional / poster

- Create a letter to send to professionals in our Area that would include a date for a presentation and mock meeting.
- Also include poster and schedules.

### Pandemic Awareness

- Making sure that we an an Area follow the law and guidelines
- Do the next right thing, wear a mask
- Pandemic packets? Include signs/flyers and masks for home groups
- Also include a half sheet of paper including suggestions on how to handle people who won't wear masks
  
- Also Yon raised the question if this is a PR issue. Groups are autonomous. Area just serves the groups. Should PR be involved?
  
- World is going to be having a meeting on how to address the pandemic.

Casey J could take the issue to Area, to the groups, and mention that in order to fulfill our primary purpose how important it is to represent NA in the best light possible.

Open Share~~~

Moment of Silence  
Serenity prayer.