

# **Public Relations Subcommittee Meeting Minutes** **December 2024**

**DATE:** 12/16/24

**ATTENDANCE:** Megan S., Dean A., Sally S., Tim C., Karah B., Kieffer B., Gil U.

**OPEN POSITIONS:** Phone line Coordinator, Secretary

**12 TRADITIONS:** Tim

**CONCEPTS:** Karah B.

**SERVICE PRAYER:**

Megan S.

## **TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:**

**Chairperson: Megan S.**

Hi PR fellows-

First of all, thank you ALL for your flexibility in rescheduling last Sunday and for the fellows that stepped up to chair the Open Talk. I'm glad we are able to meet this Sunday to get some PR work done as we have a few things in the fire we need all committee members' participation in handling.

This month at Area I submitted the suggested amendment for the Area guidelines to add the Webservant and Co-Webservant as a NWMASCNA position. This has to go back to the groups, and we will hopefully be ready to go with approval at the December ASC meeting. This gives us the opportunity this month to review and tune up the language we want to use for our PR guideline amendments in regard to the website and meeting list. Please add this to new business. I also received 75 key tags to be used for the PR Open Talk meeting. I will keep them in a bag inside our PR tote, so they don't get mixed in with Recovery First groups.

Good news! Phoenix is beginning to come back to a couple in person meetings a week! I also added new schedules to their binder. Thanks to Dean for stocking the binders with basic texts! We do encourage any fellows taking in meetings to

bring one but it's a good resource to have on hand when referencing literature and using them as a part of the format of the meeting. I have a few fellows I'm waiting for a response from for updated phone numbers for our treatment numbers list and then I can get them printed. I let them know I will be printing those ASAP, so they have until Monday morning to get back with me before I remove them and get them printed. Also is it necessary to bring in a meeting format about the steps to phoenix? It seems weird to bring in this format when we are meeting newcomers with less than 30 days clean. Seems like discussing the steps during our ESH is appropriate but to focus mainly on this topic seems like were putting the cart before the horse. Can we quickly discuss this in new business?

This upcoming December 2024 ASC meeting I will be ordering all of our lit for the ER and Law Enforcement packets so we can start putting together and dispersing those. What I have on the list is to order is:

- 100ct. Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous
- 100ct. Intro to NA Meetings
- 100ct. Am I an Addict?
- 100ct. For the Newcomer

I know we also discussed adding phone lists (5yrs or more clean), meeting schedules and a letter to the addict but am I missing anything needed to be ordered from the ASC Literature subcommittee for this? Please add to new business.

That's all I have for this month; it is an honor to work with all of you here at PR to carry our primary purpose to those who need it most.

Thanks for letting me serve!

**Secretary: POSITION OPEN**

**Co-Secretary: Gil U.**

Meeting Minutes were submitted for approval on 12/11/24. The PR Subcommittee requested the December 2024 minutes be amended to include trusted servant reports and to be formatted into a document file that can be posted onto the ASC Website.

## **Correctional Facility: Katy G.- No Report Sent**

### **Treatment Facility Coordinator: Dean A.**

Hello all,

Coordinating the treatment facilities has been relatively uneventful this month. With the change in the weather, I expect an increase in substitutions and will lean heavily on those who live in close proximity to the facilities.

I have two things I will be bringing to the committee this month. First, I am not sure if we in a formal way decided that we are clearing people once a month at PR or if this was just a suggestion. I will act like we have until told differently however and have one new applicant to clear.

Second, I have a question about our traditions/readings about anonymity and being recorded at our facilities.

Thank you for letting me serve!

## **Fellowship Development Coordinator: Michelle A.- No Report Sent**

## **Phone Line Coordinator: POSITION OPEN**

## **Community Outreach Coordinator: Kieffer B.- No Report Sent**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Area approved to pay the remaining balance of \$700 to be paid to BATA for our public NA posters to be remain posted for a full 12 months. **(RESOLVED)**
- Considering purchasing a trackable QR code to be used t tract how often people are scanning our publicly posted NA QR codes **(TABLED)**

- The purchase of 75 key tags to be used at our monthly PR Open Talk meeting were approved and received from the Literature Subcommittee. They will be stored in the PR tote to be used for this monthly PR meeting ONLY. (**RESOLVED**)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Concerns were discussed regarding ANONYMITY / NA Traditions in regard to the facilities surveillance at treatment centers and in jails/prisons. It was determined to revisit our H&I guidelines, DO and DON'Ts of this type of survive and other relevant NA literature. Then going forward we will consider adding something in our formats to communicate that “we are not affiliated with...” and clarify between members attending meetings in those settings and the facilities rules (including surveillance) that they must follow to ensure the safety of their clients and personnel. We will communicate to clients in these settings that our literature refers to NA itself: that we are anonymous and will not surveil meeting attendees or require things like attendance, etc.
- Megan will make a budget request at ASC for the purchase of 100 each of the following IP's: Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous, Intro to NA Meetings, I an Addict? And the Newcomer to be used for our ER Packets.
- Phoenix meetings/ Prison Volunteers: review of our vetting process to be more in line with before covid and do a quarterly interested volunteer clearance process immediately prior to the PR monthly meeting. (tabled)
- Open Phone line coordinator position election held, position has been filled by Sally S.
- Open PR Secretary position election held, position has been filled by Gil U.
- Northwestern Michigan Area of Narcotics Anonymous Public Relations Sub-Committee Guidelines: These were discussed in length. Regarding wording / adjustments of various sections, duties/responsibilities of,

combining/eliminating some positions (Web Servant, Co-Webservant) and other positions and bringing up to date (EDIT) to conform to current needs and work seamlessly with area level functions. Final edits and suggested decisions will be taken to the next ASC meeting by Megan S. for Area input and approval.

**OPEN SHARE**

**——MEETING CLOSED——**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD:**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025  
AT  
JACOBS WELL  
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