

**Northwest Michigan Area  
Public Relations Subcommittee Minutes  
June 2, 2019**

**Members Present:** Ricky M, Rich B., Tim C., Yon K., Alicia M., Tiff C., Sally S., Casey J., Dylan W., Haven J., Megan M., Darrick F., Adam N., Chris E., Ashley A.

**Opening:**

Recognize New Committee Members: Rich B.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and serenity prayer at 5:30pm

Readings: Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous: Tim C

Twelve Concepts of Service: Rich B

**Open Positions:** Web Servant (group all in favor of Mark H.), Co Web Servant

**Reports**

*Chair* – Casey J. – 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. Things are going great. Everyone is doing what is expected of them and more!

*Co-Chair* – Dylan W. – Not much going on this month. I've been really busy and unfortunately haven't gotten the homegroup folders done, but am planning to have them done by next weekend.

*Correctional Facility Coordinator* – Yon K. –

*Oaks Facility:* Tim C. – Meetings are going great, lots of men are returning each week and usually seeing around 13 men per meeting

*Wexford:* Apparently attendance is large and the willingness to help the still suffering addict is strong. Yon has applied for clearance into the facility and awaiting a response.

*GTC:* The women's meeting is going great. The mens meeting is currently limited to 10 inmates per meeting, but we can increase this to 20 if we have another male addict going in.

*KCJ:* The attendance very light. But our trusted servants continue to carry the message.

*Treatment Facility Coordinator* – Dylan W. - Meetings at Dakoske and Detox are going well. Only thing unusual that happened this month was the meeting at Dakoske changed from Thursday to Sunday per their request. Unfortunately this has made it so several people are no longer able to continue going. I

am actively looking for new people to put on the schedule to go in and as back up. So if anyone runs across anyone they see fit please send them my way. Phoenix needs willingness.

*Web Servant* – Mark H. – All current events have been updated and the meeting schedule is up to date. A link for out of town meetings has been added to the website. If a home group would like something on the webpage, please send an email to nwareana@gmail.com.

*Schedule Coordinator* – Adam N. – Nothing to report. Adam suggested that the Web Servant and Schedule Coordinator positions be combined however the group decided to keep them separate. Rich B suggested adding the start AND end time for meetings to the schedule.

*Phone Line Coordinator* – Sally S. – Phone line is going well. 1 call this month.

*Community Outreach Coordinator* – Sally S. – Working hard on PR Learning Day 6/8 and the Public Information Meeting on 6/5. Sent out around 60 emails to professionals and churches about the event. Keep spreading the message, especially to professional organizations! If you are attending the Public Info Meeting, please be mindful of your appearance, professional attire is requested. The meeting will be held at 1pm with a panel discussion at 2pm. We will be ordering Jimmy Johns for Learning Day, and these can be purchased at the event.

*Fellowship Development Coordinator* – Haven J – 8 addicts attended the meeting in Cadillac, great meeting and literature study. They were very happy to have us. Planning on going the Brethren meeting this month, Monday night. Ashley A has been attending the Kalkaska and Rapid City Meetings and Ricky and a group of addicts will be attending the Empire Beach meeting Wednesday at 8pm.

### **Old Business**

1. *PR Folders for home groups* – Dylan W. will be working on these the weekend of 6/8
2. *Being of Service IP* – we'll address in New Business next month

### **New Business**

1. *Presentation to Professionals June 5<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm* – see notes under Community Outreach
2. *Service Learning Day June 8<sup>th</sup> 1-8pm* – see notes under Community Outreach, Region has offered each area \$50 in support of PR week, group approved to use this for Jimmy John's purchase (sandwiches to sell at Learning Day)
3. *Nara-non is asking for their link to be on our area webpage* – we're unable to do this as we cannot endorse any specific group as it goes against our meetings.
4. *IN NEED OF SUPPORT:* Dakoske 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Detox 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Phoenix: all five weeks. Please talk to Dylan W or Sally S if you have willingness. Please announce at meetings!

The meeting closed at 6:45pm with a moment of silence and the gratitude slogan.

