

# September 11, 2016

Annual Board Mtg. of **FL RSO dba, BASCNA, Inc.**

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Moment of Silence & Serenity Prayer

Definition of an Area Service Committee (ASC)

Introduction of New Members to the Area Service

Tradition/Concept of the Month

Roll Call / Group Reports

New to ASC:

Allen G. – Life's in Session – GSR

Christina – Save your Ass – Alt GSR

Hector F. – Spiritual Solutions – GSR

Mary Ann – Spiritual Solutions – Alt SR

Mike M. – Save your Ass on the SS – GSR

**\*\* Never alone removed from roll call but present in both counts**



**18:** areas in the Florida Region **65:** home groups that are members of the Bay Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

HOME GROUP	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
1. 11 <sup>th</sup> Step Beach Meeting	P	P	P	P/P
2. Always Here	P	A	A	A/A
3. The Autonomous Group	A	A	A	A/A
4. Basic Meeting	P	P	P	P/P
5. Bay Area Youth	P	P	P	P/P
6. Be a Part of	A	A	A	A/A
7. Beach Group	A	A	A	A/A
8. Blue Skies	P	P	P	P/A
9. Breaking Free	P	P	P	P/A
10. Clean Harbor	R	P	A	R/A
11. Clean on the Causeway	P	P	P	P/P
12. Come as You Are	P	A	P	P/P
13. Defeating Our Addiction (D.O.A.)	A	A	A	A/A
14. Dopeless Hope Fiends	A	A	A	P/A
15. Do You Really Want to Know	P	P	P	P/P
16. The Dunedin Group	P	P	P	P/P
17. Freedom Group	A	A	A	P/A
18. H.O.W. Group	P	P	P	P/P
19. Happy and Free	P	P	P	P/P
20. Hope for Hope	P	P	P	P/P
21. I'm Clean On Fridays (I.C.O.F.)	R	P	P	P/P
22. Inner Circle	A	A	A	P/P
23. It Works	P	P	P	P/P
24. Just for Today	P	P	P	P/P
25. Keeping It Real	P	A	A	A/A
26. Keys to Recovery	R	P	P	P/P
27. Life's a Beach	P	A	P	P/P
28. Life's in Session	P	P	P	P/P
29. Living Clean	P	P	A	P/A
30. Logical & Educated	A	A	A	A/A
31. Miracle at Noon	A	A	P	A/A
32. Miracles Happen	P	P	P	P/P
33. Morning Serenity	P	P	P	P/P
34. New Attitudes	A	A	A	P/P
35. New Beginnings On Southside	A	P	P	A/A
36. No Pain No Gain	P	P	P	A/A
37. Noon Group	P	P	P	P/P
38. Primary Porpoise	A	A	A	A/A
39. Principles in the Park	P	P	P	P/P
40. Regardless Of...	P	P	P	P/P
41. Relax and Recover	P	P	P	P/P
42. Resurrender	P	P	P	P/P
43. Saturday Night Live	P	P	P	A/A
44. Saturday Night Steppers	R	A	A	A/A
45. Save Your Ass	P	P	P	P/P
46. Save Your Ass on the Southside	P	P	P	P/P
47. Serenity in Addiction	P	P	P	P/P
48. Serenity on the South Side	A	A	P	A/A
49. Serenity on the Southside @ noon	P	A	P	P/A
50. Sisters in Serenity	A	A	A	A/A

51. Spiritual Principles	P	A	A	P/A
52. Spiritual Solutions	P	P	P	P/P
53. Stairway to Recovery	A	A	P	P/P
54. Staying Clean on the Southside	A	A	A	A/A
55. Step Free	A	P	P	A/A
56. Sunshine	P	P	P	P/P
57. Trust the Process	P	R	P	P/P
58. Wakeup Call	P	P	P	A/A
59. Wakeup Clean	P	P	A	P/A
60. We're Clean	A	A	A	A/A
61. We Do Recover	A	P	P	P/P
62. Welcome Home	P	P	P	P/P
63. Women and Recovery	P	A	A	A/A
64. Women on Wednesdays	A	A	A	A/A
65. Young, Free, and Clean	P	P	P	P/P
HOME GROUPS REPRESENTED	46	41	46	45/35
VOTING PARTICIPATION	43	40	45	44/35

ADMIN. & SUBCOMMITTEES	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Chairperson — Ramon R.	P	P	P	P
Vice Chair — Vacant	P	P	P	V
Secretary — Allen C.	A	P	A	P
Alternate Secretary — Joe D.	P	P	P	P
Treasurer — Danette R.	P	P	P	P
Alternate Treasurer — Vacant	P	P	P	V
RCM — Ernest E.	A	P	P	P
RCM-II — Vacant	P	P	P	P
Literature Distributor — Jennifer S.	P	P	P	P
Alt. Literature Distributor — Brittany G.	P	P	P	P
Web Servant — Valerie S.	P	P	P	A
Alt. Web Servant — Vacant	V	A	V	V
Activities Chair — T.J.	P	P	P	P
Activities Vice Chair — Vacant	V	V	V	V
Archivist Chair — Shawn M.	P	A	P	P
Archivist Vice Chair — Vacant	V	V	V	V
Helpline Chair — Don S.	P	A	P	P
Helpline Vice Chair — Tara F.	A	P	P	A
H&I Chair — Leelah D.	P	P	P	P
H&I Vice Chair — Vacant	P	P	P	V
Literature (Newsletter) Vacant	P	A	P	V
Lit. (Newsletter) Vice Chair — Vacant	V	V	V	V
Policy Chair — Elise W.	V	P	P	P
Policy Vice Chair — Chuck S.	P	P	P	P
PR Chair — Anthony N.	P	P	P	P
PR Vice Chair — Tim T	P	P	P	P
BASCNA Inc. Representative Michael V.	P	P	P	P
BASCNA Inc. Representative Barry C.	P	A	A	A
BASCNA Inc. Representative Erin S	-	-	V	A

Quorum (avg. of 3 previous months' attendance, ÷ 2, + 1): 22/22  
 Total Home Groups Represented at Roll Call: 45/35  
 Voting Participation (number of groups able to cast vote): 44/35  
 Simple Majority (51% of this month's voting participation): 23/18  
 Policy Change (75% of this month's voting participation): 33/27

HOME GROUP	GSR	DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETINGS	# GROUP MEMBERS	# PEOPLE ATTENDING	REPORTED DONATION
<b>The 11<sup>th</sup> Step Beach Meeting</b>	Fawn J.	Sun. 11:00am	5	30	\$0.00
Need Home Group members. -Positions Not filled- End of the Summer beach meeting -Indian rocks- October 16, 2016 Flyers passed out.					
<b>Always Here</b>	Adam U	Sun – Sat 12-1	-	-	\$0.00
No Report Submitted					
<b>The Autonomous Group</b>	None	Friday 8 pm			\$0.00
No Report Submitted					
<b>Basic Meeting</b>	Megan D.	Sun @ 7:00 PM	15	35	\$212.85
All is well.					
<b>Bay Area Youth (BAYNA)</b>	Mike R.	Saturday 8-9	-	-	\$0.00
No Report Submitted					
<b>Be a Part Of</b>	Wayne	SAT/SUN 6P – 7P	10	30	\$0.00
No report Submitted					
<b>Beach Group</b>	Richard C	Wed & Sat @ 8:00 PM	-	-	\$0.00
No report Submitted.					
<b>Blue Skies</b>	Philip J.	Thursdays 7:00 pm	6	11	\$0.00
We could use support. Please come visit us. Bring a friend. This is Phillip J. I'm celebrating 3 years next month 10/13/16 Thursday @ 7pm. Please come & help me celebrate. Thanks, Love to you all!!					
<b>Breaking Free</b>	Tim J.	Tue & Wed 7:15 PM	12	25	\$0.00
All is well					
<b>Clean Harbor</b>	Brian M.	MWF 8pm, Sa 10pm, Su 7pm	6	10-12	\$0.00
All meetings need support.					
<b>Clean on the Causeway</b>	Tishian P.	Monday 7-8pm	5		\$0.00
In need of HG Members & Alt GSR. All is well!!					
<b>Come As You Are</b>	Steve G	Thursday 8-9	15	20-30	\$50.00
We need support.					
<b>Defeating Our Addiction (DOA)</b>	Rahul S.	Thurs. 8pm	6	6	\$0.00
No report Submitted					
<b>Dopeless Hope Fiends</b>	JR M.	Tuesday 6:45 – 8:00	6	8-10	\$0.00
More intimate meeting w/ great recovery.					
<b>Do You Really Want to Know</b>	Patrick H.	Monday 6:30 – 7:45 PM	8	15	\$21.00
Group could use support. 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition contribution \$21.00. Thanks from all at Do You Really Want to Know.					
<b>The Dunedin Group</b>	Brandon G.	Tues @ 8pm	11	35	\$20.00
The Dunedin Group is a beginners meeting. It focuses on the first 3 steps and has a speaker share experience, strength and hope on the last Tuesday of the month. All is well.					
<b>Freedom Group</b>	Johnny E.	Wed @ 7:30	12	11	\$50.00
Claxton B. Just celebrated 27 years August 30. (1989 Clean Date)					
<b>H.O.W. Group</b>	Chris D.	FR 8pm – 9 pm	10	32	\$80.32
All is well. Grateful to be returning to ASC. Paul S. is celebrating 6 years this Friday Sept 16, 2016. There will be cake and a eating meeting.					
<b>Happy and Free</b>	Ginger C.	Tues @ 7:30 PM	20	30-50	\$27.00
All is well.					
<b>Hope for Hope</b>	Phill L.	Thurs 6:30 pm	4	11	\$0.00
Hello Area: We are good at Hope for Hope. We are planning on our anniversary party in January in celebration with Trust the Process. More will be Revealed. Thanks					
<b>I'm Clean On Fridays (ICOF)</b>	Brook L.	Friday 7:30 PM	6	10-20	\$0.00
All is well and our very own Sharon C. will be celebrating 15 years this coming Friday! Come help us celebrate. ILS, Sara W.					
<b>Inner Circle</b>	Herbert B.	Thursday @ 6:30 p	3	7	\$0.00
Needs Support. We started Lead speaker meeting every Thursday 6:45 pm					
<b>It Works</b>	Johnny W.	Mon 6:30	10	20	\$52.95
All is well with our home group. We have two home group members celebrating in the month of October. Andrea B. is celebrating 10 years on October 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Her clean date is October 2 <sup>nd</sup> , if anyone wants to call her. Also robin A. is celebrating 3 years clean on October 25 <sup>th</sup> . Our home group also plans on reading Miracles Happen for our next book read. Respectfully, Johnny					
<b>Just for Today (JFT)</b>	Mel B.	M, W, F, Sat 10PM-11: 30PM	1		\$0.00
We are a small, intimate group, studying the principles underlying the steps. Thanks for joining us. ILS Mel B.					
<b>Keeping It Real</b>	Timothy L.	Sunday 7:45pm – 8:45pm	?	?	\$0.00
No Report Submitted					
<b>Keys to Recovery</b>	Lee J.	Sun-Sat 8pm-9pm	20	20	\$0.00

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No report Submitted					
<b>Life's a Beach</b>	Billy B.	Mon. 7:30pm / Sat. 8:00pm	7	7-20	\$50.00
Life's a Beach is meeting at Chase Park nest to Dog Park until construction is done at the Beach. Thank you, Billy B.					
<b>Life's in Session</b>	Alan G.	Wed. 7:45	10	20	\$80.51
All is well with the group. It is a Lit meeting working from the Step Working Guide.					
<b>Living Clean</b>	Michael S.	Monday 7:30 pm	6	15	\$0.00
All is well					
<b>Logical and Educated</b>	David M	Tuesday 8pm	-	-	\$0.00
No report submitted.					
<b>Miracle at Noon</b>	??	Mon, Weds, Thurs, Sun – 12 noon	?	?	\$0.00
No report submitted.					
<b>Miracles Happen</b>	Dawn E.	Friday 10 PM	6	20	\$0.00
All is well at Miracles Happen. The candle light meeting is a great atmosphere of recovery. Please come out support us. What a great way to spend a Friday night.					
<b>Morning Serenity</b>	Connie B.	Sun - Sat 7:45a – 8:45a	25	15	\$98.00
Hello Bay area!! Morning Serenity is doing well!! Attendance varies from as little as 8, to as many as 30, but we always welcome you with some Morning Serenity. Join us at the best morning meeting in the Bay Area! Welcome to all of our new Home Group members. In Loving Service, Connie B.					
<b>Never Alone</b>	Paul S.	Tues 8pm	-	-	\$754.00
We are sorry to say that he meeting has been closed down. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Paul S.					
<b>New Attitudes</b>	Dave G.	Fridays 8 – 9 pm	3	5-12	\$0.00
Attendance is low. However, we have an average of 2 -4 newcomers per month. We have a speaker lead discussion meeting every second Friday & Speaker meeting on the last Friday of the month.					
<b>New Beginnings on Southside</b>	Bethanne H.	Mondays 7-8pm	40	50	\$20.00
Home group is thriving. We meet every Monday night from 7pm – 8pm. Last Monday of every month is our celebration/Speaker meeting. For the month of September our speaker will be Kathleen G. She's picking up 15 years. Also, Margie M. celebrating 29 years. Attention our speaker mtg for the month of October will be held a week early due to Halloween. So on October 24 <sup>th</sup> Leroy S. will be speaking and picking up 28 years. Please come share all our amazing celebrants in October. Bethanne H w/ 5 years, Ben C. w/ 5 years. Jordan G. w/ 9 years and Warren D. w/ 11 years. New Beginnings on the Southside is doing something new to further carry the message. During our celebration/speaker meetings each month we will be giving newcomers Free Basic Text!!					
<b>No Pain No Gain</b>	Anthony W	Mon & Fri 8:00 to 9:00	10-15	20-30	\$0.00
Group doing well.					
<b>Noon Group</b>	Susanne P.	Mon – Sun @ 12 noon	10	15-25	\$50.00
All is well.					
<b>The Point of Freedom</b>	Phillip J.	Mon – Sun @ 8pm	15	15	\$0.00
No report Submitted					
<b>Primary Porpoise</b>	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
No Report Submitted					
<b>Principles in the Park</b>	John R.	Sunday 11am	5	8-10	\$21.00
Principles in the Park is a spiritual principles discussion meeting at Wall Springs Park under the trees. This month we celebrate One year as a meeting 9/25/16 11 am with an eating meeting following the meeting. John r. also celebrates 5 years on 9/17/16. ILS. Cindy L.					
<b>Regardless Of...</b>	Jonathan S.	Tuesdays 7:00p-8:00p	8	7	\$8.05
All is well at Regardless of... we meet at 7pm at 3150 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave N St. Pete, FL 33710. We are a small group so we can always use some support.					
<b>Relax and Recover</b>	Brad S.	Saturday 10:00 am – 11:00 am	18	28	\$0.00
All is well. ILS, Brad S.					
<b>Resurrender</b>	Michael M.	Wednesday @ 8pm	16	70	\$30.49
Come out and show support every Wednesday @ 8pm Northwest Presbyterian Church 6350 54 <sup>th</sup> Ave North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709. We always have delicious desserts!! This month Jay C. celebrates 2 years. Tyrone C. celebrates 31 years.					
<b>Saturday Night Live (SNL)</b>	Michael H.	Saturday @8pm	6	20-30	\$0.00
No report submitted.					
<b>Saturday Night Steppers</b>	Rodney M.	Sat 7pm – 8:30pm	6	6	\$0.00
No report Submitted.					
<b>Save Your Ass</b>	Alice N	Sun – Sat 5:30 – 6:30 pm	25	20	\$66.00
We are having our Car wash today and next month, weather permitting. At this time, I would to throw out a special shout out to Samuel B. he picked up his 1 year on Aug. 12. I forgot to put it in the minutes. Our celebrants are: Manny M 9/11/14 - 2 years; Rolando S. 9/11/08 – 8 years; Calie 9/26/15 – 1 year. All else is going great.					

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<b>Save your Ass on the Southside</b>	Betty M	Tue – Sun – 5:30p	20	25	\$0.00
Mike W. is filling in for GSR Member Betty M, until her surgery and rehabilitation is completed.					
<b>Serenity on the Southside</b>	Richard F.	Tues @ noon	??	??	??
No report submitted					
<b>Serenity on the Southside @ noon</b>	Rodney M.	Saturday @ noon	8	8	\$0.00
No report submitted.					
<b>Serenity in Addiction</b>	Spencer D.	Mon, Wed, & Fri @ 8pm	15	40+	\$0.00
All is well, meeting attendance is strong. The planning for SIA's Speaker Soiree has begun. Date still pending. Chrissy P. will be sharing her experience, strength and hope on Wednesday September 28 <sup>th</sup> . Come out and show support. SIA!!!					
<b>Sisters in Serenity</b>	Karly W.	Wed 7:30 pm	4	8	\$0.00
No report submitted.					
<b>Spiritual Principles</b>	Joe S.	Thursday 6:45 pm & Sunday @ 7:15 pm	4	4-17	\$0.00
We are struggling right now, so we are not able to give the 7 <sup>th</sup> tradition at this moment. More will be revealed. Also, we are adding a 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting to Spiritual Principles @ 440 Roser Park Drive S @ 7:15 pm on Sundays.					
<b>Spiritual Solutions</b>	Becky M.	Mon/Tues 7-8pm	16	15-20	\$0.00
Last Tuesday of the month we have speaker meetings. We have no celebrants this month so more will be revealed a to who the speaker will be. Come help us celebrate and find out who our guest speaker is!!! Thank you for letting me be of service. Becky M.					
<b>Staying Clean on the Southside</b>	??	??	?	?	\$0.00
No report submitted.					
<b>Stairway to Recovery</b>	Steve W.	Wed 7:30 – 8:30 pm	18	20-25	\$0.00
All is well. ILS Les M.					
<b>Step Free</b>	Drew C..	Thursday – 7 – 8pm	8	10-20	\$0.00
No report submitted					
<b>Sunshine Group</b>	Daniel B.	Sunday @ 7pm	4	99	\$46.25
All is well.					
<b>Trust the Process</b>	Miles H.	Tuesday 8pm	20	30	\$22.75
Everything is GOOD!!!					
<b>Wakeup Call</b>	Janet D	9:00 am Saturday	10	10	\$0.00
No report submitted.					
<b>Wake Up Clean</b>	Teresa P.	7days a week 7:45 pm	10	15-20	\$25.00
All is well.					
<b>We're Clean</b>	Briana N.	Wed 7pm/ Sun 7pm	?	?	\$0.00
No report Submitted					
<b>We Do Recover</b>	Adika C	Tuesday @ 8	14	50	\$345.01
Dick will be taking over GSR for We Do Recover					
<b>We Found a Way Out</b>	Lauren F.	Sunday – Saturday 6:30pm	5	7	\$0.00
No report Submitted					
<b>Welcome Home</b>	Drew F.	Thursday 7:45 – 9:00pm	50	150-200	\$324.35
Our Speaker meeting this month is on the 29 <sup>th</sup> . The speaker will be Biff from Orlando who has 36 years clean. He has spoken at World (WCNA) and FRCNA. This is also our celebration meeting when we serve cake. Home group celebrants are: Tom H. 2 yrs. (9/5/14), Bert Y. 33 yrs. (9/15/83), Ken T. 24 yrs. (9/18/92), David A. 9 yrs. (9/20/07) and October celebrants are Kevin B. 29 years (10/6/87), Dave T. 28 yrs. (10/22/88), Clarence W. 1 yr. (10/22/15) Shane A. 9 yrs. (10/22/07) Joanna B. 16 yrs. (10/28/07). ILS, Drew F.					
<b>Women and Recovery</b>	Blanche S.	Saturday 9:30 – 10:30 Sun 10 -11 am	20	13	\$0.00
No report Submitted					
<b>Women on Wednesdays</b>	Sheila C.	Wednesday at Noon	5	7-10	\$0.00
No report Submitted					
<b>Young, Free, and Clean</b>	Katie M.	Friday @ 8pm	8	50	\$0.00
Meeting attendance is down. We have a need for members with clean time, as this meeting attracts a lot of newcomers.					

## No Old Business

## New Business

### **#2016.09.11.01: BOD / ICOF**

To add on pg. 19-4-C Under admin list: Archivist, Alt. Archivist, BOD and to pg. 1 under officers, add archivist and web servant

**Intent: Tradition:**

**Action of the ASC in September: Tabled to Policy**

### **#2016.09.11.02: RCM I / ICOF**

That Monthly ASC minutes be distributed/mailed to the FULL admin body & approved by any 2 Admin

This is to ensure the accuracy of the information being passed to the body to keep with the Spirit of informed decisions.

**Intent: Concept 8: Effective Communication**

**Action of the ASC in September: Passed**

### **#2016.09.11.03: RCM I / ICOF**

To add to Policy that ASC minutes be approved by two Admin members prior to distribution to the body.

(Placed in Policy @ the discretion of the Policy subcommittee)

**Intent: Concept 8: Effective Communication (Below are examples for this motion)**

**Action of the ASC in September: Tabled to Policy**

October Minutes:

10/28/15 – Minutes sent with note “Sorry guys the first email was not correct ... I forgot to include the treasurer in that one but here you go ... All corrected docs”

January Minutes:

1/24/16 – Minutes sent – second email to follow (same day) with RCM team report that was missed in first submission.

2/5/16 – Minutes resent with note “It was brought to the attention of the Secretarial Team that there were a few error's to the minutes and some things that were submitted last minute to us that we could easily correct before the minutes were sent to press. I apologize that the revision has gotten to you as a second amendment but I would rather get this to you as an amendment then to have you have to come to the floor and tell us that we got it wrong”

April Minutes:

4/19/16 – Minutes sent

4/21/16 – Minutes resent with note “So it has come to our attention that there are a few documents that needed to be sent out to the ASC that were not sent. Attached you will find all that you need to come to the May ASC on May 1st. Please accept our apology for not getting them to you with the first email blast that we sent out. You should at this point have everything that you need to get to your home groups. There are also the minutes sent in a PDF form so that you will have the option of PDF or Word document.”

June Minutes:

6/19/16 - Minutes sent

6/19/16 – Minutes resent with note “Guys I screwed up and put the wrong reports in ... this is correct”

Undocumented – Budgets being sent back, CAR reports missing from minutes, incorrect Motions numbers and information, Motions not placed in minutes, Policy and Newsletter positions not in current minutes, contacts outdated.

### Secretary's Report

Well here we are another month and still kickin.... I want to thank all of you that have been coming up to us during ASC to help us with meeting/GSR changes. We have been doing pretty well with the corrections thanks to this process and it is because of all of you being diligent in helping us help you. Thanks also to all of the admin members for getting your reports to us in email form. It made the minutes fly by so much faster!!! I am happy to say that all is well with the Secretary team and here's wishing you all a wonderful month and look forward to seeing you all at ASC this month!

Thank You ILS, Allen C. and Joe D.  
areasecretary@bascna.org

### RCMI & RCM II Report

#### **RCM Report** (September 2016)

- 1. Open RSC Positions**
  - a. PR Coordinator – 3yrs clean and duties of PR
  - b. Corrections Resource Coordinator – 3yrs clean
  - c. Alt Treasurer – 4yr clean treasure experience
  - d. HRP – 8yrs clean
- 2. FRC Positions**
  - a. 2 Merchandise
  - b. 2 Hospitality
  - c. 1 Registration
  - d. 1 Programming
  - e. 2 Entertainment
  - f. Marathon Chairs
- 3. Workgroups**
  - a. Updates
    - i. PSA Creation – No project plan as of yet
    - ii. Multi Zonal Group – On Hold
    - iii. Mentorship - Ongoing.
    - iv. Helpline – Ongoing
    - v. World Convention Committee – Too Early to Staff
    - vi. Treatment Centers – In Discussion
- 4. Area Support**
  - a. Treatment centers absorbing NA resources, key tags and pamphlets without giving 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations are getting costly. They are also being disruptive and a committee is being formed to speak with facilities heads for corporation
- 5. Additional information**
  - a. Please send all flyers to [rcm@bascna.org](mailto:rcm@bascna.org), we want to inform other areas of Bay Area events.
  - b. **Friday September 16 - Sunday September 18 Homewood Suites 11115 US Hwy 19 N New Port Richey, FL 34666**
- 6. Regional Proposals**
  - a. None for August

**Over the last several months the RCM Team has been consistently cut off from giving a thorough report by both the previous chair and the current chair, they have also cut off GSR's from asking questions, this does not allow for the GSR's to hear all information or get clarity for what is happening in their region in order**



to make informed spiritual decisions. Listed is concept 8 stating the importance of effective communication and the consequence of not allowing the RCM's report to be completed in its entirety. The hope is that this will not continue to occur, so that the spirit of unity, communication, decision making and leadership can be attained as stated in our literature.

#### **Eighth Concept**

*Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.*

Our fellowship's service structure is founded on the unity of our groups; to maintain that union, we must have regular communications throughout Narcotics Anonymous. Together, our groups have created a service structure to meet their common needs and to help them fulfill their common purpose. The effectiveness of the service structure depends on the continued unity of the NA groups, and on their continued support and direction. These things can only be maintained in an atmosphere of honest, open, and straight forward communication among all parties concerned. Regular communication plays a large part in the fulfillment of our groups' final responsibility and authority for NA services. Through their GSRs, the groups regularly report their strengths, needs, ideas, and conscience to the service structure. Taken together, these group reports give our service boards and committees clear guidance in their efforts to serve NA as a whole. When the groups are regularly given full and accurate information from all elements of the service structure, they become familiar with the structure's normal patterns of activity. The groups are then able to recognize when something goes wrong with one of our service boards and committees, and are in a better position to know how to help correct the problem. And, knowing what kinds of resources are needed to fulfill service tasks, our groups are also more likely to provide the service structure with adequate support. Clear, frequent two-way communication is an important prerequisite for delegation. When our groups ask the service structure to fulfill certain responsibilities on our behalf, we delegate to the structure the authority needed to make decisions related to those responsibilities. **We need to be able to trust our trusted servants before we can confidently delegate them that degree of authority. That kind of trust depends in large part on continuing communication. So long as our service boards and committees regularly issue complete, candid reports of their activities, we can be confident that we have delegated our authority wisely. Open and frank communication is a critical ingredient of effective leadership. To better know the ideas, wishes, needs, and conscience of those they serve, trusted servants must listen carefully to their fellowship. To give the NA groups the information they need to guide and support our services, NA leaders regularly distribute full, unequivocal reports.** We do not want our trusted servants to constantly inundate us with every fact and figure possible, though we do expect them to provide us with complete information on all their activities and discussions if we ask for it. In communicating with those they serve, trusted servants demonstrate an open attitude, one that is inclusive, inviting, and clearly influenceable. Such openness and forthrightness may be uncomfortable, but is essential in maintaining the integrity of our services. Finally, full and frequent communication is essential in the development of group conscience, the spiritual means by which we invite the influence of a loving God in making our collective decisions. **To develop group conscience, communications must be honest and direct. Without the full picture, seen from all sides, our groups, service boards, and committees cannot develop an informed group conscience.** When we gather together to consider service issues, we openly share ideas and information with one another, frankly speaking our minds and hearts on the matter at hand. We listen closely to one another, considering carefully the information and insights we've heard; we consult our individual consciences on the matter; then, we make a decision. **A conscience fed on ignorance is an ineffective conscience, incapable of providing reliable guidance.** An effective conscience can develop only in an atmosphere of regular, open communication among all parties concerned. The purpose of our services is to help our fellowship fulfill its primary purpose: to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. Honest, open, straightforward communication is essential to both the integrity and the effectiveness of the NA service structure. Unity, group responsibility and authority, delegation, leadership, accountability, group conscience, participation—all depend on good communication among the various elements of the NA Fellowship. With regular two-way communication, our groups and our services are well positioned to uphold the ideals and fulfill the responsibilities described in our Twelve Concepts.

I.L.S.  
RCM Team:  
Ernest E RCM1

### Administrative

Hello Members at Large

We met at 8am and all subcommittees reported all was well with the exception of Activities, as TJ will not be staying on as Activities chair. Tara will not be present for elections due to being out of town. Also, our web servant was not present due to being out of town. We went over roll call to see what groups are not attending area and admin will be visiting the groups to see how we can help them. We spoke with Shawn to see where we are at with the archiving and he's waiting for a response from the groups as to what they want to do with certain documents. He feels maybe they shouldn't be archived. RCM mentioned he was going to address a concern on the floor during open sharing. I personally addressed the admin team that was present in hopes that we could all find a way to get together and that we could look as a team on the floor. There was also a discussion brought forth from Policy that maybe we all sit down and have a workshop on what our responsibilities are and that way we can stay in our own lanes of duties and responsibilities. So that we can be more effective as a whole. We look forward to a good year in serving you.

In Loving service,

Ramon R

### Activities

Thanks to everyone that came out to support the BASCNA 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 80's Party last month. It was a great success and lots of fun was had by all attendees. This event was budgeted at \$1275. We spent \$1191. We deposited \$819 (including \$84 of seed money being returned to BASCNA). Grand total of income was \$735. We have several upcoming events for the months ahead. The following events are scheduled Pajama Bowling on September 24, 2016, Monster Ball on October 29, 2016, Gratitude Dinner on November 12, and Deep Sea Fishing Trip on December 3, 2016. The price of these events range from FREE to \$60. No addict will be turned away from any event except Pay as You Go events. We are planning a Tampa Bay Buccaneers Game on January 1, 2017. The cost is \$50 that includes a \$10 food voucher. Presales of tickets is crucial to pull off this event. Support from Admin and GRS would greatly be appreciated.

The Activities budget submitted for this fiscal year will remain unchanged from the previous year. \$4200 is sufficient to meet our monthly expenses (approximately \$1,319 for U-Haul Storage and weekly/biweekly subcommittee meetings). The remaining money covers expenses such event as venue rental, DJ fees, T-shirts, food and drinks, decorations, promotional flyers, and tickets printing (when applicable). Additionally, the Activities subcommittee has \$100 cash drawer for events in which we sell items like food, drinks, and T-shirts. In all of our paid events money has been returned back to the Area within 72 hours after the event per Area policy.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Pajama Bowling 9/24/16 @ Seminole Lanes Cost \$15 (includes bowling and shoes)

Halloween Monster Ball 10/29/16 @ Terra Nova Cost \$10

Gratitude Dinner 11/12/2016 @ Eagle Lake Park Cost FREE!!!

Deep Sea Fishing 12/3/16 @ Clearwater Marina Cost \$60 with limited tickets available

**\* Tentative dependent upon presales of tickets....** Buccaneers vs Panthers 1/1/17 @ Tampa Stadium Cost \$50 with limited tickets available\*

Our check request for this month is \$197.82. This covers Eagle Lake rental for Gratitude Dinner (\$26.75) flyers (\$61.12), storage (\$69.95), and weekly meeting space rental (\$40.00).

Our subcommittee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 pm Northwest Presbyterian Church.at 6330 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33709. Come out and bring your ideas and support to make our Area known as the Area with the most FUN on the Coast!!!



In Loving Service,  
TJ

#### Activities Budget

Expense Description	Prior Year	Actual Expense	Proposed Budget
U-Haul Storage	\$840.00	\$840.00	\$840.00
Meeting Space Rental	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Secretary Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
Venue Rental***			
Food***			
Decorations***			
Flyers/Ticket Printing***			
T-shirts***			
DJ/Entertainment***			
Total *** Above			\$2800.00
Totals	\$1240.00	\$1240.00	\$4200.00

Notes: Pricing varies for \*\*\* listed above. Once event budget is determined the request for funds is submitted to ASC. All funds collected via admission and sales (after all expenses are paid) are returned to ASC within 72 hours after the event.

Subcommittee Meets – Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 PM      6330 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. St. Petersburg, FL 33709

#### Archivist

No report Submitted

#### Helpline

Good morning ASC,

First off I apologize for not being at my first official ASC. This past month we had 148 calls. All of our shifts are covered and we are working to update our guidelines. A while ago we began talking about phasing out the local number and since talking about it we have taken it off of all advertisements as well as meeting list. All benches have been updated as well. Last year the Verizon bill for the local number was paid for a year and we are reaching the end of that cycle and will go to paying it monthly. So ASC what do we want to do? We are still at the same call volume as we did when we advertised both numbers. The decision is up to you. I do want to mention we are working with region to get the state wide helpline working so that will be an additional phone number as well. Ultimately the decision is left to you all. Be kind to Frank!

In loving service,

Tara

Note to Frank: If anyone ask about the state wide helpline I am waiting on a call back from the work group chair to find out exactly what's going on with it. Thanks so much!

#### Hospitals & Institutions

Hospitals and Institutions meets the first Sunday of every month at 7550 40th St. N Terra Nova which is not affiliated with Narcotics Anonymous. For the month of September H&I gained 6 new panel members, and the

facilities are running accordingly. Rob P. who was voted in as vice chair in the month of August, did officially step down last week. Rob apologized to the body for over committing, and elections for vice chair were pushed to October. It is the hopes of the body that we will have a vice chair voted in at the next H&I Subcommittee. Some subcommittee members are concerned about the clarity of the message during an H&I presentation, to remedy this an ad hoc has been established to review H&I guidelines for the PL1 and PL2. More will be revealed on this.

The body would like to thank the former chair Leelah for all her hard work, and dedication within the last year, she broke the barrier for addicts who did not meet the requirements per the jail guidelines. Leelah exhausted all her resources to make this happen and because of her determination more men and women have a chance to carry the message into the jails.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Narcotics Anonymous.

In loving service,

Chair

Erin S.

### **Literature Distributor**

Good day ASC! Lit is going well. Please be sure to write your Group Name and the name of the person who is picking up the lit order on the Order Form. We've made some layout changes to the Meeting List to make it easier to read and added the Area Logo.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

In Loving Service,

Jennifer S., Brittney G., and Sharon L.

### **Newsletter Report**

No report Submitted

### **BASCNA Inc.**

No Report Submitted

### **Policy**

No report Submitted

### **Public Relations**

P.R. meets the first Wednesday of the month at Terra Nova at 8pm.

During the meeting held for the month of September, the subcommittee discussed upcoming events, such as:

-Ronnie's Race, held at Ft. DeSoto Park 10/19/16 @ 7am

The race is held to bring awareness to families about addiction & raise money for charity.

-P.E.R.C., held at the Southside PTEC campus 10/12/16 @ 8am. P.E.R.C. is the prison ex-offender re-entry coalition. The event is held to reintegrate felons back into society and offers a wealth of resources.

-Circus McGurkus, held at Lake Vista Park 10/29/16 @ 8am

A free local festival hosting food, music and artwork.

In loving service, Tim T

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report Attached

### **Web Servant**

Valerie S.

[web@bascna.org](mailto:web@bascna.org)

I would like to thank the body for allowing me to serve. I apologize for my absence this month. Please contact me at [web@bascna.org](mailto:web@bascna.org) with any updates that need to be done. We received an Email that the Saturday night Life's A Beach meeting needed an address update to Chase Park at 54<sup>th</sup> St. S. and 27<sup>th</sup> Ave S. This has been updated on the [bascna.org](http://bascna.org) meeting widget. For the month of August, we had 6,773 visitors and 33,840 visits to the site.

ILS,  
Valerie S.

### *Open Sharing*

James needed to get a date for Speaker event – Nailed down the event time of November 20, 2016

Ad hoc formed to find procedural policy discrepancies – Brook L. and Drew F. to head Ad hoc

How Group – Chris D. brought to ASC that the facility of St. John's Episcopal under their community resource area on their website advertised that they were hosting a NA meeting at their facility. This was believed to be a violation of the 6<sup>th</sup> tradition.

(Ernest E.)

To Bay Area Service Committee

After long thought, much praying and talking to several long standing members, it has been suggested that I express my concerns regarding multiple instances that have occurred over the last several months. It has taken a lot of self-examination and internal deliberation to stand before you and discuss this.

I am concerned that there are decisions being made without consequence, and there have been several check request written by our then Vice Chair (Ramon R) in the name of our current Archivist (Shawn M) without Shawn's knowledge of the request; nor was he informed that the checks had been written. In addition to the request being written on behalf of the Archivist, it was without the consent of the GSR's: this body. This body did not direct this action, nor were they informed it was taking place. I would normally have gone to our Vice Chair directly, however last month we spoke on a completely separate issue regarding Area and we could not communicate because I felt my concerns fell on deaf ears. So my course of action is to address my concerns with this body. I'm concerned that these decisions are not within the boundaries of Bay Area's duties and responsibilities of the Vice/Chairperson leading me to question the leadership direction of this Area.

There is a serious failure in transparency about requesting checks in someone else's name without their knowledge or permission, filling out forms with vague intent, incomplete information and failing to do so without the direction, consent or knowledge of this body.

Additional concerns is that some measure of accountability needs to be assumed. Our former treasurer was writing checks with incomplete or vague check requests and not including those check requests while announcing all other requested checks on the floor.

I am not here to attack anyone or question their willingness to serve our fellowship, I believe that everyone believes that their decisions were just. I am not stating that funds were stolen; I am addressing the decision about funds being redirected from normal channels willfully without the direction or knowledge of the ASC.

**Concept 2** - The groups have established the service structure as a medium through which, together, they can better fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose. Therefore, in all the affairs of all its elements, the service structure must carefully consider the needs and desires of the groups. The Second Concept can be seen as the groups' way of saying to the NA service structure, "Be responsible with the spiritual, personal, and financial resources we have provided you. Seek our advice; do not ignore our direction."

**Concept 3** - Delegating authority can be a risky business unless we do so responsibly. To make Concept Three work, other concepts must also be applied consistently. Most importantly, we must give careful attention to the selection of trustworthy trusted servants. We cannot responsibly delegate authority either to those who are fundamentally incapable of administering that authority or to those who are not willing to account fully for their

actions. However, if we select our leaders carefully, choosing those who can be trusted to responsibly exercise delegated authority in fulfilling the tasks we've given them, we can feel much more comfortable with the concept of delegation.

**Concept 12** - To maintain our accountability to those we serve, we are bound to inform them in a complete, accurate, and concise fashion of our activities. The non-governing nature of our service structure dictates that we seek others' advice in our own decisions, their consent in decisions affecting them, and their cooperation in decisions affecting us all. Open, honest, and straightforward communication nurtures the spirit of service in our fellowship, and poisons the impulse to govern.

**POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS** - That checks written be signed off once the person receives them and no request can be written on behalf of another committee

I have other concerns about being cut off and having my report limited as a RCM, but will address that during my RCM report.

### **Elections/Nominations (All nominations were tabled to groups)**

#### **Vice Chairperson**

*Duties and responsibilities read*

Brook L.	Yay: 21	Nay:	Abstain:
John R.	Yay: 19	Nay:	Abstain:

#### **Alternate Treasurer**

*Duties and responsibilities read*

Ryan C.	Yay: 4	Nay:	Abstain:
Susie K.	Yay: 34	Nay:	Abstain:

#### **RCM II**

*Duties and responsibilities read*

Mike M.	Yay: 17	Nay:	Abstain:
Paul S.	Yay: 4	Nay:	Abstain:
Leelah	Yay: 18	Nay:	Abstain:

#### **H&I Chair**

*Duties and responsibilities read*

Erin S.	Yay: 33	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0
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#### **Alternate Web Chair**

*Duties and responsibilities read*

Anthony N.	Yay: 36	Nay: 0	Abstain: 1
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#### **Policy Chair**

*Duties and responsibilities read*

Elise M.	Yay: 35	Nay: 3	Abstain: 2
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#### **Newsletter**

*Duties and responsibilities read*

Denise F.	Yay: 31	Nay: 0	Abstain: 2
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#### **Activities Chairperson - Currently Vacant with no nominations**

*Duties and responsibilities read*

No nominations at this time

**Help Line Chairperson – Will revisit in the month of October**

**Tara F.**

*Duties and responsibilities read*

I have 6 years clean and my clean date is 10-13-10  
I work steps with a NA sponsor  
I work steps with Sponsee's  
I have been on helpline for 2 years and have been vice chair for the last year  
I have done various service positions throughout the bay area service structure  
I have a willingness and desire to serve  
I love NA  
In loving service  
Tara F

**Public Relations Chairperson – Will revisit in the month of October**

*Duties and responsibilities read*

My name is Tim T and I'm an addict.  
My Clean date is 10/3/13  
I work the steps with a sponsor who has a sponsor, who has a sponsor.  
I've done service in my home group since joining.  
I've been attending the same H&I commitment for over a year and hold the PL2 position.  
I've been attending PR and have been the Vice chair for almost a year.  
I currently work with the general public on a daily basis.  
I have never absconded with any funds.  
Above all else I have the desire and willingness to serve

**OPEN POSITIONS:**

**FRCNA Committee:**

**Registration:**

1. Sharon L.
2. Allen C.

**Entertainment:**

- 1.
- 2.

**Programming:**

1. Rosalina Q.
2. T.J.

**Merchandise:**

- 1.
- 2.

**Hospitality/Marathon:**

- 1.
- 2.

**Serenity Keepers/Greeter**

1. Michael H.
2. Sandy H.