

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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HOSTED BY: Admin

DATE: 8-18-2019

LOCATION: Marriott Hotel – Sanibel Island, Fl.

1. Open meeting with serenity prayer: 9:09 AM
2. Twelve Traditions: Pam
3. Twelve Concepts: Drew
4. Roll Call (Set Quorum)

Present = P

Absent = A

Open = O

Pro Temp = PT

Chair:	P	PR:	P	Gold Coast:	P
Vice Chair:	P	Newsletter:	P	Gulf Coast:	P
Secretary:	P	Outreach:	P	Mid Coast:	P
Alt. Secretary:	A	SFRCNA BOD:	P	North Dade:	A
Treasurer:	P	Area De Habla Hispana:	A	Peace River:	A
Alt. Treasurer:	P	Bahamas:	A	Shark Coast:	P
RD:	P	Beach & Bay:	A	South Atlantic:	P
AD:	P	Central Florida:	P	South Broward:	P
MAL:	P	Conch Republic: OFF ROLE	X	South Dade:	P
H & I:	P	East Central Florida:	P	Sunset Coast:	P
Lit. Review:	P	Freedom: OFF ROLE	X	Unity Springs:	P

Quorum set at: 11

5. **Secretary's Report**: Motion To accept Mid-Coast

2nd- Unity Springs

6. **RCM Reports** (Please limit verbal reports to ten minutes or less)

AREA DE HABLA HISPANA- Absent

BAHAMAS- Absent

BEACH & BAY- Absent

CENTRAL FLORIDA - Verbal

CONCH REPUBLIC- Absent

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA - Verbal

FREEDOM - Absent

GOLD COAST –

Greetings from Gold Coast, I'm an addict called Chris C.,

We last met on 8/11 at Serenity by the Sea Clubhouse. There were 50 of 59 groups present on our roster. We're having great response by the participating groups and have started to modify Open Forum to account for any groups to make announcements as well as non-group affiliated members to participate. Previously it was simply any member or new participant. By modifying the process we're following our policy as was written. Our policy manual is now being modified every ASC with voted policy changes as opposed to twice a year which was cumbersome in the past.

The Gold Coast Anniversary Dinner August 3rd was a success. We ran into an issue with a South Broward function that was occurring the same evening. Discussion ensued regarding the utilization of the Region's Calendar in order to not run into this next year, although this has happened in the past which of course happens when no one is checking the calendar. In the future our Activities Subcommittee plans on stressing the importance of checking the Regional calendar and more importantly training the incoming Chair positions to do so as well.

We have a new Area History & Research Ad Hoc chaired by yours truly. This was formed after trying to locate documentation for the Anniversary Dinner, finding that the most up to date (and only) document was from 2007, that's one year before I got clean. There's a tremendous gap in our South Florida Area history in 1978 through 2007 when the document was created.

I'm being tasked along with volunteers from the Ad Hoc to gather any and everything that we can get our hands on. We're leaning towards scanning the information/documentation as the last thing we need is an analogue stockpile of documents. I learned from one member that we had historical documents at one point after he got clean and that it was somehow lost after the storage facility wasn't paid for. That's somewhere in the past 15-20 years. It's 2019, digital works just fine with us. Currently the idea is to have one of us come to wherever the information is and scan it.

I'm asking everyone here to start checking with members who have documentation regarding events, minutes from group meetings/ASC/RSC meetings, flyers, meeting lists, even photos of events. This is going to be a large task and I expect it to take some time to complete. Recorded statements also have the potential for not only this generation, but also following generations of addicts to be able to know where they come from.

Expect a flyer for the next RSC with contact information once we get the Ad Hoc together for planning and implementation.

I'd to introduce Gold Coast's new Alt. RCM, Deana. She has some things to report on as well: Inter Deana's stuff here:

My name is Deana, alternate RCM for Gold Coast Area. The Inmate Step Writing Guide (ISWG) subcommittee met this last month. The committee has been reaching out to DOC facilities all over Florida and has gotten this service approved in 5 facilities. We have secured a PO Box that is active until 10-31. We have been checking the PO Box and have not received any letters from inmates. The secretary is sending a follow-up letter, PowerPoint presentation & flyers to the 5 facilities that have agreed to introduce the ISWG program. I also brought copies of the PowerPoint presentation, flyers & facility contact list to Region/H&I for support. The ISWG chair will plan to visit local facilities to introduce the program. We have another member that has volunteered to manage a sponsor/sponsee spread sheet once we get inmates writing. This ad hoc committee is now seeking ways of marketing this service to the inmates so we can begin to be of service. Since the Region H&I meeting on Saturday, I have been connected with Florida Region member Colin who appeared eager to learn more about how we have developed this service. I forwarded him our policy and guidelines handbook, along with flyer, PowerPoint, and list of approved facilities. He seemed confident he would be able to reach out to NA members involved in Behind the Walls that currently go into the ISWG approved facilities and ask that they also begin educating the inmates about this new NA service. Another suggestion I will be taking back to the ad hoc committee is the idea of making the flyer more visual (i.e. larger font, bolder, brighter, etc.). We will continue to keep the Region updated on the development of the ISWG ad hoc committee. Thank you for letting me be of service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us or come to our Next ASC which will be occurring on 9/8 at 1:00 pm at Serenity by the Sea Clubhouse located at 3561 NW 9th Ave. Oakland Park, FL.

Butt Rusted Servants,
Chris & Deana

GULF COAST-

Greetings SFR,

We currently have 31 groups with 50 weekly meetings. We recently conducted our elections and we have new PR, H&I, and Activities chairpersons. We have nominations for Treasurer and Policy that will be voted on at our next ASC and then all admin positions will be filled. H&I has 11 facilities with 17 weekly presentations and

all commitments are filled. PR has had an average of 10 members in attendance and are currently working on trying to track the effectiveness of our bus ads and have recently attended a police chief conference and are making contacts with law enforcement. We are going to be doing a PR presentation with Lee Health as they have requested information on an H&I presentation in the Cardio unit. Activities is currently planning a Halloween event in October. We have mailed a donation to the Region that has not yet been received as of today. We want to thank everyone for their commitment to service and thank everyone for being clean!

In loving service,

Andrew W.

MID COAST –

Greetings from the Mid Coast Area where we carry the message in 27 groups presenting 79 meetings weekly. There are 19 weekly H&I presentations at 11 facilities. We would like to thank everyone for supporting our convention which was a success. Nominations for admin positions have been sent back to groups for a vote. We do have some positions which there were no nominations. Our new RCM had an accident with his vehicle hopefully he will be able to attend the next RSC. It has been an honor and a privilege representing the Midcoast area and serving with all of you. Our Area meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm at the Lions Club in Boca Raton.

In loving service,

Joann R

NORTH DADE-

PEACE RIVER

SHARK COAST – Verbal

SOUTH ATLANTIC -

SOUTH BROWARD –

Greetings from south broward this is my first rsc back as RCM great to be of service. We have a new RCM alternate Pam R.

Our area is doing reasonably well, Swamp recovery sub committee is formed and functioning looking forward to the first event

as a south broward sponsored event. Swamp had its first successful fundraiser last month.

SOUTH DADE – Verbal

SUNSET COAST-

Good morning Southwest FL Region
All is well in Sunset coast

We currently have 20 homegroups with a total of 35 meetings per week.

We have a donation for 49.73 for region and 16.50 for NAWS

Our annual H and I gratitude dinner is going to be held Sept 21st 630-930 pm at River Park Community Center 301 11th St North, Naples FL 34102

There is going to be a spaghetti sauce competition for home groups with the winning home group getting a case of basic texts donated to facility of their choice in our area

I have contacted multiple hotels in attempt to host December region, however only one has been back in touch with me of which has a cost that far exceeds our budget. I am planning on physically going to hotels in order to try to find one that is financially feasible. I will bring information to next region.

Thank you

UNITY SPRINGS-

UNITY SPRINGS AREA OF NARCOITICS ANONYMOUS

Area Service committee

JUNE

Good morning,

We meet the second Monday of the month. We are now meeting at 1401 W NEW YORK AVE
DELAND FL. 32720

We have 16 Groups, 30 Meetings

16 H&I meetings at 3 locations. We have picked up 4 new meetings.

We had 10 groups in attendance

We still have many positions open including alt RCM and others. We recently voted in a new vice chair.

PR. Attended the fire fighters giveaway to increase NA awareness for students, parents, and fire fighters in the beginning of August. We have plans to do the same thing at a special needs resource fair in October. We are working to develop a logo for our area that will be in the new website and a table cloth that we will use at future resource fairs.

I am proud to say our area has had an unanimously decision with fund flow. It is now our policy that any thing over prudent reserve will be forwarded We have a 1500 check today and next RCM we should have a much larger one next RSC. Getting our checking account to reflect that.

Would like to see if there is anyone who understands the zoom process could possibly help explain. Is there a Zoom link for each subcommittee? I feel it is crucial for our ares.

In service
TIM B.

7. **RD/AD Report:**

RD:

Good Morning,

- Contacted WB Liaison Talia about our request to include group names with meetings.
- Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) for voting in the CAR; Conference Agenda Report (CAR) available English 11/26/19 Translated 12/26/19; Conference Approval Track (CAT) available 1/26/20;
- FIPT work product discussed during the webinar in preparation for the 2020 CAR. Mat will report on this.
- The Delegate team is looking at doing six CAR workshops to accommodate the Areas, 2 in the southeast, 2 in the west, and 2 in the north – we intend to utilize Zoom in conjunction with each of these to aid in availability and attendance.
 - Sunday Dec 1st South East Coast Sent queries for a Dade meeting place
 - Saturday January 4 West Coast so far LifeWorks 3-5pm
 - TBD February 22-23 Northern SFRSC so far Longwood
- I would like to also ask that two hours be allotted for the delegate team during the day on each Saturday starting in December to accommodate discussion of the FIPT changes, CAR and CAT. Historically CAT attendance has not required a full day – input on this is requested.
 - **Mat will be doing an FIPT workshop at the next Region**
- Zonal Meeting: Policy failed by Carolina with concern for lack of financial policy; Zone moved to purchase their own Zoom acct and leave Florida Region with the previous one.

- Spiritual Principle a Day project <http://www.na.org/spad> continues with items moving into the review stage by September and new topics available through October

thanks,

Kevin

AD:

Greetings trusted servants,

All is well with insurance, several groups and events have requested certificates. all have been handled.

The other thing that came down the pike over the last cycle was the Draft proposal for changes to the FIPT and it's accompanying bulletins. Although what has been sent out was only an R&I proposal the main points are:

Operational rules:

Requiring a CAR Motion and 2/3 of the WSC voting in favor to have an inspection.

Housekeeping of language, delegate instead of representative, changing description of WSC committee's to more accurate describe current practices, adding the word "The" in places deemed appropriate.

Bulliten 1: Use policy

1. Changing the reproduction of recovery literature allowed by groups by adding current, removing book length pieces, and clarifying that this does not include any permission for electronic or on line formats.

2. Rewriting the introduction and moving the section on copyright ahead of trademarks.

3. Using the term policy throughout the document, rather than a mix of policy and guidelines.

Changes to the trust itself:

This is a much longer and more detailed process. It requires a CAR motion to initiate, and a second CAR motion to approve the changes. Expect a CAR motion to create a work group, and a final product in the 2022 CAR. Some things they've already identified and expect to be included:

Inclusion of Zonal Delegates, right now it only allows regional delegate votes. We now do also seat Zones so they expect them to be added to the voting process.

I will be doing a workshop at the October region in Shark Coast from 1pm-3pm to review this information more fully, keeping in mind that there will be motions in the CAR that may be different from the information available now. But this will be a good chance to start the discussion and gather a better idea of the conscience, or feeling, of the region on these matters. RCM's will likely know the members that have an interest in this topic, please be sure to make them aware of the workshop. It will be a much better workshop if we are able to solicit a wide range of feelings on this. The more information, and different perspectives we can gather the better we can come to understand our true conscience on this.

8. **Recess (optional)** 10 minute Break put off until after Sub-committee reports.

9. **Committee Reports**

ADMIN:

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS:

LITERATURE REVIEW:

NEWSLETTER:

OUTREACH:

August 17, 2019

Outreach met at 9:00am. Additional Needs has joined the outreach committee. Rose Marie submitted a report that I'll include with my report. We have a motion for the SFRSC ADDITIONAL NEEDS BLIND AND VISION IMPAIRED GUIDELINE to be added to the Resource Folder on the Regional Webpage.

It was brought up that we've talked about the possible need of meetings in LaBelle and Arcadia. We spoke of the GSRs and members from the Peace River Area, Gulf Coast Area and Shark Coast helping with this. We would like to co-ordinate with PR and H & I as soon as we discover the needs in those rural communities.

Outreach is supporting the Bahamas Area Celebration Convention November 6, 7, 8,

2020 in Nassau.. They are part of the South Florida Region and would love everyone's support. You have over a year to get ready! Registration is \$20. If you register by January 1, 2020 you will receive a commemorative gift at the convention. If any one would like to register today I will be happy to help you. I've passed out flyers and registration forms to take to your areas and groups.

MOTION: To add the Additional Needs Blind and Vision Impaired Guideline to the Resource Folder on the Regional Webpage.

INTENT: to pass to groups the resource information as well as adding to the resource folder on the website.

Thanks,
Dee M.

Hello all! This is the first meeting of Additional Needs with Outreach since the Regional approval to move the position from PR to Outreach.

A quick recap of what the Additional Needs POC does:

Assists groups, Areas and Region, upon request, with accessibility issues relating to those with physical, vision and hearing disabilities as well as with service dog issues. In addition, issues relating to bringing the message to old timers with disabilities and newly addicted seniors are addressed. This is accomplished by balancing U.S and state laws with the Traditions and spirituality of the program. Additionally, the POC helps resolve any ADA (American Disabilities Act) complaints, preventing any further actions that could adversely affect the service bodies, or NA as a whole. Situations that occur are resolved in writing and on file with Region.

This is accomplished by workshops, going to groups/areas that request assistance, contact by email or phone and creating guidelines to assist the groups and areas.

An important note to bring up: since there have been many changes in the last years with service representation, the original guidance on the guidelines has been forgotten. The plan has been that any guidelines, and approved on the Region floor, would be placed on the Region website in the Additional Needs folder as a resource. When all the guidelines were completed, the plan was to present the whole packet to the Areas for approval to place in the Regional Guidelines as an Appendix. It was never intended to vote each and every guideline separately, nor placing a guideline individually on the website. I believe there was a confusion at the June Region as to the procedure previously determined.

Also, we at SFR have set the bar on accessibility! NAWS has previously requested a copy of all our guideline resources and has been quite impressed!

A side benefit on the confusion was that a group GSR and several Area trusted servants did reach out to ask questions. Previously, many Areas and groups did not receive the guideline information and therefore were struggling with issues that had been addressed.

I personally am also the chairperson of the SEZF PR Additional Needs Workgroup. This workgroup has presented a workshop at the Florida Service Symposium as well as beginning to interpret NA literature to ASL and examination of NAWS website for accessibility for the blind.

Using the workgroup, we have just completed a guideline for the Blind and Vision Impaired. It is submitted in this report for review by Region and to add, as a resource, to the Region website Additional Needs folder. Please do share this guideline with the groups.

I thank those that have already sent me the survey results and ask that the rest of the Areas please do so. This was the survey asking about the number of blind, deaf and physically disabled members in the areas. This information will aid in the creation of Outreach guidelines for those who are blind and deaf, especially in the schools for the blind and deaf as well as continuing to aid reaching out to those with physical disabilities that are confined in their ability to reach a physical meeting.

Also planned is a guideline on Conventions, Conferences and Events. I am hoping that all guidelines needed will be completed within the next 6 months.

I also request a motion to fund my hotel at the next Region.

Does anyone have any questions for me, or anyone with Additional Needs in their Area that they would like to put in contact with me?

hareodog@mindspring.com

landline 321 567 4112

In Loving Service,
Rose Marie
Additional Needs POC

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

SFRCNA BOD:

I hope everybody is as excited as I am about SFRCNA August 30th to September 2nd.

We have people from all over the planet speaking and doing workshops. It'll be great recovery, fun and excitement!.

Our room block sold out and we booked 913 room nights. We are working with 2 other hotels next door to the Marriott to accommodate people. Follow our website for more info.

Overflow parking will be at the convention center. We have van service to shuttle people back and forth during peak hours. Parking there is \$6 for 6 hours and \$15 all day.B

We have about 360 registrations so far.

Banquet tickets are sold out.

Combo tickets are sold out.

We still have musical breakfast tickets, our BBQ lunch, and ice cream social tickets available. Hurry they are going fast!!!

We have an ending balance of \$17,271.62 heading into the convention with 2 big ticket items remaining (AV and the shuttle service)

H&I will have a book drive for hospitals and institutions at the convention.

We received a tax bill from the IRS for SFRCNA 2015 in the amount of \$2,126.30. We are addressing this and will update our efforts in October.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve!!!!

ILS

ECCNA:

10. **Recess (Optional)** - Break at 10:30AM. Start back up at 11:00 AM.

11. **Nominations:**

Pete nominates Renee for BOD Nomination accepted verbal qualifications given.

Roll Call Vote of RCMS 10-0-0

Pete nominates Robert S, For BOD Nomination accepted.

Qualifications:

Robert S I accept nomination to SFRONA BOD

My convention committee experience as follows,

SFRONA 20 Programming committee member

SFRONA 21 vice chair convention information

SFRONA 24 Board of Directors member

Other NA service

I have been RCM for south broward area 4 years

alternate RCM 1 year

area vice chair 1 year

GSR 4

years

Group treasurer 5 years

My professional experience

Casino Manager 3 years, responsible for main bank audit

I am willing to serve a complete 2 year term

I have an na sponsor who has an na sponsor

In loving service

Robert S

Roll Cal Vote of RCM's 10-0-0

AD nominates Joann R. for alt Treasurer. Nomination accepted

Clean Date April 31 1990

Group Service:

Chair Person(Staten Island) Secretary(Staten Island), Treasurer (Staten Island and Brooklyn),

GSR (Staten Island and Brooklyn) Coffee Person (Staten Island and Brooklyn)

Area Service:

RCM Staten Island and Western Queens, E&A Chair Staten Island, H&I Chair, Secretary Panel

leader(Staten Island, NYC area and Western Queens)P.I Chair Staten Island Area Treasurer

Staten Island, Area Chair 3 times in Staten Island, Homebound committee member. I have

served as alt and RCM for the last three years for Midcoast area. I have served in on the Midcoast

H&I committee.

Region:

Recording Secretary RSC greater NY Region, Programming committee GNYR convention 1

years, Registration Committee GNYR convention 2 years

I have a N.A. Sponsor. I have a working knowledge of 12 traditions, 12 steps and 12 concepts of

N.A service. I have a working knowledge of Roberts rules of Order. I have a wiliness to serve.

Roll call vote of RCM's 10-0-0

12. **Elections:** Roll Call Vote

ADMIN Positions:

Chair – Gen C. **Passed**

Vice Chair – Frank P. **Passed**

MAL – Yvette **Passed**

Alt Secretary – Jenn R **Passed**

Alt Treasurer – OPEN **Passed**

Subcommittees Chairs:

H & I – Jen F **Passed**

PR – Walt T – **No show for nomination, no qualification sent to secretary for minutes, no show for election.**

Chair pro-tem's Steve as PR chair until someone is elected.

Lit review – Winston **Passed**

Newsletter – Lester O **Passed**

Outreach – Dee **Failed**

SFRCNA BOD:

13. **Old Business:**

MOTION 06-01-19

Maker: Public Relations

Second: Midcoast

Motion Reads: To accept new guidelines for the hearing impaired so that it may be placed on the SFR website.

Intent: To make information readily available to all members.

VOTE 9-0-1 PASSED

Motion made to table to ASC for vote.

RCM Vote 6-4-3 Motion Passes

Tabled to ASC's

14. **Open Forum:**

Connor- Thanked region for support during his service for the region.

Ian- Thanked region for support during his service for the region. Admitted to his confusion.

15. **Treasurer's Report:**

TREASURER REPORT - SFRNA

August 19, 2019

We ended the June RSC with \$8,672.17, which is \$7,327.83 below our prudent reserve. From the end of the June meeting, until the end of the August meeting, we received \$4,759.32 in revenues, and made a total disbursement of \$10,130.22.

We ended the August RSC with a balance of \$3,301.27, which is \$12,698.73 below our prudent reserve.

In loving Service,



Allan N.
Treasurer

16. New Business:

MOTION 08-01-19

Maker: Outreach

Second: South Atlantic

Motion Reads: To fund 2 days hotel for additional needs for Venice, Oct 2019 region

Financial Impact: Up to \$200

Intent: To have additional needs attend both outreach subcommittee and region.

RCM Vote 10-0-0 Passes

MOTION 08-03-19

Maker: Outreach

Second: Gold Coast

Motion Reads: To add the additional needs & vision impaired guideline to the resource folder on the regional web page (additional needs folder)

Intent: To pass to the groups the resource information as well as adding to the additional needs resource folder on the website. When all the guidelines are completed the whole folder contents will be submitted to the region for view and then added, as an appendix to the regional guidelines.

RCM Vote 10-0-0 Passes

17. Money Motions:

MOTION 08-02-19

Maker: Public Relations

Second: Midcoast

Motion Reads: To provide an additional \$32 to match the \$2400 funded by gold coast for a multi area bus ad campaign.

Financial Impact: \$32

Intent: To allow gold coast the ability to have Vector Media to start design on bus ad.

RCM Vote 10-0-0 Passed

MOTION 08-04-19

Maker: Public relations

Second: East central Florida

Motion Reads: For region to pay \$3,950 to Lamar Advertising for a billboard on MLK in Fort Myers east of I-75 for 8 weeks. The breakdown is \$750 one cost for production and \$1600 for 4 weeks upon being sent back to groups please.

Financial impact: \$3,950

Intent: To carry the message to the public that NA exists and is available in the community.

Motion Tabled to ASC's for Vote:

18. WSC/SEZF Donations:

19. Announcements and Plans for the next RSC:

OCTOBER- ADMIN – Shark Coast

DECEMBER- ADMIN

FEBRUARY- ADMIN

20. **Close Meeting:**