



Connecticut Regional Service Committee Minutes
April 15, 2017

The CTRSC met at 50 Main Street, New Britain, CT. The meeting was opened by the Policy Chair Brian D. at 2:00 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Allyse M. and the 12 Concepts were read by Ron W.

Visitors: Evan, Ron W. and John

ROLL CALL:		
Chairperson	Lois S.	Absent
Vice Chairperson	OTF	Vacant
Secretary	Renet B.	Present
Treasurer	Alfred D.	Present
Alternate Treasurer	OTF	Vacant
Regional Delegate	Troy B.	Present
Regional Delegate Alternate	Lisa Marie S.	Absent
Web Servant	Bill B.	Present
Alternate Web Servant	John K.	Absent
Schedule Facilitator	David M.	Absent
Policy Facilitator	Bryan D.	Present
H&I Chairperson	Shannon M.	Present
PR Chairperson	OTF	Vacant
WSR Chairperson	Leonard S.	Absent
Board of Directors	Troy B. (fill in)	Present
Convention Chair	Johnnie C.	Absent
Ad Hoc - Learning Day	Al D.	Present
Ad Hoc - Policy	Bryan D.	Present
Ad Hoc - Web Design	Bill B.	Present
RCMs:		
CCA	John S.	Present
GDA (Alt.)	Matt I.	Present
GHA (and Alt.)	Bill D./Chick K.	Present
GNHA	Antonio H.	Present
GWA	Cameron T.	Present
MSUA	Jeff J.	Present
SFCA	Alex W.	Present
TVA	Allyse M.	Present
USA (and Alt.)	Al D.	Present
Total Voting Members: 9		

No New Areas to Recognize

Secretary's minutes read by Alex W. – SFCA RCM

Motion to accept John S. 2nd Allyse M.

Passed: 9:0:0.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson- Lois S. - Absent

Vice Chair - OTF

Treasurer - Alfred D. gave a written report.

Beginning Balance	\$3,580.83
Donations Received	\$ 971.35
Miscellaneous Donations/Funds Returned	\$1,129.01
Expenditures	\$2,036.22
Donations to WSO	\$ 64.14
Ending Balance	\$3,580.83
Schedule Balance	\$3,000.00
Checkbook Balance	\$6,580.83

Motion to accept John S. 2nd Matt I.

Passed 9-0-0.

Alternate Treasurer - OTF

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Regional Delegate (RD) - Troy B.

NAWS Annual Report has been released. NAWS also released a "brief" version of the report that highlights the full length version. NAWS has offered to send copies of the brief version and I have ordered copies for each Group. If a GSR would like a copy before they arrive, the full and brief versions are available online with the report (<http://ctna.org/resources.cfm>).

Local Service Toolbox Project Members have been asked to identify priorities for new or revised service materials. From this initiative NAWS established the Local Service Toolbox Project and has begun drafting new or revised service materials. The latest drafts for Consensus-Based Decision Making Basics and Convention Programming Committee Basics are now available for fellowship review and input. The Programming Subcommittee and the Convention Committee have been asked to review the material and give their thoughts before the RSC.

Conference Participant Webinar The RD participated in the Webinar that took place on Saturday, April 8, 2017. This was a continuation of the webinar held on March 18, 2017. The Powerpoint Presentation and Small Group Notes from the March webinar will be included with the online version of this report. The April webinar focused on Strategy B:

Improve the effectiveness of the WSC meeting by continuing to refine decision making processes, discussion protocols, consensus building strategies and use of time during the week.

There were 98 RDs/RDAs who participated in the April Webinar and Troy was assigned to participate in a Small Group Discussion along with two(2) World Board Members (Australia and New York); and RDs/RDAs from the Florida Region, Region 51, Greater New York Region, Northern New England Region, New Jersey Region, British Columbia Region, Central California Region and Del Coqui Region. A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation and Small Group Notes for the April webinar will be included with the online version of the May Report.

Northeast Zonal Forum will be held in Sturbridge, MA on April 28, 29 and 30, 2017 at the Sturbridge Host Hote, 366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA.

Connecticut Regional Service Committee The RD/RDA attended the ASC meetings for eight (8) areas. Neither schedule permitted attendance at the GDA ASC meeting. During the sharing session we spoke in detail about the two literature projects (Mental Health IP Project and Daily Meditation Book Project) and the surveys for these projects. We also discussed (1) the fact that

the fellowship approved a \$5,500+ budget for the RD/RDA to travel and attend conferences and workshops and the important role the RCMs and GSRs have in delivering the information gathered by the RD/RDA to the fellowship; and (2) the reality that the Region's and Area's current practices for delivering this information does not sufficiently meet this responsibility. We concluded with, in an attempt to better our efforts, we are scheduling a Regional Round Table Discussion to workshop the 2016-2018 Issue Discussion Topics for the RCMs, GSRs and the Fellowship as a whole. This event will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church 147 West Main Street, New Britain, CT. Please report this event in detail at your next ASC meeting and bring back a list of the Groups that are committing to attend. Encourage the GSRs to continue to make the announcement about this event in their weekly meetings. RDs, RDAs, RCMs and GSRs are unable to adequately represent the voice of the Connecticut Fellowship if the Fellowship is not given an opportunity to express its views on the topics being discussed around the Fellowship worldwide and then have their views transmitted to NAWS.

- **As a reminder:** Creation of an RD Repository on the ctna.org website - RD - The detailed reports created each month create substantial documentation. The repository is a designated spot where reports and documentation will be uploaded to reduce paper copies. This eliminates the need for scans and attachments to the Regional Report. RD created the folder and shared it with the Webservant so information is available on the CT Website.
- **The Contribution Portal:** www.na.org/contribute. To date CTRSC has donated \$9,360.05, Connecticut groups donated \$538.91. This makes Connecticut's total contribution to WSO \$9,898.96 to date.

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA) - Lisa Marie S.

Included with RD's report.

BOD - Troy B. (Filling in).

Verbal report. Not much happened. We discussed budgets that are coming up in May. Site Selection will begin to negotiate new contracts for the Convention 2018/2019 in June.

Convention - Gloria C. (Filling in).

Convention Committee met on April 9, 2017. All subcommittees were represented with the exception of Merchandise. The Convention Information Chair position was filled by Charisse W. from GHA. The Committee voted and it was decided that the Convention Committee will continue to meet in Wallingford for the duration of the year. The majority of the subcommittees met for the first time in April and each gave an update of their first meeting. Arts Graphics is looking for assistance from creative addicts in the Fellowship to help with the artwork pertaining to the theme of the Convention. All subcommittees are now working on submitting their proposed budgets to BOD at the May meeting. There was a lengthy discussion on budget items and also being reminded to be as cost efficient as possible across all subcommittee budgets. It was also noted that while this body looks at curtailing expenses, the BOD on their end will be looking at the pricing structure of the Convention. Since Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May, the Convention Committee Meeting will be held on May 21, 2017.

H&I - Shannon M.

We met on Wednesday April 5th, 2017. All areas were present. Liane read the 12 Traditions. Andy C. read the 12 Concepts. Last month's minutes were read and accepted. CCA is having a Learning Day on May 6th. GWA Vice Chair OTF, MSUA needs women panel members. TVA needs panel members to fill the new Saturday night panel at Bristol Hospital. USA added asking if H&I members are on medical marijuana to their policy and they are still in dire need of women to serve York. Sean O. submitted his T-shirt design and it was approved. Thank you again for your service Sean. The color and design layout were discussed at length and it was voted on that this year the H&I shirts will be Basic Text Blue. Brian W. (GNHA) discussed the \$50.00 money order with his area and it was determined that the money order should be returned to the CTRSC Treasurer in the hopes that they would be able to deposit it and apply it to the H&I shirt outstanding balance. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:30pm. YMCA - 50 High Street, New Britain CT. Al D. thanked H&I on all the work being done to help ECCNA.

Public Relations - OTF - report given by John K. 04.17.2017 (submitted after the Regional meeting)

We will begin reading from PR Manual next month.

There were 7 addicts in attendance. 4 of 9 Areas were represented.

PHONE LINE COORDINATOR REPORT by Gene F

We paid \$29.95 for last month. Gene will be finishing updating the meeting list and will follow-up on other phone system options. We still need to get some information to 211 center.

SPANISH PLC REPORT

Mari - no calls were received on the Spanish line.

MOBILE MEETING CHAIR REPORT

Rep was absent.

AREA CONCERNS

CCA, GDA, GNHA, GWA and USA: Absent

GHA: Janette W - Has given presentations at South Windsor Library & Suffield Middle School (opiate awareness presentations) and at Tolland High School, East Windsor and Ellington High School, with one upcoming at Somers. Will be holding a Wiffle Ball tournament in June 10th.

Panel Coordinator is OTF. Next meeting will be May 13th at 2:00PM.

MSUA - Adam - Committee approved literature rack guidelines. No response yet from e-mails to community members/professionals. Rushford IOP going well. Will be at upcoming event in Portland on May 20th. Next meeting April 23rd, 5:00PM at Holy Trinity Church, 381 main St, Middletown.

SFCA: John K. - Needs support. Secretary and vice chair OTF. Starting to study from the PR Guidelines every month at meeting. No responses from mailing to 30 High Schools in the county yet. One rack placed at CCAR. Next Meeting April 18th, 7:00 PM Bridgeport Public Library - North Branch, 3455 Madison Ave.

TVA: Stephanie - Orientation chair OTF, 6 months clean req. Had a table at April 6th Town Hall Opiate Forum in Plainville. Bottle & Can drive was successful. Discussing another raffle at the upcoming Comedy Show. 2017-2018 budget submitted. Have small literature racks ready to be placed. Volunteers needed. Bristol Baptist Church. Poster Drive scheduled for 4/30, 11:45 - @:PM. Next meeting 4/19 at 6:30 - Manross Library, Forestville CT

Web Servant - Bill B.

There are a couple of new items on the Website. We now have a page called "Getting Involved - Being of Service" <http://ctna.org/bos.cfm> which consists of the text from the Schedule of Service Committee Meetings foldout...and at the bottom of the page...a link to the Business Calendar. I encourage Area Service/Subcommittees to check the CTNA Business Calendar <http://ctna.org/business-calendar.cfm> to verify their information is correct. Area Mailing Addresses have been added to the "Contact Us" page. Not all addresses are there yet...I am working to verify that they are still valid addresses before posting them. As discussed at last month's RSC meeting, there is an area now under Service Committee-CTRSC called "From the Regional Delegate". The issue with most of the CT NA meetings being listed as "Closed" meetings in the NAWS meeting location mobile app, should now be correct. I am still working with Lori W. @ NAWS to correct some of the BMLT database issues between CT Region and NAWS. I continue to update the area websites, activity calendar and meeting information as it comes in. If I missed posting any Committee's or Area's info, either on the Area sites, Activity Calendar or Business Calendar, please let me know.

Alternate Web Servant - John K. - Absent

WSR - Leonard S. - Absent

Policy Facilitator - Bryan D. Three motions will be on the table today. Attendance is pretty good 7 or 8 regulars. Today there were 6 areas represented at the Ad Hoc meeting. (this has been about the average.) Suggestion made that all the RCM's attend to get a full understanding of the changes to be brought back to Areas.

Policy Ad Hoc - Bryan D. reported above.

Schedule Facilitator - David M. - Absent

Learning Day Ad Hoc - Al D. No report at this time. Tentatively has a meeting spot in Middletown. More info next month.

Web Design Ad Hoc - Bill B. Met Wednesday 4/12 @ Boston Market in Meriden one hour before Regional PR. 4 addicts present. Positive, productive discussion. Will meet next month same location. The flyer is on our home page under latest news.

AREA REPORTS:

- CCA** John S. **OTF:** Vice Chair, Alt RCM, Alt Secretary, Webservant, and Policy Chair. **Events:** May 6, 2017 Chili Cookoff 11:00am – 3:00pm. Hubbard Park, Meriden CT.
Concerns: None
Fund Flow: \$383.83
- GDA** Matt I. **OTF:** Vice Chair, RCM and PR Chair.
Events: None.
Concerns: None
Fund Flow: None
- GHA** Chicky. **OTF:** RCM, Alt. RCM and Secretary.
Events: April 22, 2017 GHA Learning Day.
Concerns: None
Fund Flow: None
- GNHA** Antonio H. **OTF:** Alt. Policy Chairperson, Alt. RCM. Vice Chair and Alt. Webservant. **Events:** May 13, 2017 – 2pm-8pm; 30 year Celebration/Speaker Jam, Dwight & Chapel.
May 6, 2017 – 10:30am-12:30pm Solutions for Sisters Unity Learning Day.
Concerns: None
Fund Flow: None
- GWA** Cameron T. **OTF:** Vice Chair, Secretary, PR Chair, Lit Chair, Webservant, and Alt RCM.
Events: May 6, 2017 – 11am-4pm GWANA Family Campout/Cinco De Mayo
Black Rock State Park, Watertown, CT
Concern: Hosting CTRSC at the All Saints Episcopal Church 262 Main St, Oakville CT.
Fund Flow: \$500.00
- MSUA** Jeff J.
OTF: Alt. RCM
Events: None
Concern: Would like to have Regional Reports copied directly to Area Chair Katie:
kcascio@valudirect.com
Fund Flow: None
- SFCA** Alex W. **OTF:** Vice Chair, Alternate Treasurer, GSR Liaison, and Alternate RCM. **Events:** None.
Concerns: Looking for new day and time for the area meeting.
Putting together a major league bus trip.
Fund Flow: \$84.84
- TVA** Allyse M. **OTF:** Alternate Treasurer
Events: None
Concerns: None
Fund Flow: None
- USA** Al D. **OTF:** Secretary and PR Chair.
Events: June 6, 2017 - 11:30am-5:30pm Rock Fest, McCook's Park, Niantic.
Concerns: None
Fund flow \$947.15.

SHARING SESSION

PR Accountability for the future discussion– Allyse M.

Without any Representation we cannot allot \$5,000.00 but without a budget the committee no longer exists. CTRSC voted last month to send this back to the fellowship for 60 days and in the meantime any funds required should be presented to Region. With no PR Chair or CTRSC VC someone from Region should volunteer. There have been two volunteers from Region: John K. and Al D. Members from Region should volunteer on rotation. Bill B. has volunteered to Chair the next PR meeting but he does not meet the requirements. It has to be a member of the Administrative Committee. Passing this budget goes against our policy. Michael W. asked what the Qualifications are for the VC of PR. This discussion ended by the committee choosing to stick with what was decided last month.

Regional Learning Day Budget – Alex W.

There is no line item for Learning Day Budget. How we will fund this? There has been no Regional Learning Day in 6 years. It has been suggested to get a proposed budget to present to Region and then to the Fellowship.

H&I Money Order – GNHA

Shannon is still in possession of a Money Order from 05/07/2008 made out to RSC H&I. This MO came in the mail in January 2017. Post marked 12/2016. The Treasurer will attempt to deposit.

Secretary as Bank Signer – RD

Four primary signers CH, VC, TR, Alt TR. When less than two primary positions are filled the Secretary becomes a signer. After lengthy discussion, this matter has been referred to Policy Ad Hoc.

Question: Are all motions sent to Policy Ad Hoc?

Response: No. Depends on the complexity.

NEZF – The RD asked if any RCMs want any topics to be brought up at the Forum. USA: Why wasn't World asked to participate? The response is that the NEZF cannot provide the minimum amount of hours (8 hours) to justify the expense of World Board participation. Policy Facilitator: Is there any way to take resources and use them to develop this Region? NAWS is almost unknown. Is there any additional support from NAWS regarding education? Could there be an event collaboration? We need to do a better job of educating the fellowship and we need to be better at our process WSO-RD-RCM-GSR-Area. SFCA thanked Troy for his service at area.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion #2 (03/18/2017): To remove the line item for workshop attendance from the PR budget \$1,600.00. The proposed budget is now \$4,080.00 in total.

Maker: USA RCM., 2nd by SFCA RCM

Intent: To Operate

Discussion: Pending an approved budget, PR expenses can be brought to the RSC meeting and will be handled on an as-needed basis.

Motion Tabled back to Areas for 60 days.

ELECTIONS -

Policy Facilitator - OTF

Vice Chair - OTF

Alternate Treasurer - OTF

PR Chair - OTF

BOD Seats: GDA, At Large and MSUA are all OTF. Also OTF - Seats for GHA, GWA and USA.

Ron W. GHA volunteered for the Hartford BOD seat. - Approved

Al W. MSUA volunteered for the Mid State BOD seat. - Approved

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #1 (04/15/2017): That the CTRSC adopt into policy that we are aligned with the "Vision Statement for NA Service".

Maker: SFCA RCM., 2nd by USA RCM

Intent: To express that the CTRSC supports NAWS and it's "Vision Statement for NA Service"

A Vision for NA Service

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

- ❖ Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life.
- ❖ Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service.
- ❖ NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery.
- ❖ Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

Passed: 7:0:2

Discussion on this Addition to Policy:

Question: Does this motion have to be tabled down to the areas and to the groups?

Response: Would like it to go to groups. Matt
It's an addition not a change. Should not go back to groups. Alex W.
This motion could be rescinded and addressed again next month.

Motion #2 (04/15/2017): To approve the RD check request for \$429.55. (Any request over \$250 needs to be put into a motion). Copies \$76.01, Hotel (NAZF) \$223.20, Mileage \$85.34 and Meals \$45.00.

Maker: TVA RCM., 2nd by CCA RCM

Intent: Financial Responsibility

Passed: 9:0:0

Motion #3 (04/15/2017): To approve the RDA check request for \$268.20. Hotel (NEZF) and meals.

Maker: TVA RCM., 2nd by CCA RCM

Intent: Financial Responsibility

Passed: 9:0:0

Motion #4 (04/15/2017): To remove from policy the ability of the Policy Facilitator to hold more than one position at CTRSC.

Maker: Policy Facilitator, 2nd by TVA RCM

Intent: To be consistent with the existing policy pg. 4 sec. 4.A.6.

Passed: 8:1:0

Motion #5 (04/15/2017): To add under page 5 section 4.B.1.Aii "Administrative Officers" and to include all Subcommittee Chairs and Resource Positions. Suggest active for at least one year at the CTRSC or similar equivalent at the area level.

Maker: Policy Facilitator, 2nd by TVA RCM

Intent: To allow great participation at the CTRSC.

Passed : 8:0:1

Motion to close @ 5:20p.m. by CCA RCM, 2nd by GHA RCM

The next CTRSC meeting will be held on:

May 20, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.

All Saint's Episcopal Church

262 Main Street, Oakville CT 06779

ILS -

Renet B.