

# Mid State Unity Area of NA®

Area minutes for August 13, 2018

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**Open:** 7:02 with the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and the service prayer

**Welcome** to all new GSRs, Alternate GSRs and visitors! Joey C-GSR All About Change, Mat R-ALT All About Change, Corey M-GSR Stepping Free, Sita R-GSR Steppin Up, Bourbon W-ALT New Freedom

**Mail:** Comcast Junk mail, NA way, Liberty Bank statement

**Roll Call:** 14 out of 22 groups were present. 14 of which have voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 was met

**Service Orientation:** MSUA Policy page 13 VI Subcommittee Internal Guidelines A. Activities 1a-Chair & 1b-Vice Chair

**Announcements:** The Monday night Coming Alive meeting that met Monday nights at the Soup Kitchen has folded.

**Secretary minutes** – Passed 12-0-2

**Treasurer report** –Passed 13-0-0

## **RCM –AI W- Written and Verbal**

Spoke with Learning day Ad-Hoc chair about fliers being available. We asked and determined that the Service Schedules are in Policy. RCMs will need to determine if we want to continue printing. Consensus Based Decision Making workshop will be in October. Webservant report stated that they have divided their workload for efficiency. Webservant will handle all things concerning the new website and Twillo and the alternate will handle the current websites updates. BOD read report, discussed ticket issuers and needs as well as handled the BOD taxes with the IRS. H&I reported that the speaker for the 2019 Convention was discussed. CCA chair is working with the DOC to re-open meeting at Cheshire Correctional. USA looking for female support for Worth, a new unit at York. USA will be having their learning day on 8/19 from 2-6pm at Washington Park in Groton. Sharing Session: AI W (MSUA)-Policy Ad-Hoc will be disbanding due to lack of support. Discussed setting aside 15 minutes every sharing session to discuss policy. John S (CCA)- discussion of printing service schedules. It was determined that the past motion was made to not print a lesser amount, not to totally stop printing them. Vice Chair & Policy Facilitator are OTF.

## **Activities – Brandon B-Absent, left a written report**

5 addicts in attendance. Discussed the upcoming volleyball tournament and made the decision to postpone the event due to weather. New date is still being decided but looks promising for the end of September. Mike G stepped down as Vice Chair so position is OTF

**Activities meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at Bethany Lutheran Church at 50 Court street, Cromwell CT from 9-10pm following the All about change group meeting**

## **H&I Brett G gave verbal & written report**

1 new orientee (male) Positions out the fellowship- Vice Chair, Orientation Chair, Merritt Women panel coordinator, Lit Chair and Secretary. New policy was brought to MSUA and given to all groups and secretary to update policy.

**H&I meet the third Wednesday of every month at Holy Trinity Church, 381 Main St. Middletown. New member orientation begins at 6:30 followed by the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting at 7:00.**

## **Literature – Billy L- Verbal Report**

New Literature prices have been updated, just need to print out the correct order forms to hand out next month

**MSUA Literature meets at the Portland Senior Center prior to the ASC meeting at 6:15, all are welcome.**

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**Public Relations – Adam H. written/verbal**

4 Members in attendance, Secretary is still OTF. 0 calls on phone line. Had a table at the “Unity in the community” speaker jam and read a little something about PR, NA, and anonymity. Also looking into other ways to inform the public about NA....buying an ad on placemats was one idea discussed. Rushford IOP presentation is going well and I participated in the Northeast Zonal Formal (NEZF) public relations Ad-Hoc and a Narcotics Anonymous World Services (NAWS) PR web meeting. Regional PR position OTF: Vice chair, Spanish phone line coordinator, and mobile meeting coordinator. Our regional PR committee will have a slot open during the regional Unity Day September 15<sup>th</sup> in Wallingford.

***Public Relations meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month at Holy Trinity, 381 Main St. at 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM. New member orientation is at 6:00 PM following the regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting.***

**Retreat –Denise J gave verbal report**

2 addict in attendance. The next retreat dates are April 5-7, 2019. Paying \$60 rent in September

***Retreat meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30pm (before Area) at the Portland Senior Center.***

**AD-HOC Committee- Orlando-verbal report**

Since he was the only one in attendance not much could be discussed.

The ad-hoc for “Gathering of Gratitude” will be meeting at the Portland Senior Center at 6pm prior to the MSUA meeting. All addicts are welcome to join.

**Group Reports**

16 out of 23 groups present	Concerns	Positions OTF	Groups	Concerns	Positions OTF
A New Awakening:	Absent		Till the Wheels Fall Off: Briana	Absent	
After the Weekend: Kevin	Talks about picnic		Saturday Night Sanity: Jesse	AIW	
All About Change: James	Sept 15 anniversary party		Serenity Check: Lennie	Absent	
Basically Lit: Tim	Absent		Stepping Free: Corey	Aug 20 anniversary party	
Came to Believe:	Absent		Stepping into the Weekend: Don	AIW	
Coming Alive:	Folded		Stepping Thru it All: Sol	AIW	
Living Clean: Brian	AIW		Stepping Up: Sita	AIW	
Miracles On Oak: Dave	Absent		Straight Lace: Sarah	AIW	
New Freedom: Bourbon	AIW				
New Perspectives: Leonard		GSR, ALT, Treasurer	Where We are Going: Kim		ALT
No Joke on Oak: Absent	Absent				
Over the Wall:	Absent		Working the Steps: Kim		ALT
			The Crossroads: Ryan	AIW	

**Break: 8:05-8:15**

**Roll Call II:** 46 out of 22 groups present, 14 of which currently had voting privileges. Quorum of 2/3 was met.

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## Sharing Session:

1. Kevin M- Activities Budget for backyard Olympics: Budget didn't go over well with group (After the weekend) wants them to redo budget.
2. Brian E- Budget policy review workshop for Sub-Committee budgets: If treasurer will show sub-committees chairs how to prepare budgets. Also show Area GSRs how to prepare budgets.
3. Brian E- Exploratory committee for alternative to our RSC meeting: Based on RCM report- Ad-hoc committee being discussed. \*

\*there is a new group being formed that is designed to brainstorm, discuss, and implement service ideas for addicts who might prefer an alternative to coming to the RSC to offer their suggestions. This group located a meeting space requiring \$50 per month and RSC voted to disburse those funds so the group can meet. For more information, contact flier will be forthcoming with a group description and focus\*\*

## Old Business:

**Motion #2 - MSUA Activities (7/9/2018):** Request for MSUA to cut a \$75 check for the September "backyard Olympics" event

**Intent** - To help fund rent, food and supplies to put on the event

**Passed 10-1-2**

**Regional Motion #6 (05/19/2018):** To approve the 2018-2019 schedule Facilitator budget,

**Intent** - To manage, pick up and distribute Connecticut Regional Schedules

**Passed 7-1-4**

## Elections:

Alt RCM-OTF

H&I Chair- OTF in September

## New Business:

**Regional Motion #1 (07/21/18):** To change policy to include a review of all treasury reports used to compile monthly reports (Including but not limited to bank statements, Checkbook, Budgets, disbursement sheets) twice per fiscal year. Review to include the following trusted servants: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

**Intent:** This motion is designed as an amendment to clarify previous motion #4(05/19/18)

**Sent back to RCM with amendment saying "no signers on audit"**

**Regional Motion #3 (07/21/18):** To change policy to fund flow monthly as was done prior to quarterly fund flow motion that passed 7/21

**Intent:** To be sure not to have abundance of money in checking account.

**Bring back to groups for a vote**

## Upcoming Events / Changes

### Group level changes:

The most efficient way to convey meeting changes to region is to visit regional website "ctna.org", then proceed to "service subcommittees" (on left side of the page), click on the "CTRSC" link. Go to "RSC Forms" then click on the "Ct. Regional Schedule Meeting Information Form". Please fill out form and at the bottom of the page it will say; "Choose Area to send". Once the MSUA has been chosen the information will be sent directly to our RCM.

**Emergency or Temporary Group Cancellation or Relocation:** *In the event that your group has to cancel or relocate on an emergency or temporary basis, as a GSR or other trusted servant you should make the effort to inform the fellowship. GSRs should use the Area c.c. E-Mail list to send a group E-mail with the cancellation or relocation information to all other GSRs who should then inform members of their various groups. GSRs or other trusted servants may also contact the MSUA secretary at (860) 890-6689 with the information, and the secretary will then use the MSUA Email and telephone lists to disseminate the details as soon as possible*